

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 April 2019.

Present Cllrs V.Goodall-Fawcus (Chair), J.Player (Vice Chair), G.Brown, R.Clements, D.Gibbins, M.Harrison, T.Mycock and S.Wood.
Barry Riley (Clerk).
2 Police Officers
District Councillor S.Firth.
11 residents.

1 Welcome and introduction from the Chairman

Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 01 May 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus.

3 Chairman's Annual Report

The Annual Report had been delivered throughout the village and provided information on a number of topics which had been undertaken throughout the year.

A resident pointed out an error in the Finance section of the Report which stated that the Parish Council owned the Boules Court which was incorrect, the comment was duly noted.

With regard to the section on Dog Fouling in the report, it was suggested that the Millennium Green should be a dog free zone.

4 Parish Council accounts 2018/19

A summary of the accounts had been published in the Annual Report.

The Clerk commented on the Capital Reserve (approx £42000), held by the Council, it was less than twice the Precept (£29500), which was a recommendation by the External Auditor.

He also provided information on the process undertaken to deliver the Parish Council finances.

5 Annual Police report

PCSO Nottingham commented that over the course of the year there had been 37 crimes committed, which was low in comparison with surrounding villages.

A resident asked what action could be taken to deal with the problem of cars parking at the crossroads adjacent to the Mexborough Arms Public House. He was informed that Leeds CC Highways would need to take action regarding this matter.

Further comment was made about the problem of cars parking on Stead Lane, although this matter had been discussed on several occasions by the Parish Council, it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

6 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Steering Group were receiving support from Leeds CC to bring the plan to fruition. A draft document had been produced which would need several actions to be undertaken by the Group.

7 Leeds Festival Update

Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus informed residents that any changes being introduced would not affect Thorner residents.

8 Playground Update

Cllr M.Harrison informed residents on what was being planned to improve the facility, such as noise reduction and the introduction of regular inspections. Residents were asked to report any problems that they experienced.

9 Presentations by Village Organisations

The Clerk had invited Balfour Beatty to the meeting to provide information on the East Leeds Orbital Road, but they had not provided a reason for not attending.

An information display had been provided at the meeting for residents to view.

District Cllr S.Firth commented that the public consultation period had now ended but he encouraged residents to attend the ELOR visitor centre in the Balfour Beatty Project Office.

Cllr S.Wood spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Group, he asked that if there was any work needed on the footpath network to contact him

Mexborough Estates were invited to the meeting, but had sent a report instead about planned action to be undertaken on property.

10 Open Forum

District Cllr S.Firth introduced himself to residents, he encouraged anyone with concerns about fly tipping or Highway matters and any other issues to contact him. He commented that matters concerning the parking of cars was proving difficult to enforce.

Following recent Parish Council meetings concerning the replacement of kerb stones on the Main Street, the work would take place in the new financial year.

A resident commented on the lack of a Village Shop following its closure (see minute 10. 01 May 18), he understood that there was little the Parish Council could do, but it would enable debate to occur about the matter.

With this being an election year Cllr V.Goodall-Fawcus thanked all existing Councillors who were standing for election and those that were not, for their support during her time as the Chair

Signed.....
Chairman Thorner Parish Council

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