THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Present:** Councillors Chambers (Chair of Meeting), Bain and Miles.

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

**1012** **Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Hounsell and Pennington.

**1013** **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations were received.

**1014 Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th July 2016**:

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

**1015** **Matters arising:**

* There had been an appeal lodged against the decision to refuse a chip shop application at 72 Moor Lane and the outcome of the appeal was expected in the near future.
* Sefton Council had sent out an enforcement officer following the report of a poster at The Crescent advertising adult services.
* The road markings at the box junction had been renewed.
* The works to the crematorium were currently running approximately 3 weeks behind.
* The Edmund Holme Trust was to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
* The vacancies for both parish councillors and clerk were to be addressed in the near future.
* The poor provision of bus services in the Thornton area was discussed and Councillor Miles agreed to follow up this issue with Merseytravel.

**1016 Reports**:

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

1. ***Parishes*** Councillor Miles had attended the 10 Parishes meeting and advised that

there were no items discussed which were relevant to Thornton

**1017 Chairman’s Update**

* **Stocks and Sundial**

Work was underway to renovate the Stocks and the meeting wished to place on record its thanks to Councillor Hounsell for his dedication in bringing the project to fruition.

* **Riparian Owners**

A meeting had taken place with Sefton Council and approximately 25 of the 100 riparian owners who had been invited were in attendance. Councillor Chambers advised that he had that day received a follow up email which he was to circulate to councillors for comment. Additionally some general flooding advice had been received which was to be posted on the Parish Council website. Councillor Miles advised that assistance may be available for riparian owners from United Utilities and also via householders’ insurance policies.

The Thornton Corridor Study update had also been posted on the website and Councillor Chambers read out the update to the meeting. It was noted that Water St, Hartdale Road and The Crescent had not been highlighted in the report and Councillor Chambers encouraged residents to report any issue to Lee Davies at Sefton Council.

**1018 Thornfield traffic/flooding & defects**

Councillor Chambers advised that the drains in Thornfield had been checked for defects and none were identified, however defects in the road itself had been identified and marked with white paint for repair. Councillor Chambers also advised that the schedule for the inspection of drains across Sefton had been reduced and encouraged members of the public to bring any problems to the attention of the council. It was noted that barriers at the Crescent/Thornfield Road could not be erected as it was felt that this would disrupt the flow of traffic; additionally no further white lines would be painted as this too would restrict traffic movement.

**1019 Speeding/dangerous driving Green Lane**

This issue was being examined as part of the Thornton Corridor Study and residents were encouraged to report incidences to ensure the matter remained a priority.

**1020 Weight Restrictions**

It was agreed that the clerk was to write to the Road Haulage Association requesting that they publicise the use of Broom’s Cross Road to their members, particularly as the route was not yet showing on all satellite navigation systems.

**1021 Residential Side Roads**

This issue was also being examined as part of the Thornton Corridor Study.

**1022 Finance**

There were no items to pay. The clerk was to draw up a new banking mandate and Councillor Miles agreed to be a signatory.

**1023 Planning and Correspondence:**

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Sefton’s Planning Department. The possible development of the land east of Thornton cemetery was discussed and although it was not within the Parish boundary there would be a significant impact on Thornton Parish should the development go ahead.

An email had been received from a resident of Park View highlighting the following issues:

* The removal of the old signs on Green Lane advertising Southport central attractions.
* The need for a replacement of the road sign at Ince Road.
* The possible planting of a tree on Park View
* The provision of a ramp for disabled access to cross Quarry Road at the Aldi end.
* The replacement of the missing bollard at the island end of Quarry Road.

Councillor Chambers agreed to follow up these items as appropriate with both Lee Davies and Sue Ashe from Sefton Council.

**1024 Website**

The importance of updating the website on a regular basis was highlighted. The clerk had received some training information from the website designers to assist with the process.

Councillor Miles was to provide a “pen picture” to be added to the website.

**1025 Update from Councillors**

There were no further updates given.

**1026 Public Participation:**

The Chairman welcomed 8 members of the public and the following items were discussed

* Operation Brookvale which had been organised by local police to address the issue of scrambler bikes had been very successful and residents were encouraged to continue to report any incidents via the 101 non urgent telephone service
* A meeting was to take place on Wednesday regarding the Crescent. Councillor Chambers advised that a one way system was not felt to be viable due to emergency services access. An alternative proposal of making the road access only was also discussed.
* There had been some incidences of anti-social behaviour in the area around Aldi and Fr Harrington also advised that there had been some damage to the church due to stone throwing. Councillor Bain agreed to follow up this matter.
* The pavements were very uneven in various places in the Parish, in particular on Edge Lane near to Thornton College and the area between Quarry Road and Hartdale Road.

**1027 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the meeting should take place on **Monday, 7th November 2016 at 7pm**.

Signed …………… Date …………… (Chairman)