

# THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Holy Family High School

**Present:** Cllrs: McGill (Chair), Atkinson, O'Keefe and White  
**In Attendance:** Mrs V Swift (Clerk)  
Mr A Sawyer (Sefton Highways)

**1428: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Pennington and Donegan.  
No apology was received from Cllr. Blanchard

**1429: Declaration of Interest** - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.  
**None**

**1430: Minutes of an Annual Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**1431: Matters arising from Minutes** (for information only)  
**None**

**1432: Public Participation**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10 to allow public participation. The Chairman welcomed ten members of the public and Guest Speaker, Mr Andrew Sawyer, Sefton Highways & Public Protection Manager. Following a really helpful and informative overview on Sefton highway services, which covered: budget challenges, potholes, street lighting, road markings, traffic congestion, footpaths, drainage and gulleys, overgrown grass verges and weed control. Residents raised the following issues:

- Sefton Highways: no response received to a resident's letter asking why they reported 'no safety issues' on the 2nd Holgate Development Planning Application.
- Whitemeadow Drive: overgrown grass verges to the front and side of dwelling.
- Highway: overhanging branches that could strike vehicles.
- Broom's Cross Road and its impact on the surrounding road network.
- The Crescent: adjusting traffic light settings or creating an access only sign to stop drivers cutting through at speed for the safety of pedestrians.
- Holgate Road: grass verges and gulleys that have been filled with hardcore by construction workers.
- Holgate Road, through Orchard Farm Gate, on the left: the path is so overgrown with weeds and knotweed, public access is limited and dangerous.
- Quarry Road to Brook Road: speed humps.
- Brook Road, Ince Road: traffic light jumping.
- School Road signs: slow down for Bobby.
- Junction of Ince and Brook Road: gully issues (underground culvert)

- No entry sign, road markings and speed hump at the end of Southport Road that joins Quarry Road that are delivering mixed traffic instructions.

Useful email links:

**[highway.enquiries@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:highway.enquiries@sefton.gov.uk)** For reporting everything from potholes, to blocked gullies, weeds, overgrown highway grass verges, damaged street furniture etc.

**[traffic.signals@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.signals@sefton.gov.uk)** For reporting faults or concerns about traffic signals..

**[streetlighting.enquiries@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting.enquiries@sefton.gov.uk)** For reporting faults or concerns about street lighting, illuminated signs and bollards..

**<https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/investment-programmes-and-infrastructure/sefton-highways-annual-survey/>** Complete online survey to help improve Sefton Highway Services.

**The meeting was reconvened at 20:20**

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk share useful email links with residents as listed above.

**1433: Planning Application to Frack at Altcar Moss**

**RESOLVED:** That Parish Councillors to draft a letter of objection in response to Planning Application LCC/2019/0037 on the grounds that fracking threatens local communities: it can impair the health of local residents, threaten local habitat and create traffic problems etc.

**1434: Community Defibrillator**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Atkinson to contact BT.com to try to adopt an unused/old telephone kiosk in the local community for the potential housing of the defibrillator.

**1435: Thornton Boundaries**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk to contact the Boundary Commission for England for the latest electoral map review as part of a wider research project on Thornton's boundaries.

**1436: Planning Applications**

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Sefton's Planning Department.  
For information only.

**1437: Crime Alerts**

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Merseyside Police.  
For information only.

**1438: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk to review and update the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for approval at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**1439: Dates for Calendar**

Thornton Remembrance Service - Sunday, 10th November 2019  
Commencing at 10:45AM at the Stocks and Sundial Monument

Thornton Christmas Tree Switch On - Friday, 22nd November 2019  
Commencing at 6:00PM at the Nags Head

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. O'Keefe (Vice-Chair) to stand in for Cllr. McGill (Chair) who will not be in attendance at the Thornton Remembrance Service.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. O'Keefe to be the lead contact name for the Thornton Christmas Tree Switch On.

**1440: Accounts for Payment**

Payments Out				
09/09/19	000661	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary September 2019	£230.75
05/09/19	000662	Champion Newspaper	Parish Council Meeting Advert	£246.00
05/09/19	000663	Plantscape	Flower Boxes x 8	£324.00
01/09/19	000664	LALC	Cllr. Grace Atkinson Training	£63.00
<b>Total amount</b>				<b>£863.75</b>

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts set out in the schedule above be paid. .

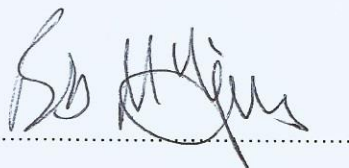
**1441: Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Holy Family High School at 7:00pm.

**1442: Deadline for Agenda Items**

Monday, 30th September 2019.

Signed



Date

07/10/19

(Chairman)