

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 03 March 2020.

Present;

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

Others; 3 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

District Councillor S.Firth

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

The Chair having opened the meeting, informed members that Agenda item 8.3 regarding support for the Church Hill Quarry planning application, had been withdrawn.

1.Apologies.

Cllr: A.Scott, apology was accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Representations.

a) Two members of the public thanked the Parish Council for the recent work undertaken on the Boules Court, permission was also sought to have the wood surround tantalised, which was given.

Thanks were also given to Cllr S.Firth and the Parish Council for resolving the drainage problems on Butts Garth , the residents were informed that consideration was being given to the introduction of a silt trap.

A resident informed members that he had contacted Leeds CC and had been in correspondence with them concerning the part of Mill Beck near his property.

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

c) Cllr S.Firth provided members with an update on matters previously discussed; Progress was being made with Leeds Housing concerning the installation of power to the Telephone Box (see minute 10.)

He was still awaiting information concerning replacing the bin on Millennium Green.

Cllr T.Mycock requested confirmation that the bin on Mangrill Lane was in the ownership of Leeds CC, comment was made that it was.

Further discussion took place regarding the bin placed on the verge at the Victory Hall which was not suitable, it was suggested it be moved on to the opposite side.

Clarification was sought concerning why Balfour Beatty had stated they may not be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation because of 'Purdah'. It was thought this did not apply because the request was from the Parish Council.

Following the tree work undertaken by Leeds CC between the flats on Stead Lane, a resident had expected them to return to conduct more work but they had not, Cllr S.Firth would make further enquiries.

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 February 2020.

There were 4 recorded crimes, a residential burglary in St John's Avenue and another in Kensington Avenue and a theft from a motor vehicle in Kirkfield Avenue and the same crime committed at The Paddock.

With regard to correspondence received that in future the Parish Council would be supplied with a crime report but that an Officer would not be in attendance and instead members would be invited to attend the Harewood PACT meetings in Collingham or Barwick, the Clerk would attend the first meeting on 30 April and provide feedback to Members.

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 20/00846/FU, a change of use and single storey rear extension of barn to dwelling at Thorner Lodge, Sandhills, the Clerk was asked to submit a comment concerning Mill Beck that flows to the rear of the property and whether drainage from the development would have an impact on the watercourse.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of payments for March 2020;

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

<u>Cheque Number:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£ Amount:</u>
SO	B.Riley	Salary	433.44
DD	Nest	Pension	35.14
BACS	JJ Coates	Boules	580.00
BACS	G.Hall	Newsletter	200.00
TOTAL			<u>£1248.58</u>

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

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

9.1 Highways - Members were provided with an action list from the Highways Working Party, no further action was required at the present time.

10.Village Maintenance

Members had been circulated with the minutes from the latest Maintenance Team meeting, 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, an amended invoice had been submitted relating to the second phase of work on Millennium Green, due to residents cutting down shrubs and depositing these and garden waste in the area restricting the contractor from completing the schedule. Cllr Harrison provided an update concerning the telephone box, funding was expected to be approved by the Leeds Housing Advisory Panel (together with funding from the Parish Council previously agreed) and approval given to connect the electric services across the Highway, to enable the installation of the defibrillator.

10.1 Gardens - Nothing to report.

10.2 Grass Cutting - Nothing to report.

10.3 Boules Shelter - Recent work had now been completed (see minute 3.a))

10.4 Playground and Fitness Equipment - Comment was made about the dissatisfaction with the recent work carried out by Playscheme to rectify some of the problems identified. Members were in agreement that they would not be engaged to carry out any future work.

10.5 Sub Station - Nothing to report.

11. Neighbourhood Plan.

Comment was made that the Steering Group were awaiting photographs in order to complete the draft.

12. Newsletter.

Members gave approval to the final draft of the newsletter for publication.

The invoice from the printer would reflect a change in the reduced number of copies.

Members were asked to submit articles to Cllr S. Marshall for his Annual Report.

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

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

It was agreed that the prepared response circulated to members by the Clerk be sent to the resident concerning allocation of work in the village.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should still have a future involvement with the allocation of affordable housing in the village. Cllr S. Wood offered to prepare a procedure detailing the Parish Council's expectation going forward, this would be forwarded to the Housing Association for agreement.

The Clerk would prepare a response to the letter received from a resident, concerning the lack of street lighting and would make reference to the article in the latest newsletter and the comment by Cllr S. Firth who advised that Leeds CC would be unlikely to fund any project.

14. To receive reports from outside bodies.

ELOR - An article had been placed in the newsletter providing residents on the work to be undertaken.

Thorner Greenway Group - A response from Leeds CC was required in order for any progress to be made.

Thorner Conservation Group - Members were informed that Dr M. Taylor of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, had applied for funding for the project to improve Mill Beck (and surrounding becks), and a response had been received from Strutt Parker (agents for Mexborough Estates) who were supportive of the proposals.

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

Flooding on Butts Garth (see minute 3.a)).

The Clerk and Cllr S. Marshall were liaising on producing an updated Key holder database and requested the help of members to complete this.

Cllr S. Wood provided an update on the offer received from Mexborough Estates for an off road path along Carr Lane, previously discussed in November 2019. The present position is that they will offer an off road footpath along Carr Lane and contribute £2750 towards the total cost of £9000. Members gave their support for the footpath proposals and agreed that

an application could be submitted for a grant to the Emmerdale Fund, in the name of the Parish Council for the extra funds needed.

Cllr S.Llewellyn provided members with information concerning neighbouring properties to the Millennium Green, pruning bushes without permission from the Parish Council, It was agreed that having been unable to identify who was responsible, a number of residents would be approached and spoken to about the matter (see also Minute 10.).

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

Meeting with Festival Republic.

Consider placing an information poster concerning self isolation relating to the Corona Virus.

17.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 07 April 2020 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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