

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 6th July 2020 using Zoom Video Conferencing

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Kelly, Manor Ward
Mrs Swift, Clerk

1578: Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received from Cllrs. Dixon and Atkinson.

1579: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.

None

1580: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 1st June 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1581: Matters Arising from Minutes (for information only)

None

1582: Public Participation

None

1583: Ongoing Drainage Concerns in the Thornton area

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington to email Sam.Dimba@sefton.gov.uk questions raised about the ongoing drainage issues for him to look into.

1584: Telefonica 5G Mast Planning Application DC/2020/01140

Members noted Matthew Silverwood's, Associate Director at Sinclair Dalby Limited, communication of June 24th, in which he dismissed Parish Council objections to having a 70ft+ tall 5G mast constructed right in the heart of Thornton's communal green space, Thornton Village Green; he also dismissed Brooms Cross Road as an alternative location, even though it is a very short distance from the proposed site. Stating that: "The new location needs to be within proximity of the existing site but with a separation of 30m."

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to prepare Parish Council objections against the siting of the 5G mast for submission to the planning committee on or before Friday, 31st July 2020.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to form a community action group opposed to the siting of the 5G mast, to include: petitioning, leaflet drops, banners, articles in local newspapers, and lobbying local government.
- (3) That members to use social media to encourage residents to lodge their objections to the siting of the 5G mast at: [Sefton Council Planning Services, Magdalen House , 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ](#) or <https://pa.sefton.gov.uk/online-applications> .

1585: Registration of the Old Village Green as a Village Green

Cllr. O'Keeffe updated members on the complexities of registering an area of the old village green as a 'village green', this included: Form 44, landownership, Highways Act s.116(117) and stopping-up, and evidence of communal use of land for pastimes,

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Open Spaces Society for advice and support in the registration of Thornton's communal green space as a 'Village Green'.

1586: Village Green Sign and Narrative

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington to write a narrative on the history of the village.

1587: Community Event in Celebration of the Ending of Covid-19

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Reverend Canon Kath Rogers and other local church leaders to put in place plans for a wreath laying service at the Stocks & Sundial.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to contact a local resident to put in place plans for a village fete at the Nag's Head Pub.

1588: Community Defibrillator Kiosk Refurbishment

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. McGill to contact a vinyl poster company to create a poster displaying the Parish Council logo with stock images of key workers, to avoid any GDPR issues.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Ged Moyles to ask if he would like to quote: to install defibrillator cabinet (IP54); to upgrade electric housing (IP66); and lighting (IP54).
- (3) That Cllr. Pennington to run a Facebook advert to ask for a volunteer NICEIC electrician to review and certificate the installation work.
- (4) That the Clerk to check with Sefton Planning on permission requirements for the display of vinyl posters on the exterior of the kiosk.
- (5) That the Clerk to research small grant funding for the refurbishment of the kiosk.

1589: Brooms Cross Restoration

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Donegan to confirm the wording to go on the new brass plaque.

1590: Keeping the Village Clean and Tidy

Cllr. Pennington tabled a resident complaint about a public health hazard; discarded dog waste and discarded dog waste bags strewn on the path and road at the bottom of Holgate; and no litter bins in the area.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington to research an eco friendly dog waste bin solution.

1591: Storage of Council records

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk to add The Township Chest to the Parish Council asset register.
- (2) That the Clerk to locate records of the loan of The Township Chest to the National Trust Rufford Old Hall.

1592: Merseyside Police Crime Alerts
None

1593: Planning Applications

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the planning applications be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Donegan to review and resend Parish Council objections in response to both planning applications by Liverpool Ramblers Football Club (DC/2020/00423 and DC/2019/02088) on or before 30th July 2020.

1594: Accounts for Payment
000694 Clerk £244.34
000695 Open Spaces Society £45.00

RESOLVED: That the accounts set out above be paid.

1595: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 7th September 2020 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

1596: Deadline for Agenda Items

Monday, 24th August 2020.



Signed (Chairman) Date 7th September 2020