

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on Monday, 3rd February 2020 at Holy Family High School

Present: Cllrs: McGill (Chair), O'Keeffe, Donegan and White
In Attendance: Mr M Ashton, Director of Public Health Sefton
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1510: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Atkinson and Pennington.
No apology was received from Cllr. Dixon.

1511: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1512: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 6th January 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1513: Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)
None

1514: Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 7 members of the public and Guest Speaker, Mr Matthew Ashton, Director of Public Health Sefton.

Matthew Ashton touched on some of the biggest 21st century public health challenges, including an ageing population; the burden of unhealthy lifestyle choices; inequalities within the healthcare system; the health impacts of climate change and environmental pollution; and the potential for global pandemics. He spoke of community power, a person centred approach, that does not rely on formal health and care services, to influence local priorities, for example: monitoring emissions around local schools. For more information on Public Health click: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/PHAR> and <http://www9.who.int/airpollution/en/>

Residents discussed the following issues:

- How to influence housing developers to invest in local infrastructure, including the trees, roads, access to local amenities, shops, health and schools?
- How to influence public transport to comply with 'No-Idling' outside schools?
- How to influence residents to visit pharmacists for less serious health issues?
- Has air quality improved in the designated zones in the two years since pupils took part in Sefton's community air watch diffusion tube monitoring scheme?
- How can Thornton create a monitoring zone for measuring local air pollution?
- Does the self-quarantine site at Arrowse Park Hospital increase the risk of coronavirus spreading to Sefton?

RESOLVED:

- (a)** That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Thornton headteachers to recommend that bus companies/drivers turn off their engines in a 'No Idling' initiative to improve air quality around schools.

- (b) That the clerk to contact Anne-Marie Clegg, Environment Education Officer, for information on setting up an air watch diffusion tube monitoring scheme at schools in Thornton.

The meeting was reconvened at 20:15.

1515: Adoption of a Telephone Kiosk

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussions on the proposal to adopt a decommissioned telephone kiosk for the housing of a community defibrillator on The Crescent at a cost £1.00 (inclusive of VAT).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Parish Council to be responsible for the appointment of an NICEIC registered electrician to check the illumination of the kiosk and the installation of the defibrillator.
- (b) That the Parish Council to be responsible for the monitoring, maintenance and repair of the defibrillator and the kiosk.
- (c) That Cllr. McGill to sign the purchase agreement agreeing to all the conditions therein and to return it to BT.com at the address supplied.
- (d) That the clerk to raise a cheque for the sum of £1.00 payable to BT.com.

1516: Funding Application: Sefton Borough of Culture 2020

Cllr. McGill led discussions on putting together an application for funding to Sefton Borough of Culture 2020 Projects and Events. With a focus on celebrating two key elements: relating the history of Brooms Wayside Cross dating back to 1300 and creating an accessible green space for the community to enjoy.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That councillors to work together on completing an application bid for funding to Sefton Borough of Culture 2020 Projects and Events.
- (b) That Cllr. Donegan to continue to press Sefton Highways on the maintenance of Brooms Cross Path and clearance of Japanese Knotweed from Holgate.

1517: Roll of Honour WW1 and WW2

Cllr. O'Keeffe updated members on progress so far on the Roll of Honour. This research is ongoing.

1518: Link between Virgins Lane Thornton and Battle

Cllr. O'Keeffe updated members on progress so far on the link between Virgins Lane Thornton and Battle. This research is ongoing.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact tom.martin@champnews.com to make a public appeal in the local newspaper for anyone with information or ideas as to the origins of Virgins Lane Thornton or links with Virgins Lane Battle.

1519: Merseyside Police Crime Alerts

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

1520: Planning Applications

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

1521: Accounts for Payment

Payments Out				
25/02/2020	000681	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary Feb. 2020	£230.75
3/02/2020	000682	Sefton Council	Room Hire Sep-Dec (4 x £50)	£200.00
3/02/2020	000683	Plantscape	Moor Lane, Edge Lane, Lydiate Lane, Southport Road (4x2)	£349.20
Total Amount				£779.95
Payment Received: HMRC VAT Refund				£530.47

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

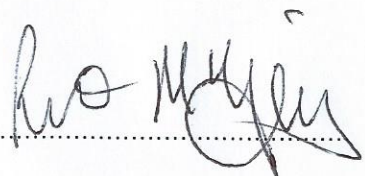
1522: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 2nd March 2020 at Holy Family High School at 7:00pm.

1523: Deadline for Agenda Items

Monday, 25th February 2020.

Signed



Date

02/03/20. (Chairman)