

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Annual Meeting of Council
held on Monday, 7th June 2021
via Zoom Video Conferencing

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward
Ms J Anderson (Con. Community Policing)
Ms J Leonard (NHS South Sefton, Southport and Formby CCG)
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)
2 Members of the Public

1803: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apology for absence was received from Cllr. Rathbone.

1804: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th May 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Pennington. Seconded: Cllr. McGill.

1805: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

1806: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

1807: CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLVED:

(1) That members unanimously agreed to co-opt Dot Hawkins on to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr. Pennington. Seconded: Cllr. Donegan.

(2) That newly co-opted Parish Councillors to complete the 'Register of Interests' within 28 days of taking up office.

(3) That newly co-opted Parish Councillors period for signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be extended to Monday, 6th September 2021.

1808: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Meeting adjourned at **19:08** to allow public participation.

Jan Leonard addressed residents concerns on the provision of GP services in Thornton and across Sefton; why the CCG considered that existing facilities in the Thornton area are sufficient to accommodate any growth including the proposed development of 206 dwellings; how patients can get involved in shaping how services are delivered through the 'Patient Participation Group' (PPG).

The meeting reconvened at **19:37**.

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members thanked Jan Leonard for an interesting overview on Thornton GP services.
- (2) That Jan Leonard to confirm a 'Patient Participation Group' at Thornton practice.
- (3) Members agreed to share details on PPGs on social media.

1809: HOLGATE PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2021/00417 - OBJECTION

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Donegan be noted.
- (2) That members noted the response from Natural England (21st May) advising that the Wintering Bird Survey is not sufficiently robust enough to rule on 'Functionally Linked Land'.
- (3) That a report by Cllr. Pennington on conducting a mini archaeological dig in conjunction with local schools on land at Orchard Farm be noted.
- (4) That members agreed to place a request for photos of wintering birds on social media.

1810: PLANNING INSPECTORATE MAST APPEAL - APP/M4320/W/21/3267905

RESOLVED: Members noted the Planning Inspectorate site visit to take place w/c 9th June.

1811: KEEP THORNTON TIDY

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. McGill be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. McGill agreed to carry out a litter pick event on Monday, 14th June, time tba.
- (3) That members deferred the Risk Assessment to the next meeting, 5th July.
- (4) That members deferred the litter picking notices and storage box to the next meeting, 5th July.
- (5) That Cllr. Carragher agreed to ask John Keough, Sefton Neighbourhoods, to cost PPE.
- (6) That members noted that Manor Ward funding for PPE is available (maximum £200).
- (7) That members agreed a litter picking budget of £50.

1812: RUNNELLS LANE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.
- (2) That a report by Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, be noted.
- (3) That Cllr. Carragher agreed to speak to John Keough, Sefton Neighbourhoods, on the desperate need for at least another '4' litter bins for the area to be emptied by 'Friends of' volunteers.

1813: ROAD SIGNAGE ON GREEN LANE

RESOLVED: Members noted that Sefton MBC had raised an invoice for the replacement of road signage on Green Lane but that an installation date had not yet been advised.

1814: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting, 5th July.

1815: HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Pennington be noted.
- (2) Members noted that the nominee, Rev. Cannon Kath Rogers, All Saints with St Frideswyde CE Church, had agreed to accept the honour of Freedom of the Parish.
- (3) That members unanimously agreed that Honorary Freedom of the Parish be bestowed upon Rev. Cannon Kath Rogers at All Saints with St Frideswyde on Sunday, 20th June at 11:30 AM.
- (4) That the clerk agreed to circulate a sample Freedom of the Parish certificate.
- (5) That Cllr. Pennington agreed to design, print and frame the Freedom of the Parish certificate.
- (6) That members to contact Cllr. Pennington to confirm their attendance at this event.
- (7) That members unanimously agreed to invite the Mayor of Sefton Councillor Clare Carragher to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Parish on Rev. Cannon Kath Rogers.
- (8) That Cllr. O'Keeffe agreed to complete the official Mayoral engagement forms.
- (9) That Cllr. O'Keeffe agreed to write a press release on bestowing Freedom of the Parish.

1816: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Con. Jacqui Anderson be noted.
- (2) That a report by Cllr. Carragher, Manor Ward, be noted.

1817: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

1818: 2020-21 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

RESOLVED: That the certificate of exemption, the internal auditors report, the governance statement, the accounting statements, the annual accounts, the appointment of the existing internal auditor for the year 2021/22, their fee of £144 (including VAT), and the Notice of Public Rights be agreed. Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. O'Keeffe.

1819: 2021-22 Budget and Precept

RESOLVED: That the precept of £7,000 and the budget of £7,000 be approved. Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. O'Keeffe.

1820: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated be agreed. Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. O'Keeffe.

1821: CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. O'Keeffe reported on correspondence received from John Gibson inviting Thornton PC to participate with Hightown PC in setting up a working group to plant 1000 trees in Thornton, a green canopy, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr. Pennington reported on communication received to participate in lighting a gas beacon in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

1822: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: Monday, 5th July 2021 via Zoom video conferencing at 7:00pm.

1823: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Monday, 28th June 2021.



Signed

(Vice-Chair)

Date 5th July 2021