THORNTON PARISH COUCIL

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

**MONDAY 10th September 2018**

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

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

**1315** **To receive apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.

**1316** **To receive** **declarations of interest:** No declarations were made.

**1317 Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd July 2018**:

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

**1318 Matters Arising (for information only)** The following matters were highlighted:

* Chair apologised to residents for the change in meeting date due to Holy Family High School being on an Inset Day. Members agreed that more notice was required, and improvements were to be made to the Council’s communication methods.
* Cllr White to take responsibility for updating the Thornton Parish Council noticeboard.
* Chair rearranged agenda items to open with the Chair’s Update.

**1319 Chairman’s Update**:

* Cllr Cook made Members and attendees aware that Ken Hounsell has officially resigned from Thornton Parish Council. Mr Hounsell took responsibility for the damage and poor storage of the Christmas crib display that was made by residents. Councillors apologised for the situation and agreed that two Councillors will be involved in each project going forward to avoid any breakdowns in communication.
* Sefton Council will only be providing funding for living trees. Two Councillors are appointed with providing a risk assessment of the village green to ensure it is safe to plant a living tree and host any Christmas events.
* Cllr Cook acknowledged the complaints from residents relating to the Holgate development, specifically relating to the destruction of the local environment and congestion on surrounding roads.
* A new chair has been appointed for the Holgate Development Group and residents will be completing a competition opposing it. Thornton Parish Council are backing the petition and will make an official objection against the planning application.
* Cllr Pennington raised that there is space available on the Jospice grounds for a permanent meeting space. Council rejected this idea as the building was in poor condition and not as accessible for residents.
* Cllr Cook raised that Sefton Council have agreed to move forward with Option A on the Thornton Corridor report, focusing on traffic calming exercises.
* Ward Councillors to be contacted for the lack of involvement and commitment in attending Thornton Parish Council meetings.

**1320 Sefton Council Code of Conduct Policy:**

* Members agreed to adopt the policy.

**1321 Thornton Parish Council Social Media Policy**

* Members to consider at a future meeting.

**1322 Christmas 2018**

* Councillors will provide a risk assessment of area and consider at future meeting.

**1323 Promoting Thornton Parish Council meetings**

* Advert approved by members and to be published in The Champion Newspaper.

**1324 Thornton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan**

* Members agreed to not move forward with a Neighbourhood Plan.

**1325 Finance**

* Clerk’s wages (July) - £230.00
* Clerk’s wages (August) - £230.00

**1326 Planning and Correspondence:**

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

**1327 To discuss ideas for a commemorative event to mark the anniversary of the end of World War** I

Members agreed to apply for funding for the WWI memorial.

**1328 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.

**1329 To adjourn the meeting so that Councillors may provide an update on any Council related matters:**

Residents raised concerns on The Crescent development, suggesting another speed bump at the entrance would prevent drivers speeding. The design of parking is preventing disabled drivers from accessing The Crescent. Residents raised concerns about the removal of protective barriers outside of the Tesco Express.

**1330 Date of Next Meeting**

 It was noted that the meeting would take place on **Monday, 1st October 2018 at 7pm**.

Signed …………… Date …………… (Chairman).