

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 02 April 2019.

Present;

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

Others; 5 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting
District Councillor S.Firth
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1.Apologies.

Cllr D.Gibbins,

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Representations.

a) A member of the Quarry Hill Working Party informed members that they had been unsuccessful with their bid for the Quarry.

Residents from Moat End stated they were in attendance to find out the Parish Council's planting plans for Millennium Green (see minute 10.).

Another resident was in attendance to listen to comments concerning find out fly tipping.

A resident asked if there were any plans to deal with problematic parking on Stead Lane.

The Parish Council had been in discussion with Leeds CC Highways on numerous occasions to seek a solution, but suggestions offered, such as replacing grass verges with Lay-Bys, had been met with resistance. The introduction of a one-way system could be a possible solution but would have far wider implications for nearby residents and the School. The introduction of a parking permit system was suggested, but it would need to be enforced for it to have any effect.

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

c) Cllr S.Firth requested that local farmers report incidents of fly tipping directly to him.

In response to the introduction of cameras to detect those responsible for fly tipping on Carr Lane (see minute 9.1), he would contact Leeds CC Environmental Enforcement Officer Martin Beaumont (Martin.Beaumont@leeds.gov.uk), about introducing CCTV signage.

4.Confidentiality.

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

5.Police.

Members had been sent the crime report for March 2019.

There were three reported crimes, two burglaries at Kirkfield Avenue and Bramham Road and criminal damage to a property on Main Street.

There was a theft on Skelton Lane.

The report also commented on the amount of fly tipping in rural areas, the majority of which was waste from Cannabis Farms. Residents were encouraged to report any fly tipping of this sort to the Leeds City Council Environmental Agency. Any information regarding the criminal activity of producing cannabis should be reported to the Police.

6.Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 March 2019, were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus.

7.Planning applications.

No objections were raised against the applications received.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of invoices for payment for April 2019,

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
200036	Youth Club	Donation	500.00
200037	YLCA	Subscription	435.00
200038	Continental	Grass Cutting	284.54
200039	Post Office	Stamps	12.02
200040	G.Hall	Newsletter	200.00
200041	Gardens4less	Benches	716.00
200042	B.Riley	Salary	417.66
200043	HMRC	Income Tax	293.58
200044	A.Fish	Gardens	1100.00
DD	Nest	Pension	<u>23.75</u>

TOTAL £3982.55

It was confirmed that the quote received from A.Fish was in excess of the invoice received, the cost of £1100.00 reflected the work which was carried out.

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

Members were provided with the quarterly accounts.

8.3 Members were in agreement to the appointment of the Internal Auditor – YIAS.

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

9.1 Highways – With regard to consideration being given to buying some trail cameras for Carr Lane (see minute 3.c)).

Cllr S.Firth was asked to arrange the following ;

Relocate a Public Rights of Way signage near the houses on Westfield Lane to where it was more visible.

Replacement road markings in certain areas of the village.

10.Village Maintenance

Following the introduction of dog fouling bins on the Millennium Green, it was thought they had been used but not to any great extent, it was suggested that the relocation of Dog Waste bins in more specific areas would reduce instances of dog waste being left indiscriminately. Cllr M.Harrison had circulated to members notes from the Maintenance Team meeting held Monday 26 March;

In particular Cllr D.Gibbins would be designing a planting scheme for Millennium Green to facilitate the meeting with residents.

Despite the householders having been asked to take action to make safe the damaged wall at 3 Church View, they had not done so, Cllr S.Firth requested that information be sent to him to enable him to resolve the matter.

Members agreed to progress a jointly funded scheme with Leeds CC to re-point old York-stone flagstones on the Sam Sykes footpath. Cllr D.Gibbins would be asked to obtain a quote from the contractor who had previously worked on replacing them.

10.1 Gardens – It was agreed to purchase water barrels, hose and sundry items to a value of £100.

10.2 Grass Cutting – Nothing discussed.

10.3 Boules Shelter – New benches had now been placed.

Cllr S.Firth was asked to make arrangements to replace and replenish the salt box.

It was noted that despite being requested to provide a quote for repainting the Parish Council notice board. Paul Turner had repainted the Parish Council's and Church PCC notice boards free of charge.

10.4 Playground and Fitness Equipment – Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus had contacted the company about outstanding snagging work still to be done.

Cllr G.Brown informed members she had attended the Play Area Inspection training course arranged by YLCA, there would be a requirement to produce regular risk assessments.

10.5 Sub Station – The Clerk was endeavouring to resolve the problem of the leaking roof, by dealing with the landlord (rather than the agent), Northern Powergrid.

11.Neighbourhood Plan.

Leeds CC Planning had produced a draft document, to progress matters, a new action plan consisting of several actions which would need to be undertaken by the Steering Group.

12.Youth Fund

No enquiries received.

13. Newsletter.

The Chair would be producing an annual report for the Annual Parish meeting on 30 April. Members were asked for contributions to reflect what had occurred in the past year.

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

Nothing to be considered.

15.To receive reports from outside bodies.

ELOR – Members were still awaiting a meeting to be arranged.

Elmet Greenway Group – Following the meeting held at Leeds Civic Hall on Friday 22 March 2019, the feasibility study had been published with a number of new proposed routes.

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

The March report was circulated to members who duly noted the information.

It was reported that the road defect had been made safe with tarmac.

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

Members were provided with the new schedule for 2019 - 20.

With regard to the memorial stone, an approach could be made to the Old School Charity to improve its appearance.

A request would be made via the Chairman's Annual Report, to form a working party concerning the WW2 Decoy Building.

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

To consider a funding request from the Scout Group for the provision of toilets for the Fun Day.

19.Date of next meeting.

The Clerk would confirm the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting after the result of the Election was known.

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

Nothing to discuss

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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