

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on Monday, 4th November 2019 at Holy Family High School

Present: Cllrs: McGill (Chair), Donegan, O'Keeffe, Pennington and White
In Attendance: FrackFreeFormby: O'Mahoney, Jackson, O'Keeffe and Page
Mr Michael Dixon (Parish Council Nominee)
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1459: Apologies for Absence

Apology for absence was received from Cllr. Atkinson.

1460: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1461: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 7th October 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1462: Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)
None

1463: Casual Vacancy

Members discussed an application received from Michael Dixon.

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. Pennington. Agreed unanimously to co-opt Michael Dixon onto the Parish Council. Declaration of acceptance of office was signed. Cllr. Dixon duly took his seat.

1464: Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10 to allow public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 8 members of the public and 4 Guest Speakers from FrackFreeFormby.

FrackFreeFormby delivered an enlightened presentation on the detrimental impact of fracking in the Netherlands, Australia and USA. How fracking would impact on Great Altcar, Thornton and the surrounding locality. They highlighted five key arguments against Aurora's planning application and explained why more weight is given to individual objections than to a petition with over 5,000 signatures. Residents raised the following questions:

- Has United Utilities objected to the contamination of our water supplies?
- Does the Altcar Moss land owner not have a social conscience?
- What does 'Moratorium' mean to Aurora's planning application?
- Has Cuadrilla stopped fracking at the Preston New Road site?
- What is the impact of fracking on global warming?

- How does the Government balance burning off methane in the fracking process with its commitment to zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050?
- What has been learned from fracking around Preston and how can we use this?

The meeting was reconvened at 19:55 pm.

1465: 'Access Only' Sign for the Crescent

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussion on a proposal for an 'Access Only' sign for the Crescent: as a low cost but effective solution to addressing residents concerns for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists from the dangers of drivers cutting through the Crescent at speed to avoid the traffic lights.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to write to Cllrs. at Manor Ward for their thoughts on a proposal for an 'Access Only' sign for the Crescent.

1466: Condition of Brooms Cross Path, the Wayside Cross and Inscription

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussion on the state of Brooms Cross path, the ropey condition of the Wayside Cross and inscription.

RESOLVED:

- That Cllr. Donegan to check with Green Sefton to see who is responsible for the maintenance of Brooms Cross Path, the Wayside Cross and Inscription.
- That the clerk write to Sefton MBC for permission to erect a sign pointing to the medieval wayside cross situated along the Brooms Cross Path.
- That the clerk to obtain 3 quotes for a petrol grass trimmer.
- That the clerk to contact Andrew Sawyer, Sefton Highway Maintenance Manager, for an update on specific issues raised on the 9th September.

1467: Remembrance Service Sunday, 10th November 2019

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussion on the Order of Service.

RESOLVED:

- That Cllr. Pennington to circulate the Thornton Parish Council Sundial badge.
- That Cllr. Pennington to replace the padlock on the Stocks & Sundial.
- That Cllr. Pennington to read a verse from For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon.
- That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Ms Anderson, Merseyside Community Police, to place no parking cones around the path of the Stocks & Sundial the night before.
- That Cllr. Donegan to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Five Lamps, Waterloo at 10:30 am in response to the invitation received from the Mayor, Cllr. June Burns.

1468: Christmas Tree Lights Switch On, 22nd November 2019

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussion on the arrangements for the switch on.

RESOLVED:

- That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Cllr. Atkinson to see if she has completed a Christmas poster for the event.
- That Cllr. O'Keeffe to complete an operational report for the event.
- That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Jaqui Harding for Kath's deputy mobile number to organise a choir and the crib (mobile number supplied).
- That the clerk to obtain 3 quotes for hi-vis bibs for the event.

- (e) That Cllr. Dixon to contact the scouts for a first aider, volunteers for designated points for lost children, wheelchair access and so on.
- (f) That Cllr. O'Keeffe and the clerk to liaise on creating an advert for the Champion Newspaper and to post on other social media platforms.
- (g) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Shy Lowen about bringing Rolo the pony to the Christmas tree lights switch on.

1469: Thornton Boundaries

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr. Dixon to work on an operational plan for a community campaign to gather a minimum of 200 local signatures for discussion in the new year.
- (b) That Cllr. Dixon to contact Forth Homes to discuss the correct address to be used in the promotion of their development in Thornton.

1470: Merseyside Police Crime Alerts

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

1471: Planning Applications

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

1472: Standing Orders

Members discussed the revised Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders be agreed and uploaded on the website.

1473: 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

1474: Accounts for Payment

Payments Out				
25/11/19	000668	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary Nov. 2019	£230.75
04/11/19	000669	Champion Newspapers	Advert - Nov. 2019	£246.00
04/11/19	000670	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath - Donation	£20.00
04/11/19	000671	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Notification of Exemption	£48.00
22/11/19	000672	The Rotary Club	Christmas Float - Donation	£50.00
Total Amount				£594.75

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

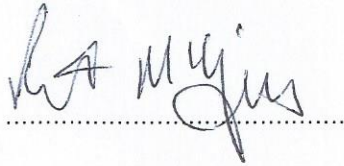
1475: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 2nd December 2019 at Holy Family High School at 7:00pm.

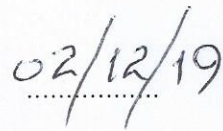
1476: Deadline for Agenda Items

Monday, 25th November 2019.

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Date

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