

**THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
**held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**via Zoom Video Conferencing**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. McGill (Chair), O'Keeffe, Pennington, Donegan and White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Veronica Swift (Clerk)

**1688: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Dixon and Atkinson.

**1689: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1690: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**1691: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No matters arising from the Minutes were received.

**1692: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Meeting adjourned at 19:05** to allow a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 4 members of the public.

Harvey Bennett, resident, expressed his concern about the proposed new housing development on Holgate, including: the impact of increased traffic congestion, emissions and air pollution; the possibility that the developers may gain the upper hand in the planning process as a consequence of Covid pandemic delays; and that many residents may not know how to contact or to funnel their objections through the parish council.

**The meeting reconvened at 19:25.**

**1693: LAND OFF HOLGATE DC/2020/02451**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1)** That Cllr. Pennington's report on filing a Building Preservation Notice be noted.
- (2)** That Cllr. O'Keeffe to set-up an e-petition in support of residents objections.
- (3)** That Cllr. Pennington to set-up a paper petition in support of residents objections.
- (4)** That Cllr. Donegan to draft a letter of objection, incorporating all the devastating environmental health issues, ready for when Forth and Macbryde Homes enter a full planning permission application with Sefton planning department.
- (5)** That Cllr. Pennington to call on all Thornton neighbourhood groups to join together under one banner to campaign against the proposed new housing development.

**1694: NEW CHRISTMAS TREE, LIGHTS AND NATIVITY SCENE 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe's update be noted.
- (2) That all those who participated in the blessing of the crib and living Christmas tree, including the Mayor of Sefton, Cllr. June Burns, Rev. Kath Rogers, All Saints with St. Frideswyde and Fr. Dunstan, St William of York, be thanked.

**1695: NEW DEFIBRILLATOR STATION**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. McGill's update be noted.
- (2) That all those who participated in the refurbishment of the new defibrillator station, including local electricians **WT Jenkins Ltd** who worked for gratis, be thanked.
- (3) That Cllr. McGill to register the new defibrillator with the North West Ambulance Service.
- (4) That Cllr. McGill to confirm the requirements for routine safety and maintenance checks on the new defibrillator and station.
- (5) That the clerk to record the HEA NICEIC certificate issued by **WT Jenkins Ltd**.

**1696: 'VILLAGE GREEN' REGISTRATION**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe's update be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to pursue historical evidence to support the claim for a Village Green.

**1697: THE CRESCENT PAVEMENT AND LIGHTING**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. McGill's update be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. McGill to pursue the matter of maintenance issues on the Crescent with [Sue.Ashe@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Sue.Ashe@sefton.gov.uk) (Neighbourhoods).

**1698: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION**

**RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

**1699: RUNNELLS LANE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe's update be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to create a 'Friends Group' for local residents.
- (3) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to email Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, to agree a date and time for a 'Friends Group' Zoom meeting to discuss ideas for Runnells Lane Park.

**1700: LIGHTING UP THORNTON**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington's update be noted.
- (2) That to all those who participated in bringing festive cheer and sparkle to Thornton this Christmas by sharing a photograph of their luminary display, thank you.
- (3) That the clerk to pick at random (out of the names of all those who shared a picture) the winner of a gift card that was kindly donated by the Nag's Head, Thornton.

**1701: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Pennington's report be noted.

**1702: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.

**1703: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated be agreed.

**1704: CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk reported on correspondence received from a resident expressing concern that building work on the site of the proposed new housing development had already started.  
The clerk reported on a request received from St Joseph's Hospice asking the Council to share their information on Christmas tree recycling.  
The clerk reported on correspondence received from Steve Smith reporting the findings of the 'Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control '1 consultation.  
The clerk reported on a request from the 4th Crosby Scout Group looking for the names of three people who would appreciate one of the Scouts little hampers.  
The clerk reported on correspondence received from Paul Fraser reporting on the newly published Forward Plan - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

**1705: STANDING ORDERS and GUIDELINES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Orders and guidelines be approved.

**1706: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

**1707: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 1st February 2021