

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 26th January 2023 in Stainton Village Hall

Present J Teasdale (JT) N B Hutchinson (NBH) A Dobinson (AD)
J Rowlandson (JR) S Chapman (SC) (Clerk)

1. **Public Participation** No members of the public in attendance

Apologies J Taylor (JMT) B Toulson (BT)
(Councillor Toulson tendered her apologies after the meeting as she had been unavoidably delayed and was unable to attend.)

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

3. **Dispensations** None

4. **Approval of September Minutes** Proposed by JT, seconded by AD

5. **Progress or changes since last meeting**

6.3 The new notice boards have arrived and will be passed to Councillor Teasdale. The old noticeboard will be replaced when weather permits.

6.4 The planting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree will be carried out at the earliest possible date with residents notified on social media so that they may attend if they would like to do so. Two Joseph Rock rowans to be purchased, one to go into the Memorial Park and the other (in memory of Prince Phillip) to be planted on the bus shelter green.

6.8 Safety surfacing. A member of DCC staff came to visit the play area late in 2022 and met with the Clerk and Councillor Taylor. He brought a couple of samples of bonded rubber surfacing that DCC have used and advised which one he would recommend for below the swings and what would be more appropriate for under the see-saw and rockers. In a follow-up email he gave details of 3 companies that could be approached for site visits and quotes. These will be contacted as weather improves.

6.9 A follow-up email to DCC requesting information on how many event days were allocated to Streatlam Farm also failed to produce any response so it was suggested that Cllr Rowlandson could possibly request the information when he is next in County Hall

Memorial Park wall repair. Two quotes were obtained for this renovation but following discussion at the last meeting, it was decided that if the intent was to replace the metal railings that originally topped the front wall that the wall repair should be delayed so that the railings and wall would be worked on together.

Grass-cutting. An ad has been prepared for insertion into the Teesdale Mercury to ask for tenders for the coming season – quotes to be presented at the March meeting.

Dog fouling and parking – both issues were reported to DCC online and acknowledged but then advised to re-submit via the online portal. This will be followed up to try and get a more detailed response.

Application for new build in village – application withdrawn

7 Financial Report

7.1 The balance of account is currently £21,839.29

7.2 Payments and invoices to be approved at this meeting are as follows.

Hall Hire for January meeting	£20.00*
I Chorlton Plants for village hall planters	£24.00
HMRC -PAYE tax (2 months)	£68.00
Clerk's wage (2 months)	£271.60

- Hall hire will increase to £15 per hour effective from the March meeting.

Precept claim for 2023 – 2024

A request for a total sum of £8,392.00 was submitted – this equates to a 0% increase to the sum requested last year. This reflects the current financial challenges everyone is facing and because the council has the reserves needed to carry out capital expenditure works this year in the Memorial Park and the play area.

Arising Issues

Councillor Teasdale thanked the council, on behalf of the village hall, for its contribution towards the costs of the replacement notice boards and the new defibrillator box that has now been installed.

Newsletter – A newsletter has been drafted to give residents information on what the Parish Council does and to provide information on what works are planned for this year, copies to also be displayed on the village noticeboards. Councillor Dobinson has said it is possible to include a QR code that would open up the Parish Council website.

Uncovered wagons – several councillors have received complaints and/or observed wagons leaving the quarry and travelling through Stainton without being covered. This to be reported to claire.teasdale@durham.gov.uk at planning & minerals.

Meeting closed at 8pm

**The next meeting will be held on
23rd March 2023 at 7.pm. in the village hall**

Signed

Date

Meeting dates for 2023

25th May

27th July

28th September

23rd November