

**THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 02 May 2017.**

**Present** Cllrs V.Goodall-Fawcus (Chair), T.Mycock (Vice Chair), R.Bould, G.Brown, E.De Dombal, D.Gibbins, D.Johnston and J.Player.  
Barry Riley (Clerk).  
PCSO Geoff Nottingham  
23 residents.

**1 Welcome and introduction from the Chairman**

Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 03 May 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus.

**3 Chairman's Annual Report**

The Annual Report had been delivered throughout the village and provided information on a number of topics which had been discussed throughout the year.

Parish Councillors were thanked for their work in keeping Thorner a pleasant and popular place in which to live.

Former Parish Councillor Valerie Forster who had recently resigned, was thanked for the contribution she had made to village life.

The Thorner Stores shop was in the process of applying to be able to provide a Post Office service, the Parish Council would, if required, offer their support to enable this provision.

**4 Parish Council accounts 2016/17**

A summary of the accounts had been published in the Annual Report.

A resident asked the Clerk to itemize the figure for administration, the Clerk also provided the resident with a budget report.

A resident queried why the donation of £100 for the Police vehicle had not been allocated, he was informed that the Parish Council had not received a request to do so.

**5 Annual Police report**

PCSO Geoff Nottingham introduced himself and spoke about recent issues concerning criminal activity in the village. Regarding the theft of vehicles he suggested that a better safety measure would be to leave keys upstairs and not typically on a downstairs table which made it easier for the burglar to find.

Speeding was still being monitored by the Police.

PCSO Nottingham was asked what percentage of crime committed was solved and the persons brought to justice, he was informed that the percentage was low and about 15%.

**6 Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr R.Bould provided an update on progress made during the past year and thanked those who had contributed to the draft plan which had now been produced and submitted to Leeds CC for comment to enable matters to be progressed.

The draft plan having been based on the Village Design Statement (VDS), included updated policies on development, flooding, green spaces and trees within the village, the document would be available to view prior to a community referendum being held to formally approve it.

A resident asked how many people would need to vote for the document to be approved, it was confirmed that only a low number of people voting positively was needed.

A resident commented that issues raised in the VDS had not been carried out by the Parish Council, however it was pointed out that despite the efforts of the Parish Council, progress on some matters had not been made, due in part to a lack of support from Leeds CC or because their policies did not support what the Parish Council wanted to achieve, such as the provision of smaller houses.

Further comment was made that this would be the third attempt by the village to produce a document that would be accepted as legislation and was concerned about how effective it would be.

## **7 Leeds Festival Update**

Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus referred to the article published in the Annual Report.

A resident enquired about the reason for the change in traffic arrangements, they were informed that in the interests of safety, the Police wanted to introduce restrictions. Although the proposals were not ideal, the reduced amount of traffic through the village during the Festival was the preferred option and the reason why the Parish Council supported the changes.

## **8 Playground Update**

In support of the article in the Annual Report about proposals for the new playground, Cllr J.Player had provided documents for residents to view at the meeting.

In response to the question raised about the adult fitness equipment, it was thought that this would make provision for the younger children as they grew older as well as a means for existing older residents to enjoy the facility.

Concern was expressed about the noise created by the introduction of a zip wire, Cllr J.Player stated that further presentations were planned to enable consultation with residents about such matters.

The cost of the project was likely to cost approx £80,000, the use of existing Parish Council capital reserves and a grant from Awards of All would provide the majority of the funding.

## **9 Presentations by Village Organisations**

### **Victory Hall**

Terry Smith reminded everyone that the AGM would take place on 17 May.

### **Thorner and District Historical Society**

Graham Castle stated that membership was increasing and that it was currently £2 to become a member. They were working on digitising the archive at present.

### **Youth Fund**

Lorna Kettlewell the Treasurer, explained the process involved for any youth groups applying for funding, groups who had received funding included the Guides, Scouts and Brownies.

### **Royal British Legion**

David Fryer spoke about the Royal British Legion and commented that it had been established in 1923 and had 100 members, further comment was made that it was not necessary to have been a member of the armed forces in order to become a member.

### **Mexborough Estate**

Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus stated that she had been in discussion with Mark Robins of the Mexborough Estate, who informed her that he had met with Bob Buckingham of Leeds CC Public Rights of Way regarding consideration being given to a new footpath along the edge of Carr Lane and improvements to 'Scarborough Walk' were to be considered.

### **Thorner Quarry Group**

Steven Wood commented that were a number of planned events for viewings of the area given its geological significance.

## **10 Open Forum**

All present were informed that the Guides would need a new Leader and asked that they circulate the information in order to attract someone.

A resident commented on a recent proposal to introduce a 20mph zone around the School, he was informed that the Parish Council were in consultation with the Leeds CC concerning an extension to the area proposed.

A resident asked if the Parish Council were in agreement with Shadwell Parish Council concerning the proposed changes to the Wetherby Road/Carr Lane junction, Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus explained that a meeting had taken place involving both Council's, Leeds CC and District Councillors. Thorner Parish

Council would prefer to have the junction leading from Shadwell closed as this was where most accidents occurred, however Shadwell Parish Council did not agree with the proposal, as yet despite a commitment from Leeds CC that changes would occur, no further action had been taken.

A resident commented that in order to alleviate problems concerning traffic around the School, Church Hill and Stead Lane, that the School should be moved to Bramham Road, where it had been suggested that a new housing development be placed, the proposed housing could then make use of the space left by the removal of the School.

Signed.....  
Chairman Thorne Parish Council

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