

**THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 01 October 2019.**

**Present;**

Cllrs; S.Marshall (Chair), J.Falk, D.Gibbins, M.Harrison, S.Llewellyn and T.Mycock.

Others; 6 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.  
PCSO Crossland  
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

**1.Apologies.**

District Cllr S.Firth.

Cllrs: S.Wood and R.Clements.

**2.Ethical Code.**

No interests were disclosed.

The Clerk reminded all members that it was their responsibility to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests and not for the Clerk to request that they do.

**3.Representations.**

a) A member of the public made a representation about the proposed arrangements for the VE Day celebrations such as a parade of old military vehicles along Main Street and combining this with a Sports Day on the Millennium Green. There was to be an evening Dinner/Dance held at the Victory Hall to reflect the era. The Parish Council were asked if they would be contributing to the events or as an alternative provide funding for other activities.

The installation of the 'Tommy' (see minute 16. July 19.), would take place at the Victory Hall building on 26 October.

Residents from Butts Garth commented on events that had occurred following the flooding, Cllr S.Marshall provided a response detailing what the Parish Council had done to assist in resolving the matter and what they were able to do going forward. Beside the work to be undertaken by Yorkshire Water, Cllr M.Harrison would investigate if the defunct drain on the Village Green would help resolve the problem.

A resident from Heathcote Avenue commented that the flooding on Butts Garth was thought to be impacting on her property, having reported it to East North East Homes (ENE Homes) they had shown little interest in investigating the problem. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr S.Firth and request he contact ENE Homes about the matter.

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

c) No comments received.

**4.Confidentiality.**

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

**5.Police.**

Members had been sent the crime report for September 2019.

There were two crimes recorded, both were residential burglaries, one at Kirkfield Lane, however no property was stolen, the other at Butts Garth Court, where the burglar made a noise which alerted the resident who called the Police.

PCSO Crossland was asked if there were any suspects, but there was not. She also commented on reports placed on social media that can prove positive but sometimes negative if not substantiated.

Cllr Gibbins provided information on two males seen on Butts Garth acting suspiciously.

Cllr Falk commented on the list of speeding cars sent to PCSO Nottingham, he was still awaiting a response from the Police Officer assigned to progress matters, PCSO Crossland would enquire further.

## **6.Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr S.Marshall.

## **7.Planning applications.**

Members duly noted and commented on the applications received, in particular; 19/05373/FU, which was for a change of use from a shop to dwelling house at 44 Main Street, it was agreed that an objection be lodged against application. Members agreed to progress the possibility of registering the building as a Community Asset, Cllr S.Firth would be asked to obtain information from Leeds CC to enable this.

The Clerk was asked to submit comments regarding the design, appearance and density of application 19/05821/FU, which was a two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 23 Kirkfield Lane.

## **8.Financial Matters.**

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

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
200086	Post Office	Stamps	8.54
200087	B.Riley	Salary	417.66
200088	YLCA	Training	640.00
200089	PKF	Audit	360.00
200091	Continental	Grass Cutting	303.38
200092	Land Registry	Map	39.00
200093	Chairman	Allowance	39.89
200094	JRB	Dog bags	174.72
200095	Riverside	Soil	54.00
DD	Nest	Pension	35.14
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>£2072.33</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 Members duly noted the content of the quarterly accounts.

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

9.1 Highways - Cllr Falk still required volunteers for the Working Party, (see also minute 5.).

Discussion took place regarding the Leeds City Council consultation (circulated to members prior to the meeting), on marking the Carr Lane/ Main Street junction with yellow lines. Members were in agreement that they would not raise any objections.

### **10.Village Maintenance**

Members had been circulated with the minutes from the Maintenance Team meeting held on 24 September, detailing a number of items which were discussed further by members, with some items identified for action by the designated lead and some items for information only. In particular, the large waste bin near the main entrance to the Millennium Green had no lid, the Clerk was sked to order a new bin.

The Clerk would write to the resident of Moat End (who would be asked to circulate to other residents) about the Laurel bushes to confirm the Council's final intentions with regard to this matter.

The Clerk would contact District Cllr S.Firth and make another request that the bin on Carr Lane opposite the farm be removed.

The total cost to install the defibrillator was now approaching £2500, it was agreed that this was not a viable option. Cllr M.Harrison agreed to notify Gary Noble from "Thorner Tenants & Residents Association.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a weed killer spray and a harness for the cutting tool accessories Cllr T.Mycock would obtain a quote.

10.1 Gardens – Improvements had been made to the garden not being cultivated.

10.2 Grass Cutting - Nothing to report

10.3 Boules Shelter – A quote had been received for the loose flags. An additional quote with specifications had also been received to replace the wood surround as well as the flags. It was agreed that quotes for the same elements of work were required before making a decision.

10.4 Playground and Fitness Equipment - There had been no response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter sent to Playscheme, it was agreed that the option of legal redress would be discussed.

10.5 Sub Station - Nothing to report.

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

The next meeting of the Steering Group would be Wednesday 9th October at 7pm.

### **12. Newsletter.**

Cllr M.Harrison provided members with information concerning the latest newsletter, it would be issued to all members to comment on prior to production.

Production would also be increased to 200 copies.

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

Members duly noted the content of the information received in particular;

Permission would need to be sought from Mexborough Estates prior to giving a decision to the Explorers group to use the land leased by the Parish Council next to the Victory Hall. A response was provided to Butts Garth residents concerning flooding (see minute 3.).

Members were informed of proposed arrangements for VE Day celebrations (see minute 3.).

Following the request from Leeds CC, members were reminded by the Clerk that they should review their register of interests and report any changes.

The Clerk also commented on the need to comply with GDPR and to adhere to the advice given.

**14.To receive reports from outside bodies.**

ELOR - Comment was made that work would be commencing in December.  
Thorner Greenway Group - Nothing to report. Cllr Harrison confirmed that the Elmet Greenway group was still active and should still be an agenda item, the Clerk duly noted the request.  
Thorner Conservation Group – Nothing to report.

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

The September report was circulated to members, who duly noted the content. Cllr S.Marshall (Chair), would collate a list of comments that had been made concerning Festival arrangements, these would be discussed at a future meeting with the organisers.  
It was agreed that the Chair would also be the contact point in discussions with the Thorner Community Fund representatives.

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

Consider funding for the Bonfire & Firework Festival.  
Consider purchase of traffic cones.

**17.Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 05 November 2019 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

The Chair informed members he had received a complaint about the Clerk, he would progress the complaint in accordance with the Parish Council's Complaints Procedure. Members discussed the co-option of Alistair Scott and James Steer, based on the resume's received it was agreed as follows; For 6 Against 0; that Alistair Scott be co-opted to the Parish Council

Signed .....  
Chair Thorner Parish Council

Date.....