

**THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 06 November 2018.**

**Present;**

Cllrs; V.Goodall-Fawcus (Chair), Cllr J.Player (Vice Chair), G.Brown, R.Bould, D.Gibbins, M.Harrison and T.Mycock.

Others; 6 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.  
District Councillor S.Firth.  
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

**a,** Members discussed the co-option of Steven Wood;

**Resolved;** the nomination be accepted, he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was therefore able to fully participate in the meeting.

**1.Apologies.**

Members were informed that Cllr G.Coppock had resigned, the Clerk confirmed he had informed Leeds CC. He also informed members that 3 residents had shown an interest in applying for the vacancy.

**2.Ethical Code.**

No interests were disclosed.

**3.Representations.**

a) A resident had noted that Mark Robins (Estate Director Mexborough Estates), had resigned his position, he suggested a letter be sent to acknowledge his contribution. A resident from the group who had offered to organise the Christmas Trees for the village (see minute 10. October 18), provided an update on progress made. He was asked what financial assistance would be required for the equipment and the cost of supplying the trees. He was informed that he would need a risk assessment for the work, the Clerk would contact the insurance company to confirm if the Council's policy covered the project. A resident stated he was in attendance to listen to comments under agenda item 14. Other residents were in attendance to observe proceedings.

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

c) Cllr S.Firth provided members with an update on matters previously discussed; With regards to the area of land at 12 Kirkhills (see minute 10. October 18), Leeds CC Planning Enforcement had been contacted and had investigated the matter. Graham Berwick was the Leeds CC Neighbourhood Housing Officer working with the Thorne Residents Association, Cllr S.Firth informed members that the Christmas Tree on the Green had been replaced and @Shaun the Sheep@ had been removed.

**4.Confidentiality.**

There were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

**5.Police.**

Members had been sent the crime report for October 2018.

There were seven recorded crimes, consisting of a burglary from a business on Intake Lane, three residential burglaries on Kirkfield Lane, Carr Lane and Avondale Villas. The other crimes involved theft, robbery and interference with motor vehicles on Milner Lane and Main Street.

## **6.Minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 02 October 2018, were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus.

## **7.Planning applications.**

Members duly noted and commented on the applications received, in particular; application 18/06089/FU, the 24 hour opening of the Red Hall Service Station. It had been noted that residents had submitted objections concerning increased noise and light that would result from the increased hours, members asked the Clerk to submit an objection on the same basis.

## **8.Financial Matters.**

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of invoices for payment for November 2018, **Resolved:** that the following be approved and passed for payment:

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
200001	B.Riley	Salary	407.44
200002	Post Office	Stamps	10.98
200003	M.Kidd	Sam Sykes	2220.00
100004	Contn Ldscps	Grass Cutting	284.54
100005	RBL	Wreath	50.00
DD	Nest	Pension	23.75
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£2996.71</u></b>

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

8.3 Following the presentation given concerning the Christmas Trees for the village, (minute 3a.), members agreed to provide funding to a maximum of £1500.

## **9.To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary;**

9.1 Highways – the work for new road markings and signage on Church Hill had been completed.

A programme of leaf clearance needed implementing and the road markings at the Carr Lane/Main Street previously reported, still needed to be repainted, Cllr S.Firth duly noted the requests.

Cllr S.Firth was asked when the 20mph speed zone would be introduced (see minute 15.2 May 18).

## **10.Village Maintenance**

The Clerk had made an enquiry to obtain a quote for a stone kerb (see minute 9. October 18), but more information was required by the stone mason to enable this. Further discussion concerning this matter would take place at the December meeting.

Cllr M.Harrison informed members that the pads on the defibrillator outside ‘The Fox’ public house had been replaced. but the bag needs replacing and will likely incur a cost to the PC.

10.1 Gardens – a fence panel had fallen down, having discussed the options it was agreed that a quote be sought to have a new fence rather than repair the panel.

10.2 Grass cutting – the contract duration was for a period of one year with an option to renew to three years, subject to a first annual review. As this point had now been reached it was agreed to discuss this at the December meeting.

10.3 Boules shelter – following a review of the picnic table and benches (see minute 10.3 June 18), it was agreed to replace the table to a cost of £100.

An enquiry had been received for the placement of a memorial bench, members agreed to do so subject to the design.

10.4 Playground and Fitness Equipment - Cllr V.Goodall – Fawcus had contacted the supplier concerning a number of snagging issues but had not yet received a reply. She was informed about other equipment that needed attention and replacement parts.

10.5 Sub Station – comment was made that the roof was leaking, the Clerk would request that the landlord inspect the roof.

### **11.Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr R.Bould confirmed that he had produced a flyer to go with the newsletter, the document would be offered for approval at a community referendum should it receive the mandate from the village to support the proposed policies. It was intended that the document will help to shape development and preserve the character of the village.

### **12.Youth Fund**

No enquiries received.

### **13. Newsletter**

Articles had been received and were being collated for the November newsletter.

### **14.To consider any new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.**

Cllr S.Wood commented that Agents had been appointed to deal with the sale of the Quarry site, however no proposals had been received for members to consider.

A resident commented that he disapproved of the placement of the information panels and would continue to oppose them being there.

Members were awaiting a quote to enable further consideration to be given for the purchase of a ‘Tommy’, (a figure of a World War One Soldier). Comment was made about where it could be placed, it was suggested that a Working Party be formed to discuss how the 100 year anniversary of World War 1 could be commemorated.

### **15.To receive reports from outside bodies.**

ELOR – Members were informed that Balfour Beatty had a display of the plans for the scheme at the Red Hall Estate building, the comment was duly noted.

Cllr S.Wood asked that the issue of light pollution be added to those concerns raised at the previous meeting, Cllr S.Firth duly noted the comment.

Elmet Greenway Group – There was no meeting scheduled as they were awaiting a feasibility study.

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

Nothing to report.

### **17.To consider progress on items on the Action Plan and approve appropriate action.**

Cllr S.Wood was provided with the updated schedule (members previously having received it).

With regard to improving the Mobile network , Cllr M.Harrison was awaiting a response from EE..

It was suggested that a consultation with residents take place concerning provision of a Public Access space, Cllr M.Harrison would contact the owners of the land before any consultation took place.

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

No notifications received.

**19.Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 04 December 2018 at the Methodist Church, Main Street, Thorne.

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

Nothing to discuss.

Signed .....  
Chair Thorne Parish Council

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