

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 03 August 2021.

Present;

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

Others; 10 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
District Councillor S.Firth.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1.Apologies.

Cllrs;:A.Lobley and A.Walmsley.

Apologies were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

Cllr A.Scott declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 3 aii) and 12.

Cllr S.Llewellyn declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 3 aii).

Cllr S.Marshall declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 3 aii).

3.Representations.

a) A representative from Festival Republic was in attendance to provide members with information on the event and to address any questions. It was confirmed that Covid policies had been agreed and the policy for road closures and safety routes were in place. Cllr Marshall enquired about the use of the Courtesy Bus, he was informed that the provision of this service had been agreed and confirmed with the Thorner Community Fund.

The Parish Council were asked if they would deliver letters (with passes) concerning the road closures that would affect residents, it was agreed to do so.

ai) A member of the public made a further representation (see minute 3. July 21), about the the quotes that had been obtained from playground equipment suppliers, which had now been circulated to members and concerned the redevelopment of the former Trim Trail area. A decision would be made under agenda item 9.

aii) Following the receipt of information from the RBL – Thorner Branch, concerning the Remembrance Parade, they were seeking the assistance of the Parish Council to ensure the parade would continue, as they had been informed by the RBL Governing Body that they were not allowed to arrange this. Although the Parish Council had no duty or responsibility to do so, there was nothing prohibiting them from making such arrangements, It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the event and a Steering Group would be arranged and, concerns about the requirement for a road closure would be clarified (Cllr S.Firth would confirm this).

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

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

He confirmed that Skeltons Lane would open on 23 September the same day Thorner Lane would close.

He was still awaiting clarification about work on the Ford.

Cllr T.Mycock asked for an update on the kerbs on Main Street and Cllr S.Wood asked

for an update about the yellow lines around the junction of Carr Lane/Main Street and Stead Lane, both comments were noted.

Following the comments made at the previous meeting about the debris deposited on Litemoor Lane (see minute 3. July 21), he had been informed there were no resources available to install a silt trap.

He was asked to arrange the removal of vegetation on the footpath along Church Hill.

4. Confidentiality.

Excluding agenda item 17; there were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

5. Police.

Link for the Police web site-

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

It had been noted that the number of PCSO's for the area had been reduced by two, but an extra Police Officer had been appointed.

6. Minutes.

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

7. To note planning applications received.

Members duly noted the applications received, further consideration would be given under agenda item 9.

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of payments for August 2021;

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

<u>Method;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
SO	B.Riley	Salary	455.46
DD	Nest	Pension	29.59
BACS	BTelecom	Phone	32.55
BACS	Viscount Plgtn Rent		60.00
TOTAL			<u>£ 577.60</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 reports from the following Working Party

Planning –

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content.

Members were required to decide on the following;

To object to Application 21/05001/FU. It was agreed.

Cllr A.Scott asked the Working Party for an update regarding the footpath to the rear of Kirkhills and the reinstatement of the banking alongside the footpath and the boundary of house number 12.

Playground and Fitness Equipment –

With regard to the proposals circulated (minute 3. aii)), having given due consideration, it was agreed to support the design recommended and funding of £10000 identified in the budget, would be provided towards the project, with funding applications to be made for the balance.

Further to residents concerns about further development of the area, it was confirmed the scheme would be on the existing footprint of the former trim trail.

Maintenance -

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content.

Members were required to decide on the following;

Boule area fencing. It was agreed to accept Option B.

Leeds CC Funding/Millennium Green benches. Confirmation had been received of £4000 funding, the Clerk confirmed that he had no documentation or received evidence. that it was a protected space. Following a vote as follows; For 4, Against 2, It was agreed to accept Option A Copeland Fencing.

Accept quote from Copeland Fencing for Ramseys Fold. It was agreed.

Accept quote from Copeland Fencing for relocation of bench. It was agreed.

Gardens –

Nothing to report.

Finance –

Nothing to report.

Highways –

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content.

Members were required to decide on the following;

To approve the cost to appoint someone to trim various footpaths, to a limit of £750. It was agreed.

The HWP had received from the Clerk, the Local Roads Planned Highway Maintenance Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25. with comments required by 16 August 2021. A response would be sent from the Parish Council in accordance with the procedure agreed at the previous meeting (see minute 8. July 21).

Newsletter -

The Clerk would send an electronic copy to Mexborough Estates.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Having been circulated with the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020, it was agreed to accept it, the Clerk would produce a new Code of Conduct from the content.

A report from the Church Hill Quarry Steering Group, had not been produced as a meeting with a resident of Manor Gardens had not taken place, The subject would be added to the next agenda.

It was agreed that Working Party reports would be placed on the web site to support the Agenda.

It was agreed that an official opening would be organised for the Telephone Box.

11. Neighbourhood Plan.

The period of public consideration on the Neighbourhood Plan has commenced and would continue until the end of the month.

Every resident received notice of the consultation with the recent Newsletter, the notice explained the options for residents who wished to comment.

Two Drop In sessions were held at the Bungalow, on 30/31 July, for residents to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Printed copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are available from the Bungalow and various other village locations.

After the consultation period is over the Steering Group will meet to consider the comments received, and make any appropriate changes to the document, before submitting to Leeds for examination.

12.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 Cllr D.Gibbins enquire if the verbal quote of £200 previously received for the cutting of the hedge overhanging the curtilage of the road on Butts Garth, was still current and if so proceed with the work after August. Discussion took place concerning the correspondence received from a resident who disagreed with the comment that he supposedly made about the moving of the Fitness Equipment and that the statement made at a previous meeting, had influenced member's decisions. It was noted that due to the time delay resulting from reduced Parish Council meetings. the resultant consultation had resulted in the decision not being actioned It was agreed that the correspondence received from resident concerning the probity of the decision making process regarding the Adult Fitness Equipment and the rationale for re-siting the 3 pieces of equipment, be treated as a complaint. It was therefore referred to the Clerk to instigate the procedure for dealing with such matters. Members duly noted the information from the Thorner Green Group on their sustainable actions proposals to reduce the effects of Climate Change in Thorner. The information received from the residents about Tree planting on Millennium Green, would be taken into consideration when the decision was taken. Although decisions had already been taken on the development of the playground area, the information received from a resident would be taken into consideration when any future discussions on future development were to be taken.

13.To receive reports from outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Report from Church Hill Quarry Steering Group.
Cllr S.Marshall requested that the Clerk confirm the procedure for the receipt of correspondence.
Her Majesty The Queen, will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, members to discuss how to support this event.

16.Date of next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the venue for the Parish Council meetings;
Resolved; that the next (and future Parish Council meetings), will be on Tuesday 07 September 2021 in the Thorner Parish Centre, Church View, Thorner

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

A Councillor Expense Claim document would be prepared for members to consider.
A formal letter would be requested concerning any enquiry or communication from the Probation Office.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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