

**THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
**held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**  
**via Zoom Video Conferencing**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. McGill (Chair)  
Cllr. O'Keeffe  
Cllr. Pennington  
Cllr. Donegan

**ALSO PRESENT:** PC Simon Al Ramadhan  
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)  
10 Members of the Public

**1734: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apology for absence was received from Cllr. White.

**1735: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1736: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No matters arising from the minutes were received.

**1737: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**1738: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Meeting adjourned at **19:05** to allow public participation.

Members of the public expressed their views, comments and objections on the proposal by Forth Homes and Castle Green to build up to 206 new dwellings on agricultural land on Brooms Cross, off Holgate.

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

**1739: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON LAND OFF HOLGATE - DC/2021/00417**

Members considered the Forth Homes and Castle Green proposal to build up to 206 new dwellings, (including access from Park View, car parking, landscaping and public open space, following the demolition of Orchard Farm and outbuildings), on agricultural land on Brooms Cross, off Holgate, submitted to planning on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

A vote on whether to support or object to the housing development was taken by a show of hands. Proposed by Cllr. Donegan, seconded by Cllr. McGill, and carried unanimously in favour of 'objection'.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1)** That members to raise awareness on the deadline date for objections, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- (2)** That members to raise awareness on the new planning number, DC/2021/00417.
- (3)** That Cllr. Donegan to design, print and deliver to households an A4 flyer on the planning proposal; to include a tear-off slip that residents can use as a template letter of objection; and to include the contact details of Sefton Planning Department (by post, email and online portal).

- (4) That Cllrs. O'Keeffe and Pennington to prepare evidence-based reports in support of Parish Council objections, to include the impact of pollution and traffic, the increased risk of flooding, and the loss of green space and agricultural land.
- (5) That Cllr. Donegan to prepare the Parish Council objections against the housing development on numerous grounds, including the impact on pollution and traffic, the increased risk of flooding, loss of green space and agricultural land, and the impact on heritage.
- (6) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Manor Ward councillors to ask for their support.
- (7) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact the Democratic Services to launch the e-petition.
- (8) That Cllr. Pennington to use social media platforms to encourage, engage and prompt residents to sign the e-petition and also to register their own objections with the planning department.
- (9) That Cllr. Donegan to forward printing expenses on to the clerk for reimbursement.

**1740: LITTER BINS, PLANTING TREES AND RUNNELLS LANE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe update on litter bins, planting trees and Runnells Lane Park Improvements be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe be the point of contact for Runnells Lane Park Improvements.

**1741: DEER HUNTING IN LUNT**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on incidents of deer hunting in Lunt be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to liaise with PC Simon Al Ramadhan and Bill Esterson MP.
- (3) That Cllr. Pennington be the point of contact for deer hunting.

**1742: DRAINAGE/FLOODING ISSUES**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington update on drainage and flooding issues be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington is preparing a report on drainage and flooding issues under minute reference: **1739:(4)**.

**1743: PURCHASE OF A DRONE**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Pennington to look at the options available for capturing aerial images to assist in drainage and planning reports.

**1744: QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. McGill report on proposals for the commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 be noted.

**1745: LALC AND MALC**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. McGill be the point of contact for LALC and MALC.

**1746: CASUAL VACANCIES**

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk to give Notice to the Returning Officer and Thornton residents that two casual vacancies are to be published on the Parish Council website and notice-board and will run for 14 days (6<sup>th</sup> April- 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021).

**1747: CODE OF CONDUCT AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

**RESOLVED:** That members to review the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests and sign and return to the clerk.

**1748: ALLOTMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Pennington report on community allotments be noted.

**1749: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Donegan update on the application to Historic England for scheduled monument consent and establishing monument ownership be noted.

**1750: BUCKLEY HILL TRAFFIC SURVEY**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe request for the Buckley Hill Traffic Survey Data Report by Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton MBC, be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe update on the review of traffic patterns following the changes to Buckley Hill and Edge Lane junctions by Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton MBC, be noted.
- (3) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to contact Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton MBC, with the idea of a 'yellow box' at the junction to stop traffic half cutting through and being unable to complete the manoeuvre.

**1751: ROAD SIGN ON JUNCTION OF GREEN LANE/PARK VIEW**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Cllr. Pennington report on petitioning Sefton Council Highways Department to replace a road sign on the junction of Green Lane/Park View be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to contact Sefton MBC on the cost of replacing the road sign and to ask if they are still willing to fund 50% of the cost.
- (3) That Cllr. Pennington to contact Manor Ward for help in funding 50% of the cost.
- (4) That Cllr. Pennington be the point of contact for Green Lane/Park View road signage.

**1752: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS**

None

**1753: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**1754: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT**

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

**1755: CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk reported on correspondence received from Meghan Jeapes, BT.com, inviting the Council to take part in a fun press release to promote 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme.

The clerk reported on correspondence received from Sefton on the newly published 'Forward Plan' 1 April 2021 - 31 July 2021.

The clerk reported on correspondence received from the clerk, Sefton and Lunt Parish Council, requesting that should we receive queries from their residents that these are passed on immediately and, of course, vice versa.

**1756: LAND REGISTRY SURVEY**

**RESOLVED:** That this item be withdrawn.

**1757: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

**1758: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021