

**THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING**  
**at ST WILLIAM OF YORK PARISH CENTRE on 6 APRIL 2022**

**Present:** Councillors: Bob McGill (Chairman)  
Dot Hawkins  
James O'Keeffe  
George Pennington  
Kevin Rathbone

**In Attendance:** Veronica Swift (Clerk)  
4 members of public

**2013: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Donegan and White.

**2014: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 2 March 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2015: Members Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2016: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**2017: Public Forum**

*The meeting was adjourned at 19:10 for this item.*

A resident raised a number of on-site concerns with Forth Homes residential development of 14 homes at Orchard Farm, Holgate L23 1TL (reference DC/2022/00349 and DC/2018/01568), including the developer's site layout and traffic management plans. The resident asked that the Parish Council take up these concerns with Sefton Planning.

*The meeting was reconvened at 19:40.*

**Resolved:** That Cllr. Donegan to take up the resident's concerns with Sefton Planning.

**2018: Community Governance Review (CGR)**

**Resolved:**

- (1) That an update by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.
- (2) Members noted that the online petition has gone live at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org).
- (3) Members noted that 4 councillors will be available over the next few weeks to deliver paper copies of the petition to as many residents within the Parish of Thornton as is possible, especially for those residents who cannot access the online form.
- (4) Members noted that the petition, if successful, should be completed prior to the end of June.
- (5) Members noted that the clerk emailed a copy of the boundary extension proposal to the S&LPC clerk and is waiting on a formal response.
- (6) That Cllr. Hawkins to inspect a copy of the S&LPC register of electors at Bootle Town Hall.

**2019: Defibrillator Kiosk Restoration**

**Resolved:**

- (1) That an update by Cllr. McGill be noted.
- (2) Members thanked Cllr. O'Keeffe for removing the obscene graffiti scrawled across the kiosk.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. McGill to organise the fitting of the interior vinyl, to obtain a 'Highway Electrical Installation Certificate' (HEA), to complete a risk assessment, to ensure it is registered with the National Defibrillator Network and to check the light bulb is working.
- (4) Members noted that Cllr. McGill and the clerk have the key code.
- (5) That Cllr. McGill to let Cllr. O'Keeffe know when the interior vinyl has been fitted so that he can arrange a photo shoot date for the press release.

**2020: Keeping Thornton Tidy**

**Resolved:**

- (1) That an update by Cllrs. McGill and Rathbone be noted.
- (2) Members noted that the community litter pick held on Saturday, 2 April 2022, focussed on tidying up Runnell's Park and next month it will focus on tidying up The Crescent.
- (3) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to file a 'risk assessment' for May with Sefton MBC.
- (4) Members noted that the newly installed litter bin on Drummond Road had been damaged and the dilapidated Royal Mail collection box on the village green had been removed.
- (5) Members noted that Runnell's Park Improvement Project is due to start on 18 April 2022.

**2021: Community 'Give and Take' Cabinet**

**Resolved:**

- (1) That a report by Cllr. Rathbone be noted.
- (2) Members noted the Nag's Head car park a suitable location subject to permission.
- (3) Members approved joining the food sharing app OLIO, users can request surplus food items nearing their sell-by date for redistribution within the community.

**2022: Establishing a 'Community Group'**

**Resolved:**

- (1) Members approved setting up the Thornton Parish Community Group as an unincorporated association, to be known as the 'Thornton Community Group'.
- (2) Members noted that being unincorporated is a popular choice for most clubs, societies, groups and voluntary organisations as there is no requirement to submit annual returns.
- (3) That members to check out the best ways of involving the community.
- (4) That the clerk to check out the best online bank accounts currently available.

**2023: Covid Commemorative Plaque**

**Resolved:** That an update by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.

**2024: WWI and WW2 War Memorial**

**Resolved:** That an update by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.

**2025: Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**Resolved:**

- (1) That updates by Cllrs. O'Keeffe and McGill be noted.
- (2) Members approved a payment of £43.00 for the Queen's Green Canopy Plaque.
- (3) Members noted that Cllr. McGill will not be available for the 'beacon lighting ceremony'.
- (4) Members to discuss the beacon registration at the next meeting.

**2026: Orchard Farm**

**Resolved:** That an update by Cllr. Pennington on the siting of bats at Orchard Farm be noted.

**2027: Planning Applications**

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

**2028: Merseyