

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 05 October 2021.

Present;

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

Others; 9 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1.Apologies.

Cllr; S.Marshall. Apologies were accepted

2.Ethical Code.

Cllr A.Scott declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 12.

3.Representations.

a) A member of the public made a representation about planning application 21/09321/FU (see agenda item 7.), which was a variation of conditions 2 and 3. of the previously approved planning application 17/08464/FU. Comment was made about the flood impact of the development, further comment was also made by other members of the public in attendance, about objecting to the application, Cllr M.Harrison advised that the Parish Council would discuss the application under agenda item 9; and suggested that the residents each submit an objection rather than a collective one

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

c) No comments received

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/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

6.Minutes.

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were subject to change prior to approval.

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 October 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	British Telecom	Phone	36.53
BACS	Continental Landscp	Grass Cutting	302.40
Cheque	A.Brown	Plants	57.57

TOTAL £881.55

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

8.3 Members gave consideration to the grant request received from the Thorner Junior Youth Club. Cllr S.Wood had noted that the Club was well attended. Cllr T.Mycock reminded members that the Parish Council had previously made a commitment to support the Club. Cllr M.Harrison commented that it would enable the Parish Council to fulfil its commitment to provide support and facilities for the youth of the village. It was agreed as follows; For 8, Against 0, to support the request.

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 21/06681/FU. It was agreed.

All the elements of the report would be itemised in the objection, except the living space which was not considered a material consideration.

To object to application 21/07321/FU. It was agreed.

All six elements of the report would be itemised in the objection. There were three elements that would be reported to Planning Enforcement.

Playground and Fitness Equipment –

Nothing to report.

Maintenance -

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

Members were required to decide on the following;

The purchase of 10 rose bushes at £9.99 per unit. It was agreed.

The purchase of a sack of universal lawn seed at a cost of £35. It was agreed.

The proposal for gritting services would be dealt with by the Highways WP.

The provision of plants for planters at Boule Court at a cost of £57.17. It was agreed.

Approval for a Christmas Tree for Millennium Green at a cost of £498. It was agreed.

Gardens –

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

Members were required to decide on the following;

To obtain quotes for a replacement garden gate. It was agreed.

A Tenancy Agreement to include the use of the power supply located in the Boules Shelter. It was agreed that the power supply would only be available on request.

To recommend that the Parish Council is placed first on the waiting list so that a composting facility can be created. It was agreed.

Finance –

Nothing to report.

Highways –

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

Members were required to decide on the following;

To approve additional funding to allow the work to proceed on the Carr Lane footpath. it was agreed as follows; For 5, Against 3, to approve the funding.

An enquiry would be made for the provision of gritting services (see minute 9. Maintenance).

Cllr S,Wood had provided a report on the ELOR meeting held 09 September.

Cllr S,Wood had provided a report on the PACT meeting held 16 September.

Newsletter -

The next newsletter would be issued in November.

The Clerk confirmed that he would issue the request for articles.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Having considered the information provided concerning members allowances, it was agreed to adopt the document subject to amending the wording for the rate paid for travel to state 'the prevailing rate issued by HMRC'.

It was agreed that a member of the Highways WP would attend any PACT meetings.

An invitation received from the Outer NE Town and Parish Council meetings, would still be circulated as correspondence, but the Clerk would add it to the agenda for a decision to be reached on who would attend.

11.Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr S.Wood commented that the Steering group were due to meet and discuss the response from Leeds CC (see minute 11. September 2021). Funding had been applied to assist with costs in producing the plan, it was expected that an amount of £2486, would be received.

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

Members duly noted the content of the information received, it was agreed that that the RBL Branch flag would be flown from the flagpole for the period 28 October to 20 November. The RBL would be asked to liaise with Cllr A.Scott going forward.

13.To receive reports from outside bodies.

Members were informed that an informal meeting of a Parish Council Liaison Group, had taken place at the Over 60's Bungalow on Wednesday 15 September 2021, with a number of matters of common interest to neighbouring Parish Council's, being discussed, Cllr A.Scott who had attended the meeting, commented that he thought the group was of benefit, the group was open for all members to attend.

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

Members queried why the request to make the 'Tommy' at the Victory Hall made more visible, was a Parish Council matter that needed to be discussed. It was agreed that this be referred to the RBL Branch to resolve. Following discussion, it was agreed that the noise nuisance experienced from the festival, would be raised at the planned meeting of the Festival Working Group.

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

Alpha Fest.
Provision of Commemorative Mugs.
Communication between the Parish Council, its members and the general public.

16.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 02 November 2021, in the Thorner Parish Centre, Church View, Thorner.

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

Members had been provided with written and verbal information to enable them to make a decision on changing the Clerk's remuneration from LC1- SCP 9, to LC2 which was more relevant to his experience and qualifications. Cllr S.Wood also provided information to members from his previous employment experience as the Clerk. Following discussion, it was agreed as follows; For 8, Against 0, to change the Clerk's remuneration to LC2 -SCP 28. The Clerk was asked to supply the Chair and Vice Chair with information on his current employment contract.

Signed.....
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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