



Stainland and District Parish Council 1st Environment Committee Minutes

21st September 2018

Attended – Judith Crossley, Lisa Fieldhouse, Malcolm James, Fr Rodney Chapman, Thelma Hodgkinson, Su Halliday, Amanda Tattersal

Apologies – Jean Redford

	Item
18.E1,1	Election of Chair of the Environment Committee (a) Judith Crossley was elected Chair of the Environment Committee for the 2018/2019 municipal year
18.E1,2	Election of Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee Lisa Fieldhouse was elected Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee for the 2018/2019 municipal year.
18.E1,3	Public Participation Session – no members of the public present
18.E1,4	To receive Parish Councillors' declarations of interest. None declared
18.E1,5	<p>To discuss the conservation area and character appraisal for the Parish District with Calderdale MBC Conservation Officer. Kate Peach, Conservation Officer, CMBC, attended the meeting and gave the committee a presentation on the role and remit of the Conservation Officer. Copy of Powerpoint presentation available for reference.</p> <p>Stainland is one of 20 conservation areas within the borough. There is a leaflet available on Calderdale Council's website which notes the historical features of Stainland, however Stainland doesn't have an "appraisal" document for the conservation area. These are very detailed and time consuming to produce, and Calderdale Council believes their use doesn't justify the time spent producing them.</p> <p>Craven Council was supported by Historic England to produce some very brief appraisals for its area. These are concise and visual. It is likely that any future appraisals undertaken by Calderdale Council would follow this concise format.</p> <p>Kate gave some examples of how other conservation areas have done much of the work to produce their own appraisals on CMBC's behalf, eg work done by the Civic Trusts in Luddenden Foot and Hebden Bridge.</p> <p>Paying for a private consultant to produce an appraisal is an option – possibly costing £15k for a comprehensive report.</p> <p>Question: Would Stainland be vulnerable to development without an appraisal? Kate</p>

	<p>explained that the conservation area designation doesn't stop development; it only guided planners in making recommendation about materials to be used or details of building design. This includes paying attention to the importance of open vista when giving planning permission to sites within on bordering the conservation area. This is a key point which the Parish Council could put forward in relation to planning applications which would change the vistas from, or of, the villages.</p> <p>Kate explained the term "key unlisted building" which can be applied to any building linked to a planning application. It isn't a statutory protection, but can be applied to buildings of specific historical interest or which have a value to the area. The Parish Council may use this term in relation to any building which we feel fits the definition when responding to a planning application.</p> <p>The Parish Council can apply for consideration of any features of the village being listed, eg the iron railings surrounding the plantation on the corner of Stainland Road (opposite Holywell Green Inn.)</p> <p>Section 215 Notice / Urgent Works notice. The Parish Council can request that CMBC serves these notices on owners of listed buildings in the area which have fallen into disrepair.</p> <p>Empty Properties Officer – Elaine Johnson. The Parish Council may ask her to serve a notice regarding empty properties to bring them back into use.</p> <p>A Conservation Appraisal would include a "Management Plan." This is not legally enforceable but provides best practice advice and guidance on conserving the historical features of the area.</p> <p>Question – why isn't Holywell Green part of the Conservation Area? It could possibly be included in future when the area is reviewed by changing the boundary, eg forming Stainland and Holywell Green Conservation Area.</p> <p>Question – the cross. David Clay (officer for monuments) has recently inspected it with a stonemason. It has been deemed to be safe.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Plan. Other nearby localities are developing a Neighbourhood Plan (eg West Vale, Greetland and Norland.) This can also be developed with the support of a paid consultant (Ripponden have done this recently.) A Neighbourhood Plan should be considered by the Parish Council after the elections in May.</p>
18.E1,6	To discuss the progress for the planned improvements for The Square, Holywell Green. Lisa Fieldhouse will lead a subcommittee for this, including involving local residents in planning a Christmas event.
18.E1,7	To discuss a Christmas event in The Square. (see 18.E1,6)
18.E1.8	To agree Agenda items for the next meeting To be decided
18.E1.9	To agree a date and time for the next meeting Thurs 25 th October at 7.30pm.