

# THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at St William of York Parish Centre

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** P Lee, Forestry England  
J Anderson, Merseyside Police  
A Ratcliffe, Merseyside Police  
R Taylor, Merseyside Police  
V Swift (Clerk)

**1923: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**1924: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1925: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**1926: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**1927: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**The meeting was adjourned at 19:08 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 6 members of the public, 3 members from Merseyside Police and Phil Lee from Forestry England.**

Phil described his working day as a Forestry England ranger, work that often finds him knee deep in gullies dealing with: forestry management and inspection of woodlands to ensure trails and facilities remain accessible and safe; planting woodland along riverbanks to improve and manage flood risk and boost diversity; monitoring and protecting woodland wildlife and habitats; and investigating incidents of illegal hunting, to name a few. A Q&A session followed.

**The meeting was reconvened at 19:55.**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1)** That members thanked Phil for an interesting presentation.
- (2)** That members agreed to organise a guided walk with Phil next spring, be noted.
- (3)** That members are waiting to hear from the head of Forestry England to comment and Historic England to give consent for a like for like replacement 'Wayside Cross Plaque', be noted.

**1928: HOLGATE PLANNING APPLICATION APPROVAL - DC/2021/00417**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Donegan on Holgate's planning approval at the planning committee meeting, held 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, be noted.
- (2) That members expression of disappointment be noted.
- (3) That Cllr. Donegan to challenge the lawfulness of this decision, as a private citizen, be noted.

**1929: OUTLINE APPROVAL PLANNING APPLICATION - DC/2021/02637**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Donegan on outline approval to build 4 properties be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. McGill proposed a vote of objection against outline approval.  
Proposed: Cllr. McGill. Seconded: Cllr. O'Keeffe. Passed unanimously: 6:1.
- (3) That Cllr. Donegan agreed to submit a letter of objection to Sefton planning on a number of grounds be noted.

**1930: THEFT OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. McGill on the theft of the defibrillator, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, be noted.
- (2) That an incident report by Merseyside Police, reference number 21000811624, be noted.
- (3) That members approved an insurance claim to made with BHIB be noted.
- (4) That members approved the clerk to complete and submit an insurance claim to BHIB, with £125 excess, be noted.
- (5) That members to consider methods for keeping the defibrillator and kiosk safe from theft and vandalism for discussion at the next meeting, 5th January 2022, be noted.

**1931: KEEPING THORNTON TIDY**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) Members noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> community litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021, meeting at the Crescent at 10:00am.
- (2) Members noted the 'risk assessment' had been filed by Cllr. O'Keeffe with Sefton MBC.

**1932: SEFTON CULTIVATION AND AMENITIES LICENCE**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that Cllr. Pennington is chasing a response to his email from Sefton legal department.

**1933: 2021 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe on the Service of Remembrance be noted.
- (2) Members thanked all those who participated in the Service of Remembrance.
- (3) Members gave a special thank you to Cllr. Rathbone for his display of silhouettes of WWI servicemen.
- (4) Members noted that Flight Sergeant Frank Norman 999350 had been added to Thornton's Roll of Honour.

**1934: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON, FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe on the switch-on operational plan be noted.
- (2) That a report by Cllr. McGill on the risk assessment be noted.
- (3) That the clerk to upload the risk assessment on to the parish website.
- (4) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to let the clerk have his sundry gift receipts for payment.

**1935: COVID COMMEMORATION PLANS**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins on commemorative memorials be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Hawkins to look at costs and available funding for a commemorative memorial.

**1936: WWI and WW2 COMMEMORATION PLAQUE**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. O'Keeffe on the protocols for creating a new war memorial be noted.
- (2) That Cllrs. Hawkins and O'Keeffe to organise a meeting with Shaun.Pimblett@sefton.gov.uk to discuss the protocols involved in creating and registering new memorials.

**1937: STOCKS AND SUNDIAL RECLASSIFICATION FROM GRADE 2 TO GRADE 1**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Pennington on reclassification be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to look in greater depth at the specific evidence required by Historic England on the reclassification of a schedule monument.

**1938: THORNTON PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins on the areas that historically identify as Thornton, be noted.
- (2) Members noted that a governance review to expand Thornton's boundary can be requested on the production of petition signed by 250 parishioners.
- (3) That Cllr. Hawkins to produce a leaflet for review at the next meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**1939: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**1940: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a report by Merseyside Police on the theft of the defibrillator, theft from motor vehicles, burglaries, poaching and school traffic, be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to contact DC Keating at Merseyside Police as the point of contact for incidents and locations of illegal hunting, be noted.

**1941: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT**

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

**1942: CORRESPONDENCE**

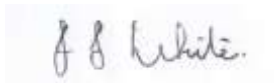
BBC Radio Merseyside re an interview with Cllr. O'Keeffe about Holgate planning approval.  
Stephen Whiteside re an invoice request for £260 for the jubilee tree.  
Sefton Maintenance re advice on the cleaning of the Stocks and Sundial.  
LALC and NALC re local electricity bill consultation.  
Sefton Highways re parking issues, obstructions, double yellow lines and inaccessible paths.

**1943: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:00pm.

**1944: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021.



Signed .....

(Councillor)

Date 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022