

## THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 via Zoom Video Conferencing

**PRESENT:** Cllr. O'Keeffe (in the Chair)  
Cllr. Donegan  
Cllr. Hawkins  
Cllr. Rathbone  
Cllr. White

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

**1824: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apology for absence was received from Cllr. McGill.  
No apology for absence was received from Cllr. Pennington.

**1825: MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the annual meeting held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.  
Proposed: Cllr. White. Seconded: Cllr. O'Keeffe. .

**1826: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**1827: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**1828: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**1829: HOLGATE PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2021/00417 - OBJECTION**

**RESOLVED:** That a report by Cllr. Donegan on further representation to Sefton Planning setting out a clear case of the developer attempting to side step the requirements laid out by Natural England, along with failing to follow the proper procedures as per case law from the European Court of Justice (People Over Wind and Peter Sweetman V Coillte C-323/17) be noted.

**1830: PLANNING INSPECTORATE/THE RAMBLERS FC APPEAL - APP/M4320/W/21/3269994 & 3269995**

**RESOLVED:** Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Donegan to file further representation with the Planning Inspectorate in support of the Council's objection to both the planning appeals filed by Liverpool Ramblers Football Club.

**1831: PLANNING INSPECTORATE MAST APPEAL - APP/M4320/W/21/3267905**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. O'Keeffe's report on the Planning Inspectorate's decision to dismiss the Telefonica UK Ltd appeal against Sefton Planning and his thank you to everyone who had actively campaigned to save the heritage, character and appearance of the village green, be noted.

**1832: KEEP THORNTON TIDY**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That reports by Cllrs. O'Keeffe and Rathbone be noted.
- (2) That members thanked Cllr. Rathbone for his sterling work in and around Thornton
- (3) Members noted that:
  - (a) Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, had confirmed an order for PPE.
  - (b) Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, had confirmed a new litter bin to be sited on the Green.
  - (c) Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, had confirmed a planting budget for the Crescent.
  - (d) Litter picking risk assessment be deferred to the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
  - (e) That the planter on the Crescent be added to the Council's list of assets.
- (4) That Cllr. O'Keeffe agreed to share an image of a storage box with councillors.
- (5) That Cllrs. Rathbone and O'Keeffe agreed to liaise on the design of a storage box.
- (6) That Cllr. O'Keeffe agreed to research suitable venues for the storage box.
- (7) That members agreed to liaise on active litter picking and planting groups, venues, dates, posters and dog waste bins.

**1833: RUNNELLS LANE PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that the park improvement project is still in the consultation phase and that Cllr. Carragher is still accepting ideas and suggestions from residents.

**1834: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION**

**RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred to the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**1835: HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE PARISH**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe on conferring Rev. Cannon Kath Rogers with the Honorary Freedom of Thornton, the highest honour the Parish Council can give, at her farewell service on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021, in recognition of her valued and outstanding service to the community over many years, be noted.
- (2) Members thanked the Mayor of Sefton, Clare Carragher, Cllr. Pennington and his wife, Cllrs. Hawkins and White for their attendance.
- (3) Members thanked Cllr. Pennington for organising the certificate and bouquet of flowers.
- (4) Members noted that the event was covered in the local press.
- (5) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to email the clerk his presentation text for uploading on to the website.
- (6) That the clerk to add to the website an information page on the 'Freedom of the Parish'.

**1836: QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe on planning a 'green canopy' be noted.
- (2) Members noted that a meeting is to take place between Cllr. O'Keeffe and John Gibson at Altcar Camp to discuss how to progress a 'green canopy' with Thornton.
- (3) That the clerk to share Cllr. McGill's beacon design with councillors.

**1837: THORNTON PARISH BOUNDARIES**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Rathbone on Thornton Parish boundaries be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Hawkins agreed to research the criteria involved in extending the Thornton Parish Council boundary for discussion at the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**1838: COMMEMORATIVE PLANS TO MARK THE END OF LOCKDOWN**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins on commemorative plans be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Hawkins to form a working group to start a conversation and to provisionally draft some commemorative ideas for discussion at the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**1839: TWINNING WITH A TOWN IN FINLAND**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to consider the idea of twinning for discussion at the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**1940: YOUR ROADS, YOUR STREETS**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. O'Keeffe to respond to 'your roads, your streets' on behalf of the Parish Council.

**1941: DUMMY CCTV CAMERAS**

**RESOLVED:** That a report by Cllr. Rathbone on the use of dummy CCTV cameras be noted.

**1842: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS**

None

**1843: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**1844: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT**

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

**1845: CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk reported that a resident had complained about the uneven pavements, litter, weeds and overflowing bins on the Crescent.

The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call about a lost bank card that was resolved via the Facebook page.

The clerk reported on correspondence received from the LALC about a 'boundary commission review' and 'levelling up'.

The clerk reported on correspondence received on a 'Police and Crime Plan Consultation'.

That Cllr. O'Keeffe reported on complaints received about building materials and broken roof tiles on the corner of Thornfield Road and the Crescent that are causing obstruction, public health concerns and anti-social behaviour.

**1846: RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Pennington to check that the hire of a meeting room for the return to face-to-face meetings has access wi-fi.

**1847: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:00pm.

**1848: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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