

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on Monday, 7th October 2019 at Holy Family High School

Present: Cllrs: McGill (Chair), Atkinson, Donegan, O'Keefe, Pennington and White
In Attendance: Mr D McKenzie (Sefton Interim Chief Planning Officer)
Ms J Anderson (Con. Community Policing)
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1443: Apologies for Absence
No apologies received.

1444: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1445: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 9th September 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1446: Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)
None

1447: Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10 to allow public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 12 members of the public, Con. Community Policing, Jaqui Anderson and Guest Speaker, Sefton Interim Chief Planning Officer, Derek McKenzie. After a whistle stop tour of Sefton Planning Services, material and non-material planning considerations and how S106 agreements are now being used to mitigate the increase of new homes on local community and infrastructure. Residents raised the following issues:

- Planning Inspectorate (Bristol): disgust at decision to overturn appeal.
- Planning Inspectorate (Bristol): disgust at not receiving notice of site visit.
- Highways Authority: disgust at no objection on 'safety grounds'.
- Sefton Planning Department: lack of confidence in the complaints system.
- Photographic Evidence sent to Planning: disgust at photos of HGV's blocking access to the road and piles of mud left behind and no action being taken.
- Breaches in Planning Conditions: letters in isolation carry very little weight.
- Challenging Inspectorate Decision: Judicial Review within 60 days.
- Increase in New Homes: increases demand for dentists, doctors etc. at a time when the NHS is suffering its worst ever recruitment crisis.

The meeting was reconvened at 20:00 pm.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council to contact the Planning Department directly as and when they receive reports from residents of breaches in planning conditions on the Holgate and other housing developments in the area.

1448 **Casual Vacancy**

RESOLVED: That the clerk give Notice to the Returning Officer and Thornton residents that a casual vacancy is to be published on the Parish Council website and notice-board and that it will run for 14 days (8th-25th October 2019).

1449: **Community Defibrillator**

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Atkinson to consult with Sefton MBC on permission to adopt a BT.com telephone kiosk for the housing of the community defibrillator.

1450: **Christmas Switch On and Remembrance Sunday Events**

Cllr. O'Keefe updated members on the planning arrangements for the Christmas Switch On and Remembrance Sunday events. This included obtaining permissions from Sefton MBC, Merseyside Police, Sefton Highways and the Nags Head. He confirmed that both events can now take place as planned: Remembrance Sunday on 10th November and the Christmas Switch On 22nd November 2019.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keefe to liaise with members on the format of the Christmas Switch On and Remembrance Sunday events.

1451: **Thornton Boundaries**

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council to create an operational plan for a community campaign to gather a minimum of 200 local signatures as a first step in the process to requesting a Community Governance Review to review Thornton Parish boundaries.

1452: **Merseyside Police Crime Alerts**

The Chairman welcomed Jaqui Anderson, Con. Community Policing of Thornton, Crosby and Waterloo, to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council will, through the Clerk, share Jacqui's contact details with residents so that they can contact her directly with any issues they may have on traffic, parking and crime in the area.

1453: **Planning Applications**

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

1454: **Standing Orders**
Deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

1455: **Dates for Calendar**
For information only.

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 18:00PM at the Nags Head.
Switch On: 18:45PM

1456: **Accounts for Payment**

Payments Out				
28/10/19	000665	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary Oct. 2019	£230.75
07/10/19	000666	Champion Newspapers	Advert - Oct. 2019	£246.00
28/10/19	000667	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Expenses May-Oct. 2019	£60.00
Total Amount				£536.75

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

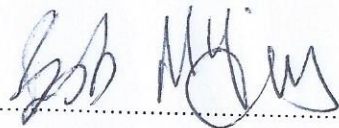
1457: **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday, 4th November 2019 at Holy Family High School at 7:00pm.

1458: **Deadline for Agenda Items**

Monday, 28th October 2019.

Signed



Date

04/11/19. (Chairman)