THORNTON PARISH COUCIL

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL ON**

**MONDAY 1st October 2018**

**Present:** Councillors Cooke (Chair), Draper and McGill.

**Also present:** Mr Challinor (clerk)

**1331** **To receive apologies for absence:** Received apologies from Cllr White and apologies from Cllr Pennington for delayed attendance.

**1332** **To receive** **declarations of interest:** No declarations were made.

**1333 Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 10th September 2018**:

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and were then signed by the Chair.

**1334 Matters Arising (for information only)** The following matters were highlighted:

* Chair made attendees aware of the three Casual Vacancies available within the Council.
* Communication to be sent to Tesco Express regarding health and safety concerns of parking area.
* Defibrillator costings to be presented at next ordinary meeting of the Council.

**1335 The Moss Side Against Fracking Presentation:**

* Mr John Wilkinson raised concerns about potential fracking in the surrounding area and the damages this will have on the environment, climate change and potential earthquakes.
* Councillors agreed to defer decision on supporting the Moss Side Against Fracking group to next ordinary meeting of the Council.

**1336 Casual Vacancies:**

* Councillors agreed to promote three Casual Vacancies available and work with Sefton Council Elections team.

**1337 Chairman’s Update (for information only):**

* Chair raised that Holy Family High School was considered as a possible location for the permanent Christmas tree but was ultimately rejected due to public access to the site.
* Cllr McGill highlighted that the main concern with hosting a Christmas event on the village green was the proximity to the main road.
* Councillors agreed to not have a Christmas event or commemoration for WWI event, instead having a Christmas tree on the village green and the plaque in place by 11th November 2018.
* Councillors agreed to move forward with the Winter/Spring planters.
* Councillors agreed for the Clerk to be the appointed officer for the Social Media Policy.

Councillor Pennington arrived at 7.50pm.

* Cllr Pennington raised concerns around costings for fencing to protect the permanent Christmas tree. Councillors agreed to not have a fence surrounding the tree.

**1338 Finances:**

* Clerk’s wages (September) - £230.00
* Clerk’s expenses (September) - £20.00
* The Champion advert - £222.00
* Heritage Conservation of Stocks & Sundial - £170.40
* NALC Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - £50.00

**1339 Planning and Correspondence:**

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Sefton’s Planning Department. For noting only.

**1340 To resolve ideas for a commemorative event to mark the anniversary of the end of World War** I:

Councillors agreed to not have an event and simply have a commemorative plaque.

**1341 Public Participation:**

The Chairman welcomed 14 members of the public and the following items were discussed:

* Forth Homes sent a letter to residents informing them they had been ‘held to ransom’ by a third party in regards to the housing development.

**1342 To adjourn the meeting so that Councillors may provide an update on any Council related matters.**

**1343 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the meeting would take place on **Monday, 5th November 2018 at 7pm**.

Signed …………… Date …………… (Chairman).