

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 04 August 2020.

Present;

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

Others; 4 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1.Apologies.

District Cllr: S.Firth.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Representations.

a) A member of the public who had attended the previous meeting commented he was not sure what contribution was required from them as residents (see minute3.a). July 20). They sought information on what the cost would be and where the fitness equipment could be placed. Cllr Marshall stated that he wanted to progress matters and suggested that the spacing of some of the equipment away from the present location would be considered whilst some could remain in place, if agreed then the cost to introduce the changes would be agreed. The residents stated they would send a communication on what their understanding of the proposal was

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

c) No comments received

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 July 2020.

There was one crime recorded, criminal damage to land on Milner Lane.

6.Minutes.

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

7.Planning applications.

No objections were raised against application 20/03666/LI/NE, to replace windows to both properties 68 and 70 Main Street. The Planning Working Party had noted that the property was a listed building in the Conservation area of the village and complied with the VDS.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of payments for August 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	444.44

DD	Nest	Pension	29.59
BACS	BTelecom	Phone	44.97
BACS	YLCA	Training	48.00
BACS	Vicnt Pollgntn	Ford	60.00
BACS	Continental	Grass Cutting	303.38
TOTAL			<u>£930.38</u>

Cllr D.Gibbins commented that the work on the steps by the slide in the playground had been completed and the contractor's invoice would need paying, members were in agreement, the Clerk duly noted the decision.

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

8.3 The Clerk had made enquiries with another supplier concerning the electricity supply for the Boules shelter, he informed members that they were out of contract with Npower and were at liberty to move, however the low usage was proving problematic with obtaining a deal, he would persist with his enquiries.

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

9.1 Highways – Cllr Marshall provided members with information contained in the Leeds CC Highway Maintenance programme on proposed works to be carried out in Thorner during the next three years, of which there were not many identified. He would liaise with Cllr S.Firth and lobby for more work to be undertaken including the introduction of a silt trap on Butts Garth and the previous request for replacement kerbing on Main Street.

10.Village Maintenance

Members had been circulated with the minutes from the Maintenance Team meeting held on 22 July, 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, with regard to the relocation of old benches from Millennium Green;

Cllr Llewellyn would consult with the Residents Association regarding one on Kirkhills.

The Clerk would contact the Church to enquire if they required one.

Cllr Wood would arrange for one to be placed at Scarborough Walk.

The Clerk would check the lease conditions for Ramsey's Fold and if appropriate contact Strutt & Parker (agents for Mexborough Estate), to seek permission.

Cllr Marshall commented that the positioning of the bin outside the Victory Hall had been recorded as a task completed, but this was not the case and the Victory Hall Committee wanted it removing, Cllr Marshall would liaise with them on this matter and refer the matter back to Leeds CC.

10.1 Discuss arrangements for a Village Tidy

Members were agreed on progressing arrangements for the weekend of 22/23 August.

10.2 Confirm work to be done at the Sam Sykes ginnel.

It was agreed that Cllr T.Mycock carry out the work at an expected cost of £70 - £100.

10.3 Clarify cost for moving the fitness equipment.

It was agreed that a plan of action was required before costs could be obtained.

10.4 To approve payment for tree tags and signage for Millennium Green.

This was agreed.

10.5 Reopening of playground

Cllr M.Harrison had issued a risk assessment to comply with the latest government guidance

and had sent members a proposal for the reopening with the use of volunteers. Members sought clarifications on several matters that had been proposed and further comment was made that the theory behind the plan was very comprehensive but could not be guaranteed in practice. It had been noted that other playgrounds (Parish Council and Leeds CC owned) in the surrounding areas had simply placed appropriate signage rather than have any supervision in place. Cllr S.Marshall asked members to agree which of the two options discussed should be used, following discussion it was agreed to open the playground on the 08 August and place appropriate signage with procedures for its use and trial this for one month to ensure the procedures were being complied with. Cllr M.Harrison was thanked by members for the work undertaken on this matter.

11.Neighbourhood Plan.

Following circulation of information from the Steering Group, members agreed to endorse the schedule of Community Projects to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

12. Newsletter.

Following discussion agreement was reached on the final version to be published. The production costs were agreed.

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

Nothing to be considered.

14.To receive reports from outside bodies.

ELOR – An article on the current situation would be available in the newsletter.
Thorner Greenway Group – There was nothing further to add to the article that was to be published in the newsletter.
Thorner Conservation Group – Nothing to report.

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

The July report was circulated to members, who duly noted the content. Cllr A.Scott stated that the yellow lines that had been placed on Main Street, did not extend sufficiently on either side of the cross roads to remove the issue of visibility for turning traffic. The problem was compounded by cars parking, up to the edge of the start of the lines, which in turn caused an additional problem for turning agricultural traffic. Following discussion it was considered the lines needed extending, Cllr Marshall would add the matter to his remit under Highways (see minute 9.1), and would contact District Cllr S.Firth. With regard to the current vacancy for a Parish Councillor (to be filled by co-option), virtual interviews would be held for candidates. A panel consisting of Cllrs; S.Marshall, S.Llewlyn, T.Mycock and A.Scott would conduct the interviews, following which a recommendation would be made to full Council for approval. The Clerk would liaise with the panel members regarding date and times.

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

Agree where old benches from Millennium Green will be relocated.

17.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 01 September 2020.

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

The Clerk reminded all members that as a general rule, the business of the Parish Council is not confidential, so members are free to discuss Council affairs outside Council meetings with whom they choose.

However, any Parish Council matters that are discussed in private (at the exclusion of the press and public) are confidential and are not to be discussed in public.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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