

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 at St William of York Parish Centre

PRESENT: Cllr. White
Cllr. Hawkins
Cllr. Rathbone

ALSO PRESENT: V Swift (Clerk)
3 members of public

In the Chair Cllr. White

1945: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

1946: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

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

1947: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

1948: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

1949: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at 19:06 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited questions from members of the public.

Residents discussed the following:

- Ongoing concerns with motorists using The Crescent as a rat run.
- Ongoing issues with drainage and surface water flooding on Hartdale Road.
- Complaints about the grass verge on Edge Lane that now resembles a mud bath.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:26.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to raise questions about The Crescent rat run and the Edge Lane verge with Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton MBC.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to raise questions about the drainage and surface water flooding on Hartdale Road with Sam Dimba, Sefton MBC.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:26.

1950: OUTLINE PLANNING OBJECTION DC/2021/02637

RESOLVED: Members noted planning objections filed by Cllr. Donegan and resident, Alice Hazard.

1951: THEFT OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR

RESOLVED: Members noted that BHIB Council Insurance had agreed a full and final settlement figure of £2,149.80 subject to a VAT invoice from WT Jenkins Ltd and an EICR (electrical installation condition report).

1952: KEEPING THORNTON TIDY

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members thanked everyone who attended December's litter pick despite bad weather.
- (2) Members noted that the next community litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 5th February 2022, meeting at the Crescent at 10:00am.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. O'Keeffe to file a February 'risk assessment' with Sefton MBC.

1953: SEFTON CULTIVATION AND AMENITIES LICENCE

RESOLVED: This item be deferred to the next meeting, 2nd February 2022.

1954: 2021 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

RESOLVED:

- (1) Cllr. White congratulated everyone involved in making the Christmas lights switch on another great success and commented on the positive feedback received from residents.
- (2) Members thanked: Strung Out Ukulele band, Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary, Carmen Maria Academy of Dance, Santa and the Crosby Rotary, Thornton Community Choir, Alec Kelly and Ged Moyles for the 'nativity scene', the Nag's Head, Sefton Council, WT Jenkins, the charity 'An Hour for Others', Mayor of Sefton, Bill Esterson MP, Debi Jones and Lily for their contributions to making the event such a success.
- (3) Members thanked Cllr. O'Keeffe for his tireless work in making this event possible.
- (4) Members noted that Cllr. Rathbone had returned the 'nativity scene' to storage at the rectory.

1955: COVID COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins on estimated costs for a memorial plaque be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Hawkins to explore permission requirements and funding opportunities.

1956: WWI and WW2 COMMEMORATION PLAQUE

RESOLVED: Members noted that Cllrs. O'Keeffe and Hawkins to attend a meeting with Shaun Pimblett on Monday, 17th January 2022.

1957: STOCKS AND SUNDIAL RECLASSIFICATION FROM GRADE 2 TO GRADE 1

RESOLVED: This item be deferred to the next meeting, 2nd February 2022.

1958: THORNTON PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.
- (2) Members noted the cost of printing 1,000 resident newsletters to be IRO £100.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. Hawkins to organise a leaflet drop, 19th January-2nd February.
- (4) Members noted that Cllr. Hawkins to organise a 'Council Drop In' meeting, 16th February.
- (5) Members to think about presentation material for discussion at the next meeting.

1959: QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted that the 'Beacon Update' be deferred to the next meeting, 2nd February.
- (2) Members noted that Cllr. O'Keeffe, working with Sefton and Mersey Forest, had distributed over 50 free trees to residents in the Thornton area, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. O'Keeffe to post a link on Facebook for people to add their Jubilee trees to the QGC map which will be presented to the Queen later this year.
- (4) Members noted that Cllr. O'Keeffe is still waiting on news about the tree for the old green and a licence to install a plaque.

1960: SEFTON IN BLOOM COMPETITION

RESOLVED: Members noted that Green Sefton will be looking for help to launch a 'Friends of Group' for the park at Runnells Lane and with this residents can look to develop ideas for 'In Bloom'.

1961: TWINNING WITH A TOWN IN FINLAND

RESOLVED: Members noted that John Gibson is awaiting a response from the Finnish Embassy and that this may take a period of time.

1962: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

1963: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

RESOLVED: This item be deferred to the next meeting, 2nd February 2022.

1964: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

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

1965: CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of the closure of the Post Office, 1 The Crescent.
Resident complaint regarding parking issues around Water Street.
Resident complaint regarding parking issues with vehicles associated with Thornton Autos/Tesco and as a result a Public Order has been recorded on behalf of the resident.
Resident complaint regarding people parking close to the junction with Edge Lane.

1966: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 2nd February 2022 at 7:00pm.

1967: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Monday, 24th January 2022.

Signed (Chairman) Date 2nd February 2022