THORNTON PARISH COUCIL

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

**MONDAY 2nd July 2018**

**Present:** Councillors Cook (Chair), Hounsell, Draper, McGill, Pennington and White.

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

**1303** **To receive apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.

**1304** **To receive** **declarations of interest:** No declarations were made.

**1305 Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th June 2018**:

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

**1306 Matters Arising (for information only)** The following matters were highlighted:

* Ongoing investigations in to the Thornton Parish boundary with Neil Middlehurst. Cllr Hounsell to continue discussions.
* Work on The Crescent is still yet to begin.
* Cllr Hounsell noticed the increased use of HGVs using roads in Thornton, with Chesterfield needing to be examined in the Thornton corridor study.
* Cllr Cook discussed the first Central Sefton Constituency Forum, noting the group was likely to gain in popularity. Local residents attended but were disappointed to find no officers of the Planning Department in Sefton were present.

**1307 Clerk’s Report**:

* Councillors agreed to introduce a quarterly advert within The Champion newspaper detailing upcoming meetings, as well as matters arising. Clerk to provide a template at next Ordinary Meeting.
* Cllr Cook encouraged residents to join the Neighbourhood social media platform to encourage engagement in the community.
* Cllr Draper suggested introducing more noticeboards across the community to inform residents of meetings and matters arising
* Councillors agreed to move forward with a Neighbourhood Plan, with Cllr Cook and Cllr White designated as officers taking responsibility for this.

**1308 Chairman’s Update:**

* Cllr Cook was contacted by Cllr McGinty informing him that a formal report relating to Highways would be distributed later this month.
* Cllr Cook stated the Forward Plan from Sefton Council.
* Cllr Cook also made attendees aware of a letter sent from Forth Homes relating to proposed developments of 14 new houses within the area.

**1309 Finance**

* Clerk’s wages (June) - £230.75
* Window Box Planters (Plantscape) - £235.20
* Room Hire (Holy Family High School) - £100.00

**1310 Planning and Correspondence:**

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

**1311 To discuss ideas for a commemorative event to mark the anniversary of the end of World War** I

Councillors agreed the proposed memorial needed to be visible and central within the community at the sundial. Clerk to provide a report relating to design and costings.

**1312 Public Participation:**

The Chairman welcomed 16 members of the public and the following items were discussed:

* The Chair of the Holgate group attended a meeting with housing developers that was not productive. Cllr Cook highlighted that objections to developments in this area cannot be made as they are included within the Local Plan for Sefton. Cllr Hounsell was appointed the responsibility of leading discussions with the Highways team and the adverse effects this development has had on surrounding roads.
* Concerns were raised regarding the speed limit at Broomscross Island.
* Residents suggested introducing a public defibrillator be installed at The Crescent.

**1313 To adjourn the meeting so that Councillors may provide an update on any Council related matters:**

Councillors agreed to nominate Cllr Hounsell for the Local Government Awards.

**1314 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the meeting would take place on **Monday, 3rd September 2018 at 7pm**.

Signed …………… Date …………… (Chairman).