



Stainforth Voice

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STAINFORTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council consists of 15 elected members who meet in the Council Chamber every month on the third Tuesday at 6:30p.m with the exception of August and December. Residents are welcome to attend meetings and are invited to give their views in the public participation which precedes each monthly meeting. Committee meetings are regularly held to discuss topics such as the Cemetery, Finance and Recreation. Many Councillors are also active in supporting community groups in

Stainforth. Stainforth Town Council is the first tier of local democracy and works closely with three ward members, Ken Keegan, Joe Blackham and Barbara Hedley, along with the Rt. Hon. Ed. Miliband M.P. We also receive regular reports from the police and other local organisations, whilst also taking an active interest in new businesses and local employment opportunities. We have close links with the schools, churches, Stainforth Community Partnership, TARA's, the Royal British Legion and aim to support local community groups wherever possible.

A Message from The Mayor, Cllr. D. Moore.

This year has had its highs and lows for me. I've have been active in representing Stainforth at various functions and fund raisers for the Air Ambulance, spearheaded by our Deputy Mayor, both at Polton Close and the Pit Club. I opened the garden centre in Dunscroft and the annual Boat Festival on Stainforth Canal. However, the one that gave me the greatest pleasure was attending Mrs Veda Horton's one hundredth birthday party at Oldfield House. I have also presented Town Council bookmarks to all the children in the three schools in Stainforth. May I take this opportunity to thank Cllr. H. Riley for his kind donation towards the funding of these bookmarks. The Headmaster at the Holy Family School, Mr Paul Mclaughlin, recently retired his post after sixteen years and I had the pleasure of presenting him with a Mayor's Award prior to his departure. Mr Mclaughlin has been active within the community and I wish him well. I have also been occupied with meetings involving our Recreation Ground users. The lows for me have mainly been caused by the weather. As you are well aware we were forced to close the Cemetery during the cold snap, which resulted in substantial

The Town Council is regularly consulted on planning applications by DMBC and sees this as part of its role within the regeneration process currently taking place in Stainforth.

plumbing and structural damage, however, we cleared as much snow and ice as we could as soon as it was possible. As a result, we have now set in place a contingency plan to deal with whatever else Mother Nature may choose to throw at us.

I, along with the other councillors, have been actively protesting about the bank closure and am now fighting a similar battle to retain our library, the outcome of which is anyone's guess but we will strive to succeed.

Vandalism has become an issue on the welfare ground which is expensive to rectify and, is sadly, met from the parish rate paid by every householder, so we all suffer.. The ground is well used by a number of sports teams on a weekly basis and normal running costs are difficult enough to meet. We need your help to cut this vandalism down. It would be a great pity to lose these facilities damaged by the minority, used by the majority. On that note, I wish each and every one of you all the best in these economically difficult times.

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF THE EAST BANK ON STAINFORTH CANAL DURING THE SNOWY WEATHER. DEC 2010.



Save Stainforth for Stainforth!

Some five years ago we raised the out of parish burial rates to preserve what burial space we had left for the people of the town, after learning of the closure of a neighbouring parish's cemetery. This put a great strain on ours. Had we not acted then, we would be in a worse state than we are now. Last year we found out that it was not good practice to sell grave space into perpetuity and this has been the case since the seventies. As a result a tiered system was introduced with a maximum period of 99 years being made available for purchase which gave out of parish people other options for being buried in our Cemetery. This has been very well received by non-residents but to our dismay opposition has been encountered from some in-parish residents to this initiative. It is incumbent on the Town Council to protect the interests of rate payers. If and when the Cemetery has to close, Stainforth Town Council and its rate payers still have a duty of care to the Cemetery. To achieve an in-parish burial fee residents must appear on the electoral role at the time of death. If you leave Stainforth you have a 2 year grace period to still be able to claim in-parish rates. We are well aware that there are people who have to leave to go into residential homes but if the Town Council are made aware of these circumstances, it can be addressed. It has been suggested that this means going cap in hand to the Council but this is not the case. How can the Council know how many people leave to go into care to another parish? We have 2 residential homes in Stainforth and I should hope that the out of parish residents in those homes receive the same consideration that this Town Council gives to its applicants. The number of electors up to January 2010 for Stainforth

WANTED...a Clerk to the trustees for the Robert Foster Charity which covers Hatfield and Stainforth. Founded in 1619 by the will of Robert Foster, a local man who became a brewer in London, the charity used to provide coats, boots and shoes for poor men in equal numbers in Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Stainforth. Nowadays, the charity helps any persons who are 'deemed to be in condition of need, hardship or distress'. The meetings are held in May and October when grants are made. The clerk keeps the accounts and presents statements at the end of each financial year. The part time post is paid. For more information please contact Mr Malcolm Driver, 5 Norman Drive, Hatfield, DN7 6AQ or telephone 01302 840219.

was 4300 with a further 2000 (approx) living under the family umbrella. These are your sons and daughters, most of whom will be eligible to pay into the precept within the next decade, along with normal expansion caused by housing developments etc. Our Cemetery has roughly 50 years of burial space at current rate of usage and will be a lot less in 10 years time. Buy more land??? Yes but at what price? As a burial authority we cannot legally apply for a grant so it has to come from our taxes. Why not apply for compulsory purchase??? Simple, the pit falls of going down that road are extremely costly and no-one would concede his land without a fight. Would you if you owned land? Right now is not the time to be thinking of buying anything with the employment situation as it is and getting worse by the day. The Town Council doesn't feel it can justify a 100% increase in your tax bill which is what would need to be done. With all this in mind the Town Council asks for your support remembering that when the Cemetery is full, where do our residents go and at what price???

