

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 4th May 2020 using Zoom Video Conferencing

Present: Cllrs: McGill (Chair), O'Keeffe, Donegan and Pennington.

In Attendance: Mr R Fonseca (Resident)
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1540: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. White, Ward Cllrs. Kelly and Carragher.
No apologies were received from Cllrs. Dixon and Atkinson.

1541: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1542: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 2nd March 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1543: Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)
None

1544: Public Participation
None

1545: Sefton Covid-19 Time Capsule Kit
Members noted that Sefton Borough of Culture 2020 team is creating a Covid-19 time capsule to mark the historic time we are all living through. For further details on the Covid-19 time capsule kit go to: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/timecapsule>.

1546: Cornerstone Telecom. 5G Mast Village Green
Members noted the email received from Matthew Silverwood, Chartered Surveyor at Sinclair Dalby Limited, written on behalf of Cornerstone Telecom. Infrastructure Limited, in which he sets out a detailed proposal for a 66-foot-high mobile phone mast to be located on the grass verge on Green Lane, the site of the Christmas tree. The installation will include: 66-foot-high streetworks column supporting 6 antennas, 2 dishes, 2 equipment cabinets and ancillary equipment.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr. McGill to contact bill.esterson.mp@parliament.uk for his pledge of support in raising Council objections in response to Cornerstone's proposal.
- (b) That Cllr. Donegan to draft a letter of objection to Sinclair Dalby, Chartered Surveyors, in response to Cornerstone's proposal.

1547: Outstanding Invoice for Improvement Works on The Crescent

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to approve the payment of an outstanding invoice for the sum of £5,000.00 to Sefton MBC (Neighbourhoods) as its contribution towards the total cost of work undertaken on The Crescent.

1548: Manor Ward Funding Application: Brooms Cross Monument

Cllr. Donegan informed members that the Forestry Commission is responsible for maintaining the vegetation bordering Brooms Cross. That Phil Lee, Ranger for Merseyside, will be making a site visit on Tuesday, 5th May 2020. Phil will consult with the Forestry England heritage officer and land agent on the management plan for the monument and see if there is anything he can do about the overgrown vegetation within his current resources.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Donegan to continue to obtain quotes for the restoration work at Brooms Cross in support of the Manor Ward funding application.

1549: Flooding and Drainage Issues Sundial Place

Members noted Cllr. Pennington concerns on the course of the newly culverted Wrakes Brook which runs alongside the cemetery and goes under BCR and into the Forestry Commission Land.

Cllr. Pennington recorded his disappointment at receiving 'no response' to emails sent to Sefton and Lunt Parish Council with regard to finding a full resolution on the drainage issues at Sundial Place.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington to invite phil.lee@forestryengland.uk to a site meeting to look at Wrakes Brook and discuss some options.

1550: Road Traffic Issues, Speeding on Moor Lane, The Crescent, Green Lane and Hartdale Road

Members noted the email from Dr Stephen Birch, in which he indicated that a monitoring study would be carried out to see what effects all the measures introduced so far have had, both in terms of the amount of traffic, lengths of queues, performance of the traffic signal junctions and traffic speeds, before introducing any further changes.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to continue to press Dr Stephen Birch for a start date for the monitoring study.

1551: Roll of Honour WW1 and WW2

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

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington to continue to search through his archives for a list of local people that lost their lives during WW1 and WW2.

1552: Links between Virgins Lane Thornton and Battle

Cllr. O'Keeffe informed members that the planned press release is on hold until the Champion Newspaper is back up and running following the Covid-19 lockdown.

1553: Community/Schools Air Watch Scheme

Members noted an email from Greg Martin, in which he indicates that Council monitors and assesses air quality on a regular basis and is currently implementing a number of actions to improve air quality in the areas where national levels are exceeded. If anyone wishes to take part in this scheme then please contact Greg directly at Greg.Martin@sefton.gov.uk.

1554: BT.com Telephone Kiosk Purchase Agreement
 Members noted that Cllr. McGill had signed and returned to BT.com the purchase and sale agreement for the telephone kiosk on the junction of Edge Lane and The Crescent.

RESOLVED: That the clerk to contact BT.com for their signed copy of the purchase and sale agreement .

1555: Merseyside Police Crime Alerts
 The Clerk read out correspondence received from Merseyside Police.
 For information only.

1556: Planning Applications
 The Clerk read out correspondence received from Sefton Planning Department.
 For information only.

1557: Accounts for Payment

Payments Out				
24/04/20	000674	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary Apr. 2020	£236.14
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24/05/20	000674	HMRC	PAYE	£16.40
24/05/20	000674	Clerk Exps	Remote Working Allowance	£60.00
4/05/20	000688	BHIB Insurance	Council Insurance	£423.90
4/05/20	000687	Netwise Ltd	Website Support & Maintenance	£250.00
30/03/20	000686	Sefton MBC	Holy Family Room Hire (3)	£150.00
24/06/20	000689	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary June 2020	£236.14
24/06/20	000689	HMRC	PAYE	£8.20
24/06/20	000689	Zoom Video Comm.	Monthly £14.39 x 3 (Apr-June)	£43.17
Total Payments				£1,660.09
Revenue Received: Precept: £6000.00 HMRC VAT Refund £405.72 HMRC PAYE REFUND £480.69				
Reserves: <u>£5,773</u> (£10,773 less £5K payable to Neighbourhood Team - The Crescent)				

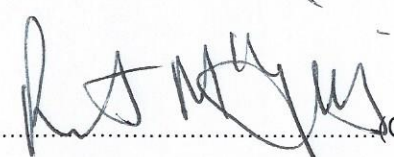
RESOLVED: That the expenses set out in the schedule above be paid.

1558: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 1st June 2020 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

1559: Deadline for Agenda Items

Monday, 25th May 2020.

Signed  (Chairman)

Date 28/05/20