

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 04 January 2022.

Present;

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

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.Apologies.

Cllr:A.Lobley.

Apologies were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Representations.

a) Two members of the public wanted to bring to the attention of the Thorne Parish Council their concern at the Parish Council decision to insist that the tree planting on the Millennium Green should be in the wildflower strip bordering their beech hedge. Following comment, it was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting, to enable further discussion and if the decision would be upheld.

Another member of the public also enquired about where the other tree (see minute 9. Maintenance), would be planted, it was confirmed that it would not be planted in the location where the previous tree had been.

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

c) Cllr S.Firth, provided members with information on the provision of two grit bins on Heathcote Avenue and Scotts Hill Close.

He also provided an update on what action had been agreed at the meeting concerning the 'Ford', which involved residents, Leeds CC and the estate agents for the Mexborough Estate. In order to progress matters ownership would need to be established to determine responsibility for the costs involved in any work being carried out, however Leeds CC were prepared to provide funding, subject to condition being met.

Cllr S.Firth was asked if the yellow lines on Main Street (the subject of previous enquiries), were of sufficient length, Cllr A. Scott, indicated this was unlikely, having noted that a Leeds CC Highway Officer had made markings extending them.

Cllr S.Firth was asked to provide an update on the introduction of the 20mph speed zone, it was confirmed that the Parish Council were in support of the agreed plans.

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 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 January 2022;

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	667.60
DD	Nest	Pension	29.59
BACS	British Telecom	Phone	57.65
BACS	Continental Landscp	Grass Cutting	302.40
TOTAL			<u>£1057.24</u>

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

8.3 Following information provided by the Finance Working Party, it was agreed to submit a Precept demand for £29290. Cllr M.Harrison informed members that bank charges were not being incurred by the Council, following a decision by HSBC to reclassify the existing Community Account to a Business Current Account. despite the Clerk insisting it was not a business but a Parish Council. The finalised budget document would be agreed by the Full Council at the March meeting.

8.4 Following discussion it was agreed to amend the Meeting Location noted in the Financial Risk Assessment. Further discussion would take place concerning aspects about Business Continuity, following a review by the Digital Transformation Steering Group and that certain information should be held by the presiding Chairman.

9. To receive reports from the following Working Party

Planning –

No report received.

Playground and Fitness Equipment –

No report received.

Maintenance -

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content. Members were required to decide on the following;

To accept the quote from the 'Arium', for a Rowan tree to be planted in between borders 5 and 6 on Millennium Green. It was agreed, subject to the tree only growing to a suitable height and at a cost of between £150 – £200..

To accept the quote of £230, for removal of shrubs and rotavating border to enable TTG to plant in this area, with a planting plan to be agreed. It was agreed.

Gardens –

No report received.

Finance –

No report received.

Highways –

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content, it was noted that no decisions were required.

Members were also provided with a Gritting Report following the offer from a contractor made to the Maintenance WP, to grit minor roads and footpaths around the village. With regard for the request to members to decide to accept the offer of which pavements were to be gritted and who is to manage the contract on behalf of the Parish Council, it was thought that the provision of grit bins would be a more suitable option.

Newsletter -

It was confirmed that the next Newsletter would be February, the Clerk would issue a request for articles. Members were also asked to produce an article.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Cllr S.Marshall informed members that only he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council at the December Leeds Festival Working Group meeting (see minute 12. November). Another meeting was arranged for January to discuss Highway matters. In response to whether a representative from Festival Republic should be asked to attend a Parish Council meeting, it was thought this was not necessary, any concerns raised could be addressed at the Working Group meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Plan.

No further progress had yet to be made for the changes required for the new draft document.

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

Members duly noted the content of the report issued concerning the Greenway proposal. Cllr S.Wood wanted to know if the Parish Council would at this stage support the proposal, Cllr M.Harrison commented that it would be only able to support the group financially if it was constituted.

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.

An enquiry would be made to the Tenants Association concerning an official opening of the telephone box following its conversion.

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

Tree planting on the Millennium Green (see minute 3.).
Village Marquee.

16. Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 01 February 2022 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

No matters discussed.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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