THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Present:** Councillors Hounsell, Miles, Pengelly and Mrs Olsen.

**Also present:** Mrs Jones (clerk).

*Councillor Hounsell apologised for the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for 20th July 2015 due to a problem with the venue availability which was outside of the Parish Council’s control.*

*The clerk had attended training at LAPLC and outlined the impact of this training on the schedule for the meeting, emphasising that any public participation should be made during the timeslot when the meeting is adjourned for that specific purpose.*

**904** **To Receive Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Kelly and Mrs Carragher.

**905 To Receive** **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were received.

**906 Public Participation:**

The meeting was adjourned for a period for public participation. The Chairman welcomed five members of the public and the following items were brought up for discussion:

* The footpath at the far side of Holgate had had tarmac laid for most of the way but was left untreated at the end for a distance of approximately 75 yards. Councillor Hounsell was to investigate the reason for this.
* The traffic lights near the Aldi did not have a double red phase and it was felt that this could be dangerous to traffic moving off. There was a similar situation at Buckley Hill and the clerk was to pass this on to Sefton Parish Council.
* Sam Dimba was to follow up the blocked gulley at the junction of Park View and Green Lane.
* The street light outside the Grapes which had been flashing had been passed to Mark Bond at Street Lighting for his attention.
* A pelican crossing had been installed on Lydiate Lane.

**907 To consider and approve Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2015**:

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

**908** **Matters arising:**

* Councillor Hounsell had written to Merseytravel again to highlight the poor bus service provision in Thornton however there had been no positive outcome.
* The pavement on Edge Lane going towards Hartdale Road was in a very poor condition and Councillor Hounsell was to monitor this.
* Councillor Hounsell had visited the owner of the garage at the rear of the Tesco store and had been assured that the issues with the parking of vehicles awaiting repair would be addressed. Councillor Hounsell agreed to monitor the situation.

**909 Reports**:

***Central Sefton Area Committee*** There was no report given on the Area Committee.

1. ***Parishes*** There was no report given on the 10 Parishes.

Ward Councillor Mrs Carragher had provided a written report on her activities as a councillor and the Clerk read this out to the meeting. The Parish Council wished to place on record its appreciation to Councillor Mrs Carragher for providing the report.

**910 Chairman’s Business**

Councillor Hounsell had received an email from Alex Spencer at Sefton Neighbourhoods Division regarding the refurbishment of The Crescent. An application for funding had been submitted to the Capital Priorities Fund but had been refused and the reasons for this decision were discussed. Councillor Hounsell was to draft a response from the Parish Council to the decision.

**911 Finance:**

**Invoices:** The Council resolved to pay the following invoices:

Clerk’s Salary and Expenses £289.40

SAPLC £70.00

**912 Planning and Correspondence:**

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

**913 Update on Local Plan**

There was to be a pre hearing meeting on 24th September 2015 at Bootle Town Hall prior to the examination of Sefton’s Local Plan. Councillor Hounsell was to attend and would report back to the Parish Council

**914 Parish Council’s Plans for the Future**.

Suggestions were invited as to how the Parish Council could satisfy the needs of the area in the future. Suggestions included advertising the parish council in the local press, inviting speakers to the meeting to generate more interest and holding an annual parish meeting. The item was to be placed on the agenda for the November meeting with a view to setting out plans in the New Year.

**915 To review the Opening of Brooms Cross Road**

Councillor Pengelly had attended the opening ceremony of the new road and the response in the local area had been generally positive. It was felt that the lanes at Switch Island were not signed very clearly and this may cause difficulties. Also when leaving the road to enter Thornton the traffic was not slowing to 30mph and it was felt that speed limit signage would be of benefit. Additionally traffic had been using Ince Road as a short cut. Councillor Hounsell advised that these initial difficulties would be monitored and any problems would be addressed.

**916 To Discuss the Filling of the Parish Council Vacancies**

Councillor Hounsell advised that the vacancies were to be advertised and that he would write a letter to the Champion newspaper in the hope of attracting a younger demographic to apply for the vacancies.

**917 To Provide an Update on the Stocks and Sundial**

The relevant consents for Listed Building and Scheduled Monuments had been received and the contractors had agreed to the required conditions. Councillor Hounsell had written to the head teachers of both St William of York and Holy Family to request they provide their written agreement to involve the schools in the project and once replies had been received the application would be submitted to the Heritage Lottery fund.

**918 To discuss traffic management at Brickwall Lane junction**

Councillor Pengelly was to monitor the junction where traffic enters Brooms Cross Road from Brickwall Lane to see whether the traffic light phasing needed to be modified.

**919 To provide an update on CILCA training**

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**920 To discuss the tennis courts by The Ramblers**

The tennis courts at the back of The Ramblers were overgrown and the clerk was to contact Sefton’s Estates department to establish ownership of the land and the building and what the plans are for it. Also there was a need for a bin at the bus stop near to The Ramblers and the clerk was to contact the Ward Councillors to inquire what the policy was for requesting new and replacement bins.

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

No matters were raised.

**922 Date of Next Meeting**

It was resolved that the meeting should take place on **Monday, 9th November 2015 at 7pm**.

Signed …………… Date …………… (Chairman)