

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at the Over 60;s Bungalow, Main Street, Thorne.

Present;

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

In attendance: Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

2 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
Ward Councillor Firth.

a). Members received a presentation from the applicant for Co-Option (see agenda item 17.).

1.Apologies.

Councillors Llewellyn and Wilson.

The reason/s for not attending were 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) There were no representations notified to the Clerk before the meeting.

c) A resident queried why there had been no communication concerning the change of date for this meeting, he was informed that there had been a delay in confirming the venue availability, but it had been changed on the website and if in doubt he could have contacted the Clerk.

d) Cllr S.Firth informed members that there was no further update to provide on matters previously raised;

- Butts Garth footpath
- Improved mobile phone signal.

The Clerk commented that the problem with the signal reception for Thorne was due to where the mast was located and suggested that the mast being sited at 'The Arium', may be an option. Cllr Firth duly noted the suggestion.

Councillor Firth was asked to report the amount of pot holes on Carr Lane and request action be taken.

Comment was made about the 20-mph zone and that although road markings had been introduced no signage had been placed to support the restrictions. The previous invite made to Chris Proctor, Senior Traffic Engineer at Leeds City Council Traffic Engineering, to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss adjustments to the speed limit order, had not taken place. Councillor Firth was reminded about this.

4.Confidentiality.

It was agreed that agenda item a). was of a confidential nature therefore the public and press would be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw (Standing Order 13).

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>

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.

Members duly noted the applications received.

Members duly noted the appeal received.

Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for October 2023;

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

<u>Method:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£ Amount:</u>
Standing Order	B.Riley	Salary	715.35
Bacs	BT	Phone	40.19
Direct Debit	Nest	Pension	60.23
Bacs	Harrison	Flagpole	312.00
Bacs	YLCA	Training	66.80
TOTAL			<u>£1194.57</u>

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

8.3 Members were in agreement with the quarterly account statement.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted.

The Clerk was asked to provide an update on the tree removal from Millennium Green.

The Clerk informed members that the noticeboard on the Boules Shelter was damaged and needed replacing, he would add this to the Action Plan.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

It was agreed that no legal action would be instigated regarding the recent misuse of Millenium Green, but it would be reviewed if a further incident occurred.

Having considered the information received from the playground consultants it was agreed that the zip wire be removed.

11.Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A member of the Steering Group informed members that that the plan is now complete and would need submitting with a consultation statement. The Clerk asked if the amendments identified had been implemented (see minute 11. 5th September 2023), he stated he was not aware of the amendments, the Clerk would forward them.

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

Further to information received concerning the contractor, it was agreed to delay the planned meeting about the grass cutting agreement and revised schedule.

Having reviewed the Standing Orders, it was agreed to adopt them.

Having reviewed the Financial Regulations, it was agreed to adopt them.

Having reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment, it was agreed to adopt them subject to a change in servicing the flagpole on a yearly basis.

Having considered the merit of a change to kissing gates instead of stiles, across the footpaths from Westfield Lane to the exit onto Carr Lane, near Eltofts, it was agreed to do so. The Clerk would contact the Leeds City Council PROW with the request.

13.To receive reports from outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

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

It was agreed to defer discussion on picnic bench options to the next meeting.

The Clerk would provide information for a replacement laptop for Councillors to consider.

An explanation was provided on the process for the purchase and funding of Christmas trees for the community group who organised the event.

Having considered the proposal to remove the bush on Millennium Green, it was agreed to do so subject to a replacement being found.

Having discussed previous requests which were denied for a change of use of the field next to the Victory Hall (which was leased by the Parish Council from Mexborough Estate), it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to allow the request for a sustainability project, but also that the amenity value needed to be protected.

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

Rules on public participation.

Picnic bench options.

Purchase of replacement laptop.

Replacement of Notice Board on the Boules Shelter (Action Plan).

16.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November 2023 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

With reference to the NALC LTN 8 (Legal Topic Note 8), the applicant was co-opted (see agenda item a.)

Signed

Chair Thorner Parish Council

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