Save Stainforth for Stainforth!!!

See over page for current list of Cemetery charges.



Oldfield Crescent TARA

Oldfield Crescent Tenants and Residents Association was originally Kingsway and Oldfield Crescent TARA and was formed by Terry and Sandra Papworth. It's aim was to improve the housing and living conditions of the people who live in Oldfield Crescent. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month in the Stanley Road Communal Hall. The meetings start at 6:30p.m. Refreshments are available and all are welcome. Meetings cover a variety of topics from grass cutting and street cleaning to repairs and maintenance. Local Councillors are invited to attend, along with officers from DMBC and Community First, St. Leger Homes and South Yorkshire Police. Some of the improvements which have been put in place are the new lighting along Kingsway and a barrier in the snicket between Oldfield Crescent and the back field. Regular updates are also received from the Decency Programme and have received assurances that Oldfield Crescent will be included in the programme for 2011.

CEMETERY FEES

	IN PARISH	OUTSIDE PARISH
	£	£

New Grave – for 1:

50 yrs	200*	1,800*
75 yrs	350*	2,500*
99 yrs	450*	3,000*

New Grave – for 2:

50 yrs	250*	1,900*
75 yrs	400*	2,700*
99 yrs	475*	3,500*

Re-opening of Grave for further interment	100	330
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Interment of Stillborn Child	0	0
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Burials:

Child prior to the 16th birthday. From and including the 16th birthday onward the adult rate will apply.

50 yrs	75	400
75 yrs	100	600
99 yrs	150	750

Interment of Cremated Remains:

Child prior to the 16th birthday .From and including the 16th birthday onward, the adult rate will apply:

75 yrs	45	140
99 yrs	60	200

Remains in previously purchased Grave:

50yrs	75	80
75 yrs	100	105
99 yrs	125	130

Interment of Cremated Remains:

NEW SPECIAL PLOT:

50 yrs	80	400
75 yrs	120	500
99 yrs	150	600

Permit to erect a Headstone (including replacing new for old – all for a period of 20 years)	100	150
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Permit to erect wooden Cross (For a period of 20 years)	40	60
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Plaque/memorial Rose Bush	Available through Town Clerk	
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* Includes grave marker charge.

The above fees now exclude grave digging fees and represent **actual** charges levied by the Town Council. They are effective for funerals conducted from and including 1.5.2010.



Your Council

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<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Mrs. A. Abbott -	07824676241	M. Linn -	843820
Mrs. J. Bolton -	842220	D. Owen -	840409
D.A. Cannon -	883837	Mrs. P. Pilkington-	843944
W. S. Q. Cook -	841604	H. Riley -	844272
Mrs. L. Crosby -	07525099005	J. Thompson -	842857
Mrs. J.M. Keegan-	350862	Mrs. N. Troops -	841967
K. Keegan -	350862		

Other numbers:

CEMETERY - Church Road – Tel: 845158

Street Lighting Complaints - DMBC during office hours 736892.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – 736000.

FLAG – 736050.

MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND LEADER EX OFFICIO ALL COMMITTEES.

MEETINGS - The third Tuesday in the Month except August & December in the Council Chamber commencing at 6.30 p.m. (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED) with 15 minutes public participation prior to commencement of the meeting.

Public Participation – the Town Council welcomes input from residents, and to facilitate this, provides a period of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of its meetings. Any subject you wish to discuss should be notified, in writing, and should reach the Clerk not later than 7 days before the meeting.

It is also open to residents to raise any pressing issues with the Clerk between meetings.

Your Town Council needs YOU!!!



Stainforth war memorial commemorates the deaths of those who died in conflict up to 3/10/1947. It is proposed to update the war memorial and the Town Council needs information on any local servicemen/women who have died in conflict since this date. Please contact the Clerk at the address above.

DID YOU KNOW..... in 1988 Stainforth became a Town. Our first Mayor was Tommy Collins who has also held the title of European Bench Press Champion and finished 4th in the world!!

Cllr. John Thompson was formerly a European stock car champion.

If you wish to submit any articles for inclusion in the newsletter, please forward them for consideration to the Stainforth Town Council Office, Church Road. (All article entries will be scrutinised by the newsletter committee and their decision will be final).