

**THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 05 November 2019.**

**Present;**

Cllrs; S.Marshall (Chair), S.Wood (Vice Chair), R.Clements, J.Falk, D.Gibbins  
M.Harrison, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock and A.Scott.

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

**1.Apologies.**

Full attendance.

**2.Ethical Code.**

Cllr M.Harrison declared an interest with regard to agenda item 8.3.

Cllr A.Scott declared an interest with regard to agenda item 8.3.

**3.Representations.**

a) Residents made a representation about the intended work by the Parish Council to remove the front row of laurel bushes to the rear of several Moat End properties to discourage access into the middle. They considered the bushes served as a semi effective visual and noise barrier between their properties and the adult fitness equipment and playground, they asked that the Council reverse their decision, especially as the practice of those running through the middle had ceased. Following comments made by Cllr S.Marshall, it was agreed that a moratorium be placed on the decision, to allow the laurel to thicken (which it was already doing), whilst allowing those Moat End residents affected, to look after the bushes on their property side.

With regard to moving the fitness equipment it was agreed that this would be discussed in a new financial year, in the meantime, signage would be placed highlighting restrictions for the use of the equipment.

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

c) Cllr S.Firth provided members with an update on matters previously discussed;

The situation with the Ford/Westfield Lane was being monitored (see minute 3. Sept 19).

The implementation of the 20mph speed restrictions had not yet taken place.

He had ordered a replacement bin for the entrance to the Millennium Green.

Members provided a location for the dog waste bin which had been moved from Carr Lane (see Dog Fouling. Maintenance Team meeting 29 October 19).

Further to providing assistance with regard to the ownership of trees on Millennium Green, he was asked to contact the Leeds CC Tree Officer and request that they deal with the tree identified as theirs.

He had been in contact with ENE Homes regarding the flooding to property on Heathcote Avenue.

He was asked to arrange a meeting with LCC Highways on behalf of the Highways Working Party.

He was asked to obtain information from Leeds CC about registering the former Village Shop as a Community Asset (see minute 7. October 19).

Following the amount of water and mud running onto Littlemoor Lane from the nearby farmland (see Sub Station. Maintenance Team meeting 29 October 19), Cllr S.Firth was asked to enquire about the installation of a silt trap being placed on the road.

#### **4. Confidentiality.**

Excluding agenda item 18; there were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

#### **5. Police.**

Members had been sent the crime report for October 2019.

There was a theft from a vehicle on Butts Garth Court and two residential burglaries, one on Milner Lane and the other at Sandhills.

It was noted that the burglaries had occurred during the day.

PCSO Nottingham passed comment on how some of the incidents could be avoided.

Cllr J.Falk asked if the report could in future include traffic offences, he expressed his doubts that it could as such information was not accessible to him, but he would ask.

#### **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; application 19/06344/FU, a part two storey, part single storey, front, side and rear extension at 53 Kirkfield Lane, having considered the design and appearance an objection would be submitted on this basis and other material considerations.

#### **8. Financial Matters.**

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of payments for November 2019;

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
200098	A1 Press Ltd	Newsletter	456.00
200099	G.Hall	Newsletter	225.00
200100	Continental	Grass Cutting	1194.68
BACS	B.Riley	Stamps	12.06
SO	B.Riley	Salary	417.66
DD	Nest	Pension	35.14
BACS	Ripon Servcs	Harness	135.25
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 2475.79</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 agreed to discuss this agenda item with agenda item 8.4, following discussion it was agreed to provide funding for the traffic cones.

8.5 Following discussion it was agreed to consider the quotes received for work on the trees at Millennium Green at the next meeting.

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

9.1 Highways – Members were circulated with a work schedule from Cllr Falk on behalf of the Highways Working Party, he asked the Maintenance and Gardens Working Party for their assistance with dealing with the 30mph signs and the verge on

Sandhills (identified on the schedule), the Clerk would contact neighbouring Parish Councils to ascertain if the installation of electronic speed signs had been effective. Cllr S.Wood commented that the Parish Council had not been invited to attend the recent ELOR meetings, he suggested that a representation be made by the Parish Council to the Project Office at Redhall.

### **10.Village Maintenance**

Members had been circulated with the minutes from the Maintenance Team meeting held on 29 October, 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, Cllr M.Harrison would consult further with Gary Noble from “Thorner Tenants & Residents Association, about other sites other than the telephone box for the installation of a Defibrillator, the Clerk would enquire about the possibility of utilising the bus shelter (see minute 13.)

10.1 Gardens - A request to extend the area of the Boules had been received, however after discussing the various aspects it was agreed this was not viable.

10.2 Grass Cutting - Nothing further discussed.

10.3 Boules Shelter – Following the receipt of three quotes to replace the wood surround and the flags (see minute 10.3 October 19), it was agreed to accept the quote for £580.

10.4 Playground and Fitness Equipment – Members having been circulated with a draft response to Mr Danby of Playscheme (following receipt of his letter), were in agreement with the content, the Clerk would send the letter the next day.

10.5 Sub Station - Nothing further discussed.

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

Following the recent meeting that had taken place, comment was made that the plan was progressing.

### **12. Newsletter.**

A meeting of the Working Party was to be arranged to agree future procedure, prior to the next issue.

Cllr Falk asked for members to contact him if they were unable to collect their newsletters at the time and location that had been arranged for them.

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

Members duly noted the content of the information received in particular Note 3; The Clerk was asked to contact the Harrogate Bus Company regarding the positioning of bus stops and the provision of shelters. He would also enquire if a defibrillator could be placed within a shelter or if the electric supply could be used if one was placed next to a shelter.

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

ELOR - (see minute 9.1).

Elmet Greenway Group – Nothing to report, as this was not a regular topic for discussion the item would be removed.

Thorner Greenway Group – Cllr Wood was to establish a working group. He had written a letter to one of the landowners to seek permission for the group to re-establish and maintain a part of the footpath thought to be in their land ownership.

Thorner Conservation Group – Cllr Wood stated this would consist of a tree planting group.

He was in liaison with Dr M.Taylor from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, about a report to be produced concerning the management of Mill Beck and what action could be taken to reduce the risk of sediment input, promote biodiversity and what the condition of other becks around the area were in.

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

The October report was circulated to members, who duly noted the content. Cllr S.Wood provided members with information on the proposals of an offer received from Mexborough Estates for an off road path along Carr Lane. Having previously requested the Parish Council's support, he once again sought confirmation that the matter should be progressed . Members were in agreement that it should, whilst noting the comment that the costs of carrying out the creation/diversion of footpaths (including council fees, professional fees and fencing), would need financial assistance from other sources as well as the Parish Council's assistance, in order to facilitate the scheme. Cllr S.Marshall commented that web site had out of date information on it and he wanted clarification on who was responsible for the content. Following changes introduced by Cllr M.Harrison, the Clerk was of the understanding that he would submit content regarding the agendas, minutes and financial information and Cllr M.Harrison would do the rest. It was agreed that a procedure would be established to resolve this. It was agreed that the date for a debriefing with Festival Republic would take place in February/March and would be held independent of the Parish Council meeting. With regard to information received that the Bowling Green parking area was being used without permission when the Boules was wet, was not considered a Parish Council matter.

**16.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**  
(see minute 8.5).

**17.Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 03 December 2019 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

No matters discussed.

Signed .....  
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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