

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 01 February 2022.

Present;

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

Full attendance.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Representations.

a) A resident provided information to members about plans for the Village Gala and would provide further information in due course.

A resident made a further representation (see minute 3. January), about the trees planted on Millennium Green (see minute 10.).

A resident raised concern that a Cherry Tree on Millennium Green may have been damaged following the placing of a concrete base, it was confirmed that the area had been inspected prior to the concrete being laid and no roots were visible, it was also noted that the tree had only a limited life left.

A resident made a representation concerning a planning application 21/10226/FU, concerning the former Methodist Church, he had prepared documentation for distribution (which could not be considered by members as it was not presented prior to the meeting), which provided information on some specific matters such as; amended parking provision, a reduction on the impact of the development and the number of velux windows (see minute 9.)

A resident made comment about a planning application he had submitted (to be discussed at the March Parish Council meeting). He accused Cllr S.Wood of acting inappropriately. Cllr S.Wood had issued documentation to nearby residents but had omitted him, and he had not declared a personal interest. Cllr Wood responded that he had advised the immediate neighbours of the application, as Leeds no longer automatically gave such notice. The resident sought clarification if the Council was aware of Cllr S.Wood's actions, if he was able to take such action on behalf of the Council and if it complied with Parish Council procedure.

A resident provided members with an update on matters relating to intended works to the Ford (see minute 3. January), he was seeking funding from the Parish Council, towards the cost of improvement. Cllr Harrison commented that members would discuss if it was appropriate to wait till the next meeting to give further consideration to the request and whether it was able to support it.

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/pu/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 February 2022; Cllr D.Gibbins queried if the payment due to Farm & Land should be paid due to the standard of workmanship resulting in a poor concrete finish, a request was made to seek a reduction in the cost, following a vote it was agreed as follows, For 5; to pay the amount in full.

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
DD	UGP	Electric	38.14
BACS	British Telecom	Phone	41.13
BACS	Continental Landscp	Grass Cutting	302.40
BACS	Continental Landscp	Grass Cutting	302.40
BACS	Trustees of Visct Plnt	Advertising	1363.48
BACS	Farm & Land	Concrete Bases	624.00
BACS	Visct Plnt 1964 Sett	Garden Rent	100.00
BACS	Visct Plnt 1964 Sett	Notice Board	20.00
BACS	JJ Coates	MG Borders	230.00
TOTAL			<u>£ 3718.74</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 21/10226/FU, the conversion of a former chapel to two dwellings, 45/47 Main Street. It was agreed that one element within the report would be the objection and the rest would be submitted as comments.

Playground and Fitness Equipment –

No report received.

Cllr A.Lobley informed members that an application for funding had been made to Awards for All and to progress matters she would need information about the banking details of the Council. The Clerk was asked to make the information available.

Maintenance -

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

A commitment to support TTG with planting into border 4 (design scheme provided). It was agreed.

To approve funding of £80 for wildflower seeds. It was agreed.

To approve re painting the benches every two years and to seek a quote from a contractor. It was agreed.

The painting of the metal railings at the Ford and to seek a quote from the same contractor for the benches (see above). It was agreed.

Gardens –

No report received.

Members were informed that a plot offered to the next person on the waiting list had not been able to be allocated, it would therefore be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Finance –

No report received.

Highways –

Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content in particular;

Comment was made about how it could improve the liaison with the Tenants' Association who represented tenants of the Outer NE Leeds Housing Advisory Panel. It was suggested that an approach be made to the Leeds CC Housing Officer for the area. An official opening of the Phone Box housing the defibrillator was being delayed, as it was felt appropriate for them to attend.

Information from Dr Marie Taylor of YDRT, that they were working with the local farmer with fencing that is being installed and providing funding and supporting hedge planting near the Beehive. It was agreed that Cllr T.Mycock would liaise with them going forward.

Cllr Walmsley informed members that he had agreed to the fitting of a kissing gate on Scarborough Walk, that would be to restrict unauthorised access by quad/motor bikes and horse riders onto the footpath and adjoining land.

Newsletter –

Members had received the February Newsletter and agreed to its publication.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

The Digital Transformation Steering Group had commenced engagement with the Parish Council volunteer Cllr S.Marshall, further engagement with Councillors would be arranged. Members having considered the comment from the resident (see minute 3.a), the local tree contractor and, taking into account the report received from the Maintenance Working Party dated 09 January 2022, voted as follows, For;6, to uphold the decision taken to plant the trees in the location chosen.

Members also noted the information provided from the other residents (see minute 3. January), which would enable the tree to be planted in an appropriate location.

Cllr S.Marshall had established that the village marquee was no longer able to be used, he had sourced an alternative costing in excess of £2000 to replace it

11.Neighbourhood Plan.

Members were informed that no significant progress had been made.

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

Nothing to be considered.

13.To receive reports from outside bodies.

Cllr S.Marshall had attended a third meeting with Festival Republic which was held remotely on the 25 January 2022, and had circulated a report to members which mentioned that a presentation had been given on the sustainable initiatives being pursued by them and they seemed keen to promote this more vigorously in future.

The main agenda item was dealing with Highways issues for this year's event.

Cllr S.Marshall had also attended the remote meeting of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Working Group, he was asked to produce a report for the Council.

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

Comment was made that the opening of the ELOR would be delayed till possibly July.

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

Grass Cutting Contract.

Gala.

Playground Funding.

Approval of Budget.

Westfield Lane.

Queens Platinum Jubilee.

16.Date of next meeting.

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

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

No matters discussed.

Signed
Chair Thorne Parish Council

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