

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 2nd February 2022 at St William of York Parish Centre

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

ALSO PRESENT: D. McCullough, Chief Legal and Democratic Officer
N. Middlehurst, Sefton Electoral Services Manager
A. Ratcliffe, Merseyside Police
R. Taylor, Merseyside Police
V. Swift (Clerk)
4 members of public

1968: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Donegan and Cllr. Kelly, Manor Ward.

1969: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 5th January 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1970: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - Members are asked to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None.

1971: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(1) Item 1949.1 That Cllr. White restated that the condition of the Edge Lane grass verge to be taken up with Highways, Sefton MBC.

1972: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at 19:04 for a period of public participation. The Chairman welcomed 4 members of the public, D. McCullough, Chief Legal and Democratic Officer and N. Middlehurst, Sefton Electoral Services Manager, to the meeting.

David, Chief Legal and Democratic Officer and Neil, Sefton Electoral Services Manager, delivered an informal presentation on how 'community governance reviews' are conducted by Sefton, including the required petition and consultation. They outlined the legislative framework for the review, the key stages involved in the process, the principle duties of the Council, and confirmed that any proposed changes to the existing boundary would need to be adopted before September 2022 for the consolidation of administration expenses, ahead of the May 2023 parish elections. This was followed by a question and answer session, after which the Chairman thanked David and Neil for their time.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:50.

1973: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.
- (2) That a planning forum for a 'Resident Drop-In' meeting to be held at the Nags Head Pub on Wednesday, 9th February 2022 at 7pm.
- (3) That a budget of £150 be agreed for printing materials for a 'Resident Drop-In' meeting to be held at St William of York Parish Centre on Wednesday, 16th February 2022 , 7-9PM.
- (4) That the clerk to contact Sefton and Lunt Parish Council clerk to ask for a meeting between Cllr. McGill and Cllr. Daley to discuss boundary anomalies between the two parishes.

1974: DEFIBRILLATOR KIOSK RESTORATION

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill be noted.
- (2) Members noted that the kiosk interior vinyl had been ordered.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. McGill had agreed to deliver the replacement defibrillator and cabinet to W.T. Jenkins for installation and fitting.
- (4) Members noted that the defibrillator had been registered with Zoll for an extended warranty of 2 years (from 7yrs to 9yrs).
- (5) Members noted that £350 had been held back by the insurance company subject to the completion of the electrical installation.

1975: KEEPING THORNTON TIDY

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllrs. McGill and Rathbone be noted.
- (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 (subject to the weather forecast).
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. O'Keeffe to file a 'risk assessment' for March with Sefton MBC.

1976: SEFTON CULTIVATION AND AMENITIES LICENCE

RESOLVED: Members noted that Cllr. Pennington had not yet received any response to his communications with Sefton Council.

1977: COVID COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. Hawkins to consider a potential budget for the commemorative plaque.

1978: WWI and WW2 COMMEMORATION PLAQUE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.
- (2) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to consider a potential budget for the commemorative plaque.
- (3) That Cllrs. O'Keeffe and Hawkins to arrange a site meeting with Crosby Memorials.

1979: HISTORIC ARTEFACTS FIND AT HOLGATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members thanked Cllr. Pennington for his report on 'artefact' findings at Holgate.
- (2) Members noted there could be the remains of a settlement with buildings in or around the land designated for the development of more than 200 homes that could obliterate the site, sealing local heritage underground forever.

1980: STOCKS AND SUNDIAL RECLASSIFICATION FROM GRADE 2 TO GRADE 1

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. Pennington be noted.
- (2) Members noted that early research suggests the 'cross base and sundial' predates 1700.

1981: QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. O'Keeffe on the tree, plaque and permit be noted.
- (2) That an update by Cllr. McGill on the construction of the beacon be noted.

1982: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

1983: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

RESOLVED: That a report by Merseyside Police on localised crime be noted.

1984: BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023-22

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the proposed budget for 2022/23 be agreed.
- (2) That the precept for 2022/23 set at £8,000 be agreed.

1985: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

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

1986: CASUAL VACANCY REVIEW

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted that members who fail to attend meetings for six consecutive months will cease to be members, unless the council accepts a reason for the fail before the six month period expires.
- (2) Members noted that members must either live or work in the community they represent.
- (3) That Cllr. Donegan to stay on as a parish councillor to complete his community projects while transitioning between Thornton and Hull be agreed.

1987: CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Resident seeking in depth information on the proposed boundary extension.
- (2) Forestry England attaching the Schedule Monument Consent forms for Cllr. Donegan.
- (3) Resident thanking Cllr. O'Keeffe for his help in getting two potholes repaired.
- (4) Representative from Thornton Bowling Club seeking information on an 'Historic Covenant'.
- (5) Sefton Council requesting the latest estimate for the 2022/23 Parish Precept.

1988: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

1989: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Monday, 21st February 2022.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 2nd March 2022