

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

Present:

Councillors: A.Scott (Chair), R.Brittain, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock and A.Wallis.

Others: 4 members of the public.

A representative of Festival Republic.

Ward Councillor S.Firth.

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1.Apologies.

Councillor Wilson.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Admission of the public and press and representations.

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

b) A resident had contacted the Clerk about attending as an observer

c) A resident asked if an article he had prepared would appear in the Thorner Newsletter, he was informed that following an amendment to the content, that it would be.

The representative of Festival Republic stated that they had sold out of tickets (4,000) for the Eco campsite, so the plan is to grow this as a result of the success.

With regard to the 21-day letter, it was to be updated following various comments from attendees at the meeting (see minute 13.), such as website details needed to be correct, how residents get passes for parking, information on shuttle buses and a daytime number for noise with the correct telephone number, prior to delivery.

d) Councillor Firth provided members with an update on matters previously raised;

Butts Garth footpath - there was no further update to that previously reported.

Yellow lines at the junction of Main Street and Stead Lane – Leeds CC Highways had confirmed that the road markings on Main Street and Stead Lane will be completed when installing this year's Ward Traffic Regulation Order road markings elsewhere in the village and the Ward area at a date yet to be agreed.

Adjustments to the Harewood Ward 20 30 & 40 mph Speed Limit Order - a meeting had been requested, when this had been arranged the Council would be informed.

Improvements from the path to the path into the Phone Box – the concerns regarding the crumbling small section of tarmac in front of the red phone box on Church Hill/Bramham Road and the grass verge surrounding it outside Thorner Primary School, had been reported to the Leeds CC Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for action to be taken.

Land drainage measures down Littlemoor Lane/ Butts Garth - there was no progress being made and little more that could be done concerning this matter and the drainage on Stead Lane.

Parking and drainage on Stead Lane – the issue of parking would be resolved when the road markings (see above) were complete.

Improved mobile phone signal - there was no further update to that previously reported.

Re-planting of Leeds CC Pollinators - this matter had now been resolved.

Councillor Mycock reported that there was a hole in the wall on Main Street near to the Beehive Public House, Councillor Firth duly noted the comment and would contact Mexborough Estates about a repair.

4.Confidentiality.

Excluding agenda item 17; 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/>

Community Alert scheme

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert>

It was agreed that the link for the community alert scheme, which had been added to the agenda, should remain on future agenda's and be recorded in the minutes.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that all the above information was posted to the new website.

6.Minutes.

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

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

No matters discussed.

Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for August 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	40.19
DD	Nest	Pension	60.23
			TOTAL £ 815.77

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

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters arising.

11.Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Mycock informed members that the Steering Group had decided that in the light of case precedent and recent comments received from Leeds CC, that the policy should stand as it is, be submitted and let the inspector make his comments. The various pressures to build everywhere and differing interpretations of the law on appeal, means that they cannot go further without an independent assessment. They had received an acknowledgment of receipt from Leeds CC, who were to assign an Officer to examine the document and would comment on the draft document before the Steering Group would submit it for examination.

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

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence received was being issued to Councillors.

Having reviewed the letter sent from the resident, the request to increase the cutting of shrubbery on Millennium Green would be discussed with the contractor (see minute 14.).

The tree adjacent to the resident's property and the pair of silver birch trees, would be inspected and an update provided at the next meeting.
The two wildflower beds were purposely left in a condition to promote biodiversity, it was noted however that they were not the property of the Parish Council.

13.To receive reports from outside bodies.

Members discussed in detail the points raised at the Leeds Festival working group meeting held on 11 July 2023 (see minute 3.c)).

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

Councillor Brittain informed members that she had contacted the Leeds CC PROW Officer and the land agents for Mexborough Estates, about the difficulty for horse riders and cyclists to access ELOR, with its extensive bridlepaths, cycle tracks and walking routes. She had made initial enquires about an alternative route via Butts Garth, along the disused railway exiting to the left along the existing public footpath, following the edge of a field and then right at the footpath sign over an old railway bridge. The route then cuts along the back of Miry Carr farm. Councillor Brittain also commented that the introduction of an alternative route would reduce traffic emissions. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Brittain pursue the matter and investigate further on behalf of the Parish Council, but was asked to ensure the Clerk was kept informed of any development.

The Clerk provided members with information on the content of the existing lease for the field next to the Victory Hall.

To resolve issues concerning the grass cutting contract, a discussion group would meet and invite the contractor to attend, to clarify what is required and under whose direction. Prior to the discussion taking place, the existing contract and schedule would be circulated to those attending.

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

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.
Apple pressing.
Misuse of Millennium Green.

16.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September 2023 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

The Chair and Vice Chair had undertaken training to develop their skills concerning Chairing a Parish Council meeting and how to control and provide for clear leadership and direction in accordance with accepted procedures.

A notice would be placed on the new website to provide information on the permissions to use the Millennium Green, which was for community events and not for business purposes. Consideration would be given to establishing a Local Government Pension Scheme to replace the current pension provider.

Why the Parish Council and not the Thorner Community Fund, should be involved in assisting with the Leeds Festival going forward.

Enquiries to be made for engaging a road traffic management for the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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