

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council
held on Monday, 7th December 2020
via Zoom Video Conferencing

PRESENT: Cllr. McGill (in the Chair)
Cllr. O'Keeffe
Cllr. Pennington
Cllr. White

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Challinor (Director Forth Homes), Mr Grimster & Mark (Planning Consultant and Design Manager), Veronica Swift (Clerk) and 28 members of the public.

1664: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Donegan, Cllr. Kelly, Manor Ward and Ms. Anderson, Community Policing. No apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Dixon and Atkinson.

1665: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd November 2020, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1666: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

1667: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No matters arising from the Minutes were received.

1668: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 28 members of the public and 3 Guest Speakers from Forth Homes, Macbryde Homes and Grimster Planning.

Steve Grimster (Grimster Planning) on behalf of the developers (Forth Homes and Macbryde Homes) presented an overview on the proposed development to build up to 221 new homes on 7 hectares of land off Holgate on the site of Orchard Farm, a site that was released from greenbelt as part of the 'Local Plan for Sefton' adopted in 2017. The proposal will provide a minimum of 30% affordable housing with a mix of two, three and four-bed terraced/mews and detached properties, all no more than 2-storey in height. The scheme will also provide 0.9 hectare of open space to include a play area for children aged 0-5 and 6-12. At the end of the consultation period (25th Nov. to 9th Dec.) the developers will consider the comments received from local residents before finalising their proposals for the site.

Residents raised the following concerns during a Q&A session:

- Why such a short consultation period (25th Nov. to 9th Dec. 2020)
- Archaeology, appearance of the site, colour of roof tiles, compliance with the latest set of energy efficiency standards and so forth.
- Only one access road to and from the site via a new signal-controlled junction from Park View
- Thornton Corridor Action Plan and A565 Road Strategy Management
- A565/Park View being one of the most congested road in the area
- Increase in traffic congestion, increase in vehicle emissions, increase in air pollution

- Hard standing for 2 cars per dwelling, increase in risk of surface water flooding
- Flood risk in an area that is already at risk of flooding during periods of heavy rainfall
- Plots 204-214 two-storey buildings and their impact on the privacy of residents of Holgate
- Public right of way that runs across the rear of 14-17 Holgate (and further)
- Ecology, habitat and conservation of the strip of land running across the rear of 14-17 Holgate (and further)
- Loss of vital open green space and the impact on community health and wellbeing
- How do developers propose 'stopping up' Holgate
- Significant impact of 221 - with two other developments delivering 500 new homes - in total over 700 new homes - all within a mile radius
- Social and economic impact on local services (nursery places, school places, dentists, GPs and so forth)
- Planning application submission date not given
- Residents objections to the scheme submission date not given

The meeting reconvened at 19:50.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Steve Grimster, Ronnie Challinor and Mark be thanked for their informative presentation.
- (2) That residents be thanked for raising concerns on the Grimster Planning proposal and for their courteous participation.
- (3) That Cllr. Donegan to draft a letter of objection to Sefton Planning in response to the Grimster Planning proposal: **screening option to determine whether the proposed development of up to 221 dwellings together with the associated infrastructure on land off Holgate constitutes Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development under reference: [Ref: DC/2020/02451](#).**
- (4) That Cllr. Pennington to post on Facebook and Twitter the link for making objections: email at planning.department@sefton.gov.uk or direct via Sefton Planning website at: <http://pa.sefton.gov.uk/onlineapplications>.
- (5) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to start an official Council petition.
- (6) That Members can follow the link for more information on the 'Local Plan for Sefton 2017' <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/media/1133/a-local-plan-for-sefton-for-adoption-final.pdf>
- (7) That the Council to organise a forum for residents in the New Year.

1669: VIRTUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2020

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe report on the virtual Service of Remembrance be noted.
- (2) That all those who participated in the virtual Service of Remembrance be thanked.

1670: NEW CHRISTMAS TREE, LIGHTS AND NATIVITY SCENE 2020

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact the Sefton Neighbourhood Team on the management of a maintenance regime for the newly planted living Christmas tree.
- (2) That plans for the recording of a private blessing of the crib for posting on Facebook be noted.
- (3) That plans for the light up a window campaign be discussed under item 1678.

1671: DEFIBRILLATOR KIOSK REFURBISHMENT

RESOLVED: That Cllr. McGill to contact keith.martin@wtjenkins.co.uk for a quote and date on the electrical set up of the defibrillator kiosk.

1672: FLOODING ON WESTBOURNE AVENUE AND RUNNELLS LANE

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington be appointed to liaise with Sefton and Lunt Parish Council in respect of the flooding issues that impact on both Parish Councils.

1673: BLOCKED GULLIES

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on blocked gullies be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington be appointed to liaise with Sefton and Lunt Parish Council in respect of blocked gullies and drainage issues that impact on both Parish Councils.

1674: VILLAGE GREEN

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe report on the registration of the 'Village Green' be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe report on planting more trees locally, the potential of funding and trees for learning be noted.

1675: THE CRESCENT PAVEMENT AND LIGHTING

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on maintenance issues on the works carried out on the upgrading of Thornton Crescent (2016-2018) be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. McGill to contact the lead person on the Thornton Crescent Working Group about these specific maintenance issues.

1676: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION

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

1677: STREET CLEANSING

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on street cleansing be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe be appointed to liaise with Cllr. Donegan and Green Sefton in the creation of a community litter picking group.

1678: WHITE PAPER LUMINARY BAGS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on white paper luminary bags be noted.
- (2) That Cllrs. Pennington and O'Keeffe to organise a joint initiative to light up Thornton to encourage residents to share photographs of their Christmas lights and white bag luminary displays for inclusion in a community Christmas draw/raffle.

1679: RE-SITING OF WASTE BINS

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe report be noted.

1680: TRAFFIC PLANNING SURVEYS

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe report be noted.

1681: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Pennington report be noted.

1682: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

1683: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

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

1684: CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident relating to the lack of pavement and street clearing, and hedge trimming.

The clerk reported on correspondence from Cllrs. Roberts and Greason, Sefton and Lunt Parish Council, relating to the two Parishes working together on local issues.

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident with a query about restrictive covenants on Thornton Crescent and an offer to volunteer some time for Council initiatives.

The clerk reported on correspondence from the Mayor of Sefton office accepting an invitation to attend the blessing of the crib at a date and time to be agreed.

1685: STANDING ORDERS

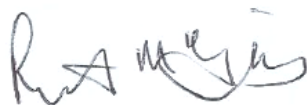
RESOLVED: That the Clerk to create guidelines in support of the Standing Orders for approval at the next Council meeting.

1686: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: Monday, 4th January 2021 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

1687: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Monday, 28th December 2020.



Signed (Chairman)

Date 4th January 2021