

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 07 February 2023.

Present;

Cllrs; A.Scott (Vice Chair), D.Gibbins, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock and A.Walmsley.

Others; 4 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Ward Councillor S.Firth

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

In the absence of the Chair Cllr M.Harrison the Vice Chair, was appointed Chair for the meeting.

a, The election of a new Chair was not discussed and would be considered at the next meeting.

1.Apologies.

Cllrs: R.Brittain and S.Marshall.

Apologies were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

Cllrs; D.Gibbins, S.Llewellyn and A.Scott, declared a personal interest in agenda item 13. Specifically any discussion concerning the Flags and Flagpole policy.

3.Admission of the public and press and representations.

a) There was no person wishing to record the meeting.

b) A member of the public made a representation about a grit bin which has been placed in a very obtrusive position in front of her house. Although the matter had been reported to Ward Councillor S. Firth no response had been received. However, prior to the meeting a response had now been received from him confirming he was agreeable to the bin being moved. He would contact Leeds CC Highways to have it re-positioned and inform the resident of the outcome.

A resident asked about the provision of a mast to combat the lack of a mobile service in the village, which was causing difficulties and had left some villagers unable to have smart meters which were most useful in the current fuel/energy crisis. A Parish Councillor had been in consultation with the signal providers but had been unable to obtain a resolution. The Clerk gave a resident information on an initiative which provided funding to help those experiencing slow broadband speeds in rural areas (gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk). Ward Cllr S.Firth provided some information on the existing mast that provided coverage for the village and that it was due to be replaced, He offered to make further enquiries and inform the resident what was planned.

c) Not applicable

d) Cllr S.Firth provided members with an update on matters previously raised;

Butts Garth footpath –

he had met with residents and was awaiting a reply from Highways.

Yellow lines at the junction of Main Street and Stead Lane –

he had contacted Highways and was awaiting a reply.

Adjustments to the Harewood Ward 20 30 & 40 mph Speed Limit Order -

the order consisted of two parts, when it will happen and to implement changes requested, there was no further update as yet.

Improvements from the path to the path into the Phone Box –

he was not aware of this but duly noted the request and would make further enquiries.

Road markings at the junction of Skeltons Lane/ Thorner Lane –

he had contacted Highways and was awaiting a reply.

Land drainage measures down Littlemoor Lane/ Butts Garth –

the debris was coming from non-Council owned land, the problem was therefore getting action taken on private land. It was agreed that regular cleansing of the drains in this area would help the situation.

Parking and drainage on Stead Lane –

This matter had been discussed on several occasions of which there was no easy solution. A six-figure sum of money would need to be spent to implement any changes. There would need to be a concerted requirement from residents for action to be taken.

Licence with LCC for 2023 Leeds Festival via Ward Councillors -

Ward Cllr M.Robinson was the officer co-ordinating this, he would liaise with him.

4. Confidentiality.

Excluding agenda item 18; there were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

5. Police.

The link for reporting non-emergency crimes or Anti-social behaviour is

www.westyorkshire.police.uk

The link for the Police web site-

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

6. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

7. Planning applications/appeals/enforcement action, received.

Members duly noted the application received.

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for February 2023;

Resolved: that the following be approved and passed for payment:

<u>Method:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£ Amount:</u>
SO	B.Riley	Salary	715.35
BACS	BT	Phone	35.39
DD	Nest	Pension	60.23
TOTAL			<u>£810.97</u>

8.2 Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly budget monitor and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

8.3 Following discussion prior to the meeting, members were able to agree to the precept demand of £29290.

9. To receive reports from the following Working Party

Playground and Fitness Equipment –

No report received.

Cllr T.Mycock had identified that a section of a tree on Millennium Green was in need of urgent action being taken. With reference to Financial Regulations Paragraph 3. Section 1, it was agreed that Cllr.T.Mycock would (on behalf of the Clerk), engage a contractor to deal with the situation.

Cllr D.Gibbins commented that the grass verge on Littlemoor Lane was still in need of cutting, the comment was duly noted.

Maintenance -

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content.

No decisions were required.

With regard to the creation of a flower bed around the Phone box, it was noted that as this was Leeds CC owned land no action could be taken by the Parish Council.

Planning -

No report received.

The planning application received had been discussed by the Working Party with a recommendation to members that there were no objections.

10. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted.

11. Matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters arising.

12. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr T. Mycock informed members on an update received from the Steering Group about progress being made and likely completion. There would be a meeting arranged to discuss the document before it was submitted to Leeds CC.

13. To consider any new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.

Following circulation of the 'Permission to hold an Event' document, it was agreed that this document be adopted and be a condition for any future use of the Millennium Green.

Cllr A. Scott had provided members with the background information that had led to the Flags and Flagpole policy, being reviewed. It was agreed that this would be added to the next agenda for a decision to be reached.

Members duly noted the content of the information received and agreed that any contractor appointed to carry out work (on the footpaths that were the responsibility of the Parish Council) would be paid from the approved budget. There would be no expenditure incurred on tools and materials for any ongoing footpath maintenance work.

Mobile phone service in Thorner (see minute 3.b).

14. To receive reports from outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

15. To receive a report from the Clerk or Councillors, on any new or ongoing minor matters.

The Clerk informed members that there had been two enquiries received for the vacant position for a Parish Councillor by Co-Option, they had been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to experience proceedings.

The information provided as a pre-read for Councillors about a bridleway/cycle track along the old railway line by Cllr R. Brittain, was duly noted, this would remain on the agenda for further information to be provided by Cllr R. Brittain on how matters could be progressed. Overgrown vegetation on Kirkhills – this matter was awaiting a report from Cllr R. Brittain. There was no existing lease agreement for the land opposite Mangrill Lane and the rent was 0.10p per annum. Members agreed that the cost to formalise agreement outweighed the benefit to do so.

Following discussion, it was confirmed that the Thorner village road signs was a Maintenance Working Party matter and any questions should be referred to them.

A local resident who had originally checked the lean (and in attendance at the meeting), of the phone box, offered to do so again and report back to the Council.

Cllr A.Scott offered to enquire about the cost for a demonstration on how to use the defibrillator.

Following discussion it was agreed that a lock on five bar gate into the playground was not required.

16.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.

Provision of mugs for the Coronation of King Charles III.

17.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 07 March 2023 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorne.

18.Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.

No matters discussed.

Signed
Chair Thorne Parish Council

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