

# THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7:00pm.

**1897: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

## BHIB Councils Enquiries

Wed, 29 Sept,  
10:04 (7 days ago)

Clerk to Thornton Parish Council

Good Morning Veronica

Thank you for your recent email.

Please note that use by dates would be an issue, so you should be mindful of not handing out of anything that has gone past a use by date. 'Best before' dates usually mean the food will still be OK for a short while. We suggest you make it clear on your signage that some donated food may be past their best before dates, and that people who take that food should run online checks on what that might mean, before they eat it. Leaving fresh food (veg, fruit etc) and anything else which may not have a date on it, should be discouraged. The signage should also warn people not to take food that is past it's use by date. Maybe a bin could be provided so as to encourage people to dispose of food they find that is past it's use by date.

Whoever is running this should be advised to make a daily, or even twice daily visit to the food bank and immediately remove/dispose of any food that is past the use by date.

Another issue with these facilities is cross contamination and the potential for food to attract vermin, insects, cats and dogs, so the food bank box should be cleaned/cleared/monitored daily, and removed completely if any such issues are in evidence.

As regards liability, the signage should state that food is taken at the users own risk. Manufacturers will not accept product liability for food that is beyond their recommended dates, or not stored in accordance with instructions on the packaging. For example, food that should be refrigerated or stored in a cool dry place. There is a risk that the council could be held liable if they do not monitor the food bank according to best advice.

You will probably find some online guidance for the best advice.

Kind regards

Harminder