

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th
January 2024 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

Present;

Councillors: A.Scott (Chair), S.Dixon, V.Forster, J.LeRoy, S.Llewellyn,
T.Mycock, A.Wallis and C.Wilson.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

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

1.Apologies.

Councillor Brittain.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

Councillor Foster declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.5 (donation to Over 60's Bungalow).

Councillors Dixon, Llewellyn and Scott declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.5 (donation to RBL).

Councillors Dixon and LeRoy declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.5 (donation to Churchyard).

Councillor Scott reminded members that being involved in Community Groups would impact their ability to take part in Parish Council discussions involving such groups as they would need to declare an interest.

3.Minutes.

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

4.Admission of the public and press and representations.

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

b) No representations received.

c) Representations notified to the Clerk before the meeting.

1. A representative from the footpath volunteer group commented on the decision made six months ago about changing the existing Parish Paths agreement with Leeds City Council. Having considered the information provided it was agreed that the volunteer group provide an updated survey on the condition of the footpath network, with the results to be presented to members to enable them to decide if the existing agreement should remain or be changed. The representative was informed that the Parish Council had work carried out on some footpaths (identified in the ground maintenance schedule), in addition to those on the existing agreement.

2.Councillor Scott sought clarification on what was required of the Parish Council from the Thorner Quarry Group, as the proposals did not require permission from the Parish Council as the land/wall proposed for placing the panels was not their property.

With reference to the notice board outside the boules shelter, this was not considered an appropriate location either (however it was noted that the existing map of the local footpath network needed to be updated and consideration be given to a map that included other locations of note).

Following discussion, it was suggested that the group have the panels placed in a more appropriate location relevant to the subject, that being the grassland next to the telephone box on Church Hill, which would require permission from Leeds City Council

d) Cllr S.Firth had no update on the following matters previously raised;

- Butts Garth footpath

- Improved mobile phone signal. (he commented that he was aware of problems experienced over the Christmas period).

He was asked to resolve the outstanding bin provision on Millennium Green.

5. Confidentiality.

There were no agenda items requiring discussion and a decision to be made that would require the exclusion of the public and press.

6. 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/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

Community Alert scheme.

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

The Chair and Clerk had attended the January 2024 PACT meeting held at the Harewood Estate. The report which covered the period from 28th September to present, had been circulated to members who were reminded that only the crime figures could be discussed in public.

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

7.1 The updated planning log was noted.

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for January 2024;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	5th January 2024			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
S/Order	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£935.11		£935.11
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£33.49	£6.70	£40.19
BACS	Nest - Pension	£63.56		£63.56
BACS	J & D Groundworks	£100.00		£100.00
BACS	HMRC	£520.68		£520.68
BACS	YLCA	£60.00		£60.00
	Total Payments	£1,712.84	£6.70	£1,719.54

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

8.3 The quarterly budget monitor report was approved.

8.4 Following consultation with the existing contractor, some areas mentioned in the grounds maintenance schedule required clarification, once confirmed, a quote was required which would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed that it would be sensible to obtain another quote prior to any decision being made to appoint the existing contractor.

8.5 Following information received from the discussion group, it was agreed that the Precept for 2024 - 25 would be £30720.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted and agreed.

The latest version would be updated on the website.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

An update would be required to the existing bench policy, some suggestions made at the meeting, would be implemented and a policy would be represented for approval. The quote for the work to commence on the alterations to the playground was accepted.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Members were informed that the NPSG had received a response from the Leeds CC Neighbourhood Planning & Engagement team recommending that all documents be submitted for checking and to allow time to apply for an examiner and to prepare everything for the Regulation 16 publicity period. There was also a requirement for the Parish Council website to be updated with the submission documents with a link to the Leeds CC website, where there was a survey for collecting responses.

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

Having received the proposed Biodiversity Policy, it was agreed to adopt it with relevant amendments implemented where appropriate. To meet the objectives the Clerk would add it to the Action Plan document.

The NALC examples of Climate Change powers was duly noted.

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.

Having observed that other local villages have an official 'switch-on' for their Christmas lights, Councillor Llewellyn proposed that the Parish Council organise the same, it was agreed to do so.

Councillor Scott had now obtained quotes for the purchase of replacement flags, he would present the costs at the next meeting.

Discussion took place on which flags should be flown, it was suggested only the Union flag should be flown and not the Ukraine flag or a LGBT flag. Following a vote, it was agreed as follows, For:5, Against :3, for both the Union and Ukraine flags to be flown.

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

Quotes received for the purchase of flags.

16. Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February 2024 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

No matters discussed.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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The meeting closed at 8.51pm.