

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

on 25th September 2025, Stainton Village Hall

Present J Rowlandson J Teasdale B Toulson S Chapman (Clerk)

1. **Public Participation** No members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologies** – B Hutchinson, A Dobinson, J M Taylor
3. **No Declarations of Interest made.**
4. **No dispensations made.**
5. **24th July Minutes** – Proposed by B Toulson, seconded by J Teasdale, approved.
6. **Progress or changes since last meeting:-**
 - 6.1 Dog fouling is again an issue within Stainton on the main footpaths through the village. The public footpath down past West Farm is also reported to be badly fouled as is the tank track path behind W Smith's warehouse at Stainton Grove. There are two dog-waste bins in Stainton and one at each end of the path in Smith's field. The fouling of the footpath from West Farm has potential to cause harm to any livestock grazing in fields along that route. Councillors suggested that the matter should be reported to the Teesdale Mercury with an appeal for dog walkers to pick up after their pets.
 - 6.2 The village green lease-holder to be contacted for his views on the current condition of the land and for his agreement to the Parish Council taking action to preserve the remaining area of the green. This could potentially be by means of a decorative border or bollards to stop further erosion.
 - 6.5 Speed Watch. This is still in progress with the local police station having been approached for information on how to set this up. A number of residents have also expressed interest in taking part in the scheme once it is set up.

7 Correspondence

- 1.1 *Reported to DCC:* - Unleashed dogs in Stainton Grove play area. This area is subject to a PSPO order but the current signage is perhaps not located in the best places. It was requested that signage be attached to the gates at either side of the area.
- 1.2 *Reported to Northumbrian Water:-* Residents have reported issues of road visibility when exiting Town Pasture Lane onto the A688 due to overgrowth of weeds/brambles behind the safety fencing that was erected as part of 'Project Pipeline'.
- 1.3 *Received from CDALC:-* Information from DCC regarding forthcoming budget plans requesting feedback on these proposals.
- 1.4 *Received from CDALC:-* Information and agenda for their AGM on 25th October.
- 1.5 *Received from ALOTEC Shelters:-* Information flyer about their products – specifically bus shelters. This will be followed up as we are still looking for a replacement shelter at Stainton Grove.

8 Financial Update Balance of Account as at September 25th £13,611.73

- 8.1 Interim payment of £420.00 to Mr Taube re. playground - as previously agreed.

8.2 Cheques for approval and signature

S & S Village Hall	Hall hire 25 th September	£30.00
HMRC	Tax (Aug/Sept)	£79.40
A R Toward	Grass cutting	£135.00
S Chapman	Clerk's Wage (Aug/Sept)	£318.40

8.3 National pay awards increased Clerk's Hourly payment to £13.26

8.4 The £139.20 cheque issued to The Teesdale Mercury for the grass cutting ad in April this year has not yet been cashed.

8.5 A quote from Mr Taube of £270 to repair (tighten) the swing frames, replace the bushes and chain shackles and fit new supporting seat bolts was accepted and payment authorised if his invoice was presented ahead of next meeting.

9 Any other arising issues

9.1 Solar Farm. There appears to be some activity taking place on the land designated for this installation. Farm Energy to be contacted initially for a progress update. This to potentially be followed up by inviting them to a Parish Council meeting to update residents if more information is available about the proposed Community Fund, when that would commence, how much it would be and how many organisations would be able to access it.

9.2 Mr Chorlton has been busy this year and has grown plants from seed to fill the village planters for some winter colour. Unfortunately, the planters at the bus stops at the eastern end of the village have repeatedly had plants stolen or damaged. It has been suggested that they be relocated into the War Memorial Garden – at either end of the memorial bench.

9.3 Poppy wreath to be ordered from Mrs Taylor for Stainton's Remembrance Day service on Sunday, 9th November.

9.4 Following the discontinuation of Windows 10 support and a couple of issues with the current Parish Council laptop we will need to get a replacement sooner rather than later.

Signed

Dated

November 27th

7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

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