



STAINFORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023 AT
6.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.



PRESENT: Cllr. D. Bowling, in the chair.

Councillors: Mrs. A. Abbott, Mrs. L. Crosby, Ms. S. Farmer, D. Marshall, Mrs. C. Ruane, Mrs. A. Sylvester, the Town Clerk, Mrs. K. Evans and Assistant Mrs J. Cantley.

Also present: Public x 2
 Shaping Stainforth and Steering Group Representatives x 7

1. **TO NOTE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**

RESOLVED that the following be accepted:
 Cllrs. W.S.Q. Cook & J. Thompson

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS.**

Cllr. Ms. S. Farmer declared her interest in item 8.

3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**

RESOLVED that the following be approved:

- (a) Town Council meeting held on 9.9.2023.
- (b) Cemetery Committee meeting held on 19.9.2023.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

- (a) To receive an update from representatives of Shaping Stainforth. Members of the Young Persons Steering Group attended the meeting along with their 2 leaders, Grace & Lucy, and Kerry Lanaghan (Shaping Stainforth). The informed members that the group has grown from 5 members in November 2022 to 25! They currently meet on a Thursday night in the Youth Club but are hoping to increase this to a Tuesday night also. More volunteers are needed for this to take off and advertising will be done on Facebook, via word-of-mouth and by posters in town. Members of the Steering Group informed the Council that they did a litter pick around the Youth Club and on Peacock Park and planted some flowers in the Youth Club Garden which the young people are very proud of. They also visited the Unity site to see the current developments on the pit top.

Members were extremely proud of the work that is being done and the interest that the young people are showing in the community. Councillors will make every effort to attend one of the sessions in support and urge the young people to come along to Council meetings with any suggestions they may have.

The attendees were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

- 5. **TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.** Listed on a separate sheet and RESOLVED that they be approved.

- 6. **TO CONSIDER CEMETERY MATTERS.** It was noted by members that the Cemetery is looking beautiful with some lovely comments being made by residents and visitors alike.

- 7. **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.** None received.

Signed.....Mayor, 21st November 2023.

8. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS.** None received.
9. **TO REPORT ON POLICE MATTERS.** The Clerk informed members that she has spoken with Inspector Carr who would like members to try to attend the Community Engagement Meetings in the CRC each month rather than officers attending the Town Council meeting. The Clerk reminded members to urge residents to report any concerns to 101 either by telephone or online to ensure that SYP are fully aware of goings on in the area.
10. **TO CONSIDER WELFARE GROUND MATTERS.** Areas of damaged fencing to be looked at around dog walking area. Noted.
11. **TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS.** Cllr. Farmer reported that she is still in talks with Cabinet members re the pedestrian crossing on Church Road. DMBC are also urging the schools to increase their road safety lessons.
Potholes were reported on Coronation Road and damaged footpaths near to Holy Family School near Ramskir View and outside the Cemetery entrance on Church Road. Clerk to report.
Cllr. Marhsall spoke of an initiative in Nottingham whereby concrete children are placed along the sides of the road in a bid to slow traffic. He suggested that this could be put forward to Doncaster. Noted.
The Clerk informed members that the Christmas lights are being installed this week ready for switch on in November. Noted.
The Clerk also reported that she is in talks regarding placing of the 'Welcome to Stainforth' sign on the Unity link road. Once a suitable location has been agreed with the land owners the Clerk will arrange for the team at DMBC to go ahead with installation. Clerk to update accordingly.
12. **TO DISCUSS MAYOR'S CHARITY.** Nothing to report.
13. **TO DISCUSS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/NDO.** No further update.
14. **TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS.** Councillor Farmer informed members that she is attending a meeting in regard to changes to the bus services and explained that DMBC are considering taking the service back into public ownership. Cllr. Farmer is to attend a Local Ward Officers meeting on Friday 20th Oct.
The Clerk informed members that the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority have approached her to hire the CRC which has now been arranged.
Stainforth Smile have a jumble sale on Thursday 26th October 10am-12pm.
15. **TO RECEIVE TOWNS DEAL REPORT.** No report. Next meeting 2.11.2023.

- 16. **TO DISCUSS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2023 PLANS.** The Clerk advised that plans are well underway. Cllrs. Mrs. Allsopp and Mrs. Ruane are to arrange refreshments. The Clerk confirmed that a bugler player has been arranged but unfortunately, Alan Lee is not available this year to bear the standard. Clerk to make alternative arrangements for this.
Times are confirmed as 10am at St Mary’s Church followed by a service at the Cenotaph at 11am, no official parade is to be held between the two venues.
The Clerk confirmed that she is awaiting delivery of the lamppost poppies, these are to be installed upon arrival. Cllr. Bowling agreed to assist with this.
Cllr. Bowling agreed to arrange for a sound system for the cenotaph service. Cllr. Mrs. Sylvester explained that she can no longer attend the service and therefore it was agreed to ask one of the young people from the Steering Group to read one of the lists of names from the Cenotaph. Clerk to arrange.
- 17. **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT VACANCIES.** The Clerk informed members that an election has been called and if contested the election will take place on 16th November. Costs are yet to be calculated by DMBC should the election go ahead. The Clerk will update accordingly. Noted.
- 18. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – confirmed as **TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023** at 6:00pm in the Town Council Chamber.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 7:00pm.

5. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.****BACS payments made between 1.9.2023 – 30.9.2023:**

DMBC	Non-Dom Rates, Cem	202.00
DMBC	Non-Dom Rates, Pav	159.00
Branagans Accountancy Services Ltd	Internal Audit, Year Ended 31.3.2023	156.00
Aries Networks	Replacement phones & routers	198.00
Aries Networks	SOGEA Fibre Broadband, Cem	51.54
Aries Networks	CCTV Maintenance, Office, Pav, Cem & CRC	696.00
J.S. Dowse Funfairs	Fairground Rides, Classic Car Show	900.00
Signline Yorkshire Limited	Event Parking Banner	36.00
UK Fuels	Fuel, Cem	4.80
Plusnet	Broadband, Office	23.35
Document Solutions	Photocopying Charges 1.6.2023-31.8.2023	202.18
Safety Testing UK	Repairs, Ride-on Mower	130.00
O2	Cem Mobile	10.63
Thompson Fuels & Skip Hire	Skip, Cem	360.00
W. S. Wesley - The Foundation Man	Cremation Slabs, Cem	410.00
Wake Up Media Ltd - T/A Thorne Time	Advertisement fee	420.00
EE Limited	Works Mobile, Office	33.35
UK Fuels Ltd	Fuel, Cem	68.90
HSBC	Bank Charges	36.95
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fee to Year End 31.3.2023	756.00
Business Stream	Water, Pav	61.59
Business Stream	Water, Office	42.89
Business Stream	Water, Cem	91.41
Sage UK	Annual Licence Fee	77.40
British Gas	Electricity, Cem	145.48
K. Evans	Reimbursement, Printer Stainforth Smile from Donated Funds	476.99
SYPA	M5 Conts	819.07
Kinex	Phone, Cem	9.50
Kinex	Phone, Office	126.36
British Gas	Electricity, Pav	429.41
Aries Networks	Cloud Backup Services & Microsoft	67.20
Stainforth Community Art Group	Donation, S137	200.00
S. Abbott	Cutting Bramwith, Petrol, Puncture repair	40.00
Mr. M. J. Torn	Reimbursement, Funeral Suit, Workwear	114.50
Various	M6 Sals	7,336.18
British Gas	Electricity, Office	47.43

Signed.....Mayor, 21st November 2023.