

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 6th October 2021 at St William of York Parish Centre

PRESENT: Cllr. McGill
Cllr. Donegan
Cllr. Rathbone
Cllr. White

ALSO PRESENT: Ms S McCumiskey, Green Sefton
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1873: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Hawkins, O'Keeffe and Pennington.

1874: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 1st September 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1875: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

1876: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

1877: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed 7 members of the public and guest speaker, Suzanne McCumiskey, from Green Sefton to the meeting.

- (1) Suzanne delivered an interesting and informative presentation on the benefits of getting the community involved in the RHS Britain In Bloom North West competition. She explained:
 - The registration process, neighbourhood entry categories and the closing date.
 - Identified a number of locations for cultivation and getting started.
 - Explained the judging process, marks available and how the marks are awarded.
 - Highlighted some of the real benefits for communities as a result of their participation, in particular helping to increase biodiversity in a safe and sustainable way, encouraging a sense of pride and making Thornton a more desirable place to live.
- (2) A member of the public thanked Cllr. Rathbone for his work on cutting back overgrowth on Holgate and pointed to other areas that could benefit from cutting back i.e. overgrown hedges.
- (3) A member of the public questioned whether permission was required in order to put plants in the planters on The Crescent.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:25.

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members to raise residents concerns with Sefton Highways maintenance department.
- (2) Members agreed to make a decision on entering North West in Bloom competition at the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd November 2021.

1878: HOLGATE PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2021/00417 - OBJECTION

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr. Donegan on the planning application for 206 houses near Holgate, including having raised a late objection to the way in which the Habitats Regulations Assessment has been carried out, be noted.

1879: PLANNING INSPECTORATE/THE RAMBLERS FC APPEAL - APP/M4320/W/21/3269994 & 3269995

RESOLVED: That a report by Cllr. Donegan on the Planning Inspectorate's decision to overturn Sefton Council's unanimous refusal for both planning applications on the Ramblers land at Moor Lane, be noted.

1880: SEFTON IN-BLOOM COMPETITION

Discussed under item 1877.

1881: COLLABORATION PROJECTS WITH ALDI

Cancelled

1882: KEEPING THORNTON TIDY

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members expressed their thanks to all residents, Parish Councillors, the Mayor of Sefton and MP Bill Esterson for their participation in two really successful litter picks, held 4th September and 2nd October.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to submit a Sefton RA (risk assessment for volunteer litter picking/weed removal) before the start of any litter pick event.
- (3) That the clerk to upload a revised volunteer litter picking/weed removal risk assessment onto the Parish Council website.
- (4) That the next monthly community litter pick will take place on Saturday, 6th November 2021, meeting at The Crescent at 10:00am.

1883: SEFTON CULTIVATION AND AMENITIES LICENCE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill on reports by Cllrs. Pennington and O'Keeffe be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to investigate the cost implications of entering into a Sefton multiple locations cultivation and amenities licence for discussion at the next meeting, 3rd November.

1884: WILD VERGES

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill on a proposal by Cllr. O'Keeffe to participate in Sefton's pilot scheme for wildflowers growing on verges be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to continue to explore suitable locations for participation in Sefton's pilot scheme for discussion at the next meeting, 3rd November.

1885: COMMUNITY 'GIVE AND TAKE' BOX

RESOLVED;

- (1) That an update by Cllr. Rathbone on the community 'give and take' box be noted.
- (2) Members thanked BHIB insurance for their response and guidance (filed with these minutes).
- (3) That Cllrs. Rathbone and O'Keeffe to liaise on establishing a suitable location for housing the community 'give and take box' i.e. ideally a church location, be noted.

1886: 2021 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill on a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.
- (2) That the clerk to order two poppy wreaths from the Royal British Legion (one for Thornton Stocks and Sundial and one for the Memorial at the Five Lamps).
- (3) That Cllr. Rathbone proposed inscribing the names of Thornton war dead on a 'Tommy' for display at the Stocks and Sundial on Remembrance Sunday.
- (4) That the clerk to add to the website an information page on the war dead from Thornton in WW1 and WW2 (mainly from the Sefton War Memorial project website).
- (5) Members thanked Cllr. Rathbone for his offer to help clean up the Stocks and Sundial in preparation for the Service of Remembrance.

1887: 2021 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr. McGill be noted.

1888: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. Donegan on Brooms Cross land ownership be noted.
- (2) That the clerk to write a formal letter to William Roughley at Rose Farm in Lunt Lane to ask for permission to replace a like for like plaque on Brooms Cross and to build a beacon on his land.
- (3) That members noted Manor Ward funding is still available.

1889: THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - 2nd JUNE 2022

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill be noted.
- (2) Members considered Cllr O'Keeffe's recommendations:
 - (a) To look at a scheme of tree planting through the Branching Out fund.
 - (b) That a good location for a centrepiece tree for the Queen's Green Canopy is on the grass verge opposite the Nag's Head.
 - (c) That Green Sefton to supply a heavy standard tree for £260 with a stem 2-3 inches in diameter and around 12 feet tall with a wire tree guard; that will be guaranteed for a period of 2 years and would be replaced free of charge if it fails to establish in this time.
 - (d) Proposed: Cllr. Donegan. Seconded: Cllr. McGill. Agreed: unanimously.
- (3) Members agreed the best location for a 'beacon' is on Brooms Cross land.
- (4) That the clerk to add £260 for a heavy standard tree to the 2021-22 expenditure budget.

1890: STOCKS AND SUNDIAL RECLASSIFICATION FROM GRADE 2 TO GRADE 1

RESOLVED: This item be deferred to the next meeting, 3rd November 2021.

1891: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- (1) DC/2021/02149: 24 Park View, Thornton L23 4TD
Dr Nicola Morrell-Scott seeking support for the construction of a vehicular access (dropped kerb) to a classified road (for her elderly mother).
Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. White. Agreed: Unanimously.
- (2) Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.

1892: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

None

1893: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

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

1894: STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

Members were asked to approve amendments to Standing Orders paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2:

1.1 and 1.2 from: 'Meetings will normally take place at Holy Family Catholic High, Virgin's Lane, Thornton L23 4UL'
'Meetings will normally be held on the first Monday of each month and set at the previous Council meeting.'

1.1 and 1.2 to: 'Meetings will normally take place at St William of York Parish Centre, Edge Lane, Thornton, L23 9XD'
'Meetings will normally be held on the first Wednesday of each month and set at the previous Council meeting.'

RESOLVED:

(1) Members agreed to approve amendments to Standing Orders paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2.

Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. Donegan. Agreed: Unanimously.

(2) That the clerk to upload onto the website amendments to Standing Orders.

1895: CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported on correspondence received about Father Harrington of St William of York Church on his return home following three and a half months in hospital.

The clerk reported on correspondence received from Plantscape advising that the summer planters were being collected on 21st September.

The clerk reported on correspondence received from Clara Yeung in which she enclosed power point slides on neighbourhood planning.

1896: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 3rd November 2021 at 7:00pm.

1897: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 26th October 2021.

Signed (Chairman) Date 3rd November 2021