

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th
June 2024 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

Present;

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

In attendance: Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

6 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

1.Apologies.

Councillor LeRoy.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Minutes.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, were approved and would be 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) A member of the public made a representation not notified to the Clerk before the meeting about the number of HGV's travelling through the village, a reason for this was because it was a designated test route for learner drivers. Comment was made that there were no restrictions at present to prevent this, it was also stated that as the vehicles were unladen they were not subject to weight restrictions.

Comment was also made about footpath access was restricted due to overhanging vegetation.

A resident had noted that in previous meetings discussion had taken place about a Volunteer Policy and a change to the PPP (Parish Paths Partnership), agreement with Leeds CC, but it was not on the agenda for this meeting, he was informed that this was due to no further information being available from that previously reported, but they had not been forgotten.

c) Representations notified to the Clerk before the meeting.

d) Ward Councillor Firth not in attendance.

With regard to the Butts Garth footpath, the Chair and the Clerk has cause to visit Butts Garth to check where the border was with St Johns Avenue with the use of a land Registry document. Whilst there, a resident commented that a relation had an accident on the footpath which was thought to be the responsibility of the Parish Council, they commented that they had instructed a solicitor to instigate a claim, but she was informed that no such enquiry had been received. Further investigation had established that the footpath is not the responsibility of the Parish Council as it was a designated public footpath, meaning that it is a public right of way on foot and does not necessarily impose any obligation on the Local Authority (Leeds CC), to maintain it to any particular standard. Upon checking previous archive correspondence, Leeds CC Public Rights of Way had attended to carry out a survey to consider introducing changes.

Progress for provision of an improved mobile phone signal was discussed under agenda item 14.

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/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

Community Alert scheme.

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

Councillor Scott provided members with information from the Police website.

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

7.1 Members duly noted application 24/02462/FU with no objection.

7.2 Members duly noted application 24/02949/FU with no objection.

7.3 Having reviewed application 24/03053/FU at 3 Sedgegarth, the Clerk was asked to submit an objection over concerns that the previous refusal for this property had noted the lack of cycle facilities, also if any harm would be caused to nearby trees during construction and if there would be any resulting longer term effects. An assurance was required that these previous matters would be addressed.

With regard to the recent information issued by Leeds CC Planning about what they would consider concerning objections relevant to planning, the application was out of character with its surroundings and with relevance to it being in the Thorner Conservation area.

7.4 Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log. It was confirmed that application 24/03053/FU, had been received prior to issue of the log, but had been discussed as it was issued within the time allowed for receipt of information.

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for June 2024;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Jun-24			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
S/Order	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£935.11		£935.11
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£36.00	£7.20	£43.20
BACS	Nest - Pension	£63.56		£63.56
BACS	J&D Groundworks	£525.00		£525.00
BACS	J. Smith	£1,785.00		£1,785.00
D/Debit	HSBC - Bank Charges	£8.00		£8.00
	Total Payments	£3,352.67	£7.20	£3,359.87

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

8.3 Having considered purchasing extra Dog Waste Bag dispensers in addition to those already provided, comment was made as to why more should be purchased when it was the responsibility of dog owners, however it was hoped that by providing more (at Ellerker Lane and the ginnel to Virginia Terrace), that this would reduce the problem of dog waste. It was agreed that a quote be sought prior to any decision being made.

8.4 Following discussion it was agreed that a local engineer would be approached to provide a procedure and cost to install the new noticeboard.

8.5 Having received and considered the Financial Risk Assessment, it was agreed to approve it.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members for approval.

Although not identified on the Action Plan, the overhanging tree causing a hazard to the footpath users of Westfield Lane by the Ford, would be reported to the Leeds CC Tree Officer with the offer for the Parish Council to remove the offending branches, subject to permission being granted to do so.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

With regard to the accuracy of the wording regarding gate replacement (minute 4.b) 09th April 2024), it was agreed that the minute statement could have been more accurate with the following wording 'having seen the gate was replaced with something else'.

No flood alleviation information had been received from the resident (see minute 17. 14th May 2024).

It was agreed that the next newsletter production would be arranged for July with the introduction of a hybrid version which would entail 25 newsletters printed for each of the following, the over 60's Bungalow, the Doctor's surgery and the Deli shop. A link would be provided from the website.

Having enquired about further quotes to conduct the electrical works on the Boules Shelter (see minute 8.5 April 2024), the contractors approached stated that the work was not necessary, it was agreed that another condition report be obtained stating that the present system was satisfactory.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Nothing to report.

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

Members were informed that the resident who had raised concerns about the planning application 24/01797/ADV for The Fox public house, had now spoken with the landlord to resolve the matter.

Following the resident's enquiry about light pollution, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Leeds CC Housing about changing the light fixings to more environmentally appropriate down lighters.

Having considered the comments received via the website enquiry form and comments made earlier in the meeting (minute 4.b)) about the amount of heavy traffic that is using the village as a through route and driver training circuit, action would be taken to reduce the number of HGV's travelling through the village, by ceasing the designated test route for learner drivers and restricting those which were only necessary.

13. To receive reports from outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

The Clerk reminded members about the meeting with Leeds CC Highways taking place at Leeds Civic Hall at 1pm on Friday 14th June 2024, about conditions within the Harewood Ward.

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

Having received the information concerning correspondence with Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP about provision of a mobile phone signal, enquiries would be made in finding a suitable provider who would be willing to deliver the project. The first step would be to find a suitable site that the residents will be happy to have a mast on.

Councillor Scott wished it be minuted that thanks be given to all Councillors and residents for assisting with delivering the well-attended DDay 80 celebrations on Millennium Green. It

was agreed that Councillor Scott in his capacity as the Chair, send a formal note of thanks to the Buglar who performed at the event.

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

Leeds Festival following the meeting in June.

To receive an enquiry from an interested party about provision of a suitable site for a mast for a mobile phone signal.

Discuss NALC guidance for electors at the Annual Parish meeting.

16.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th July 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 8.55pm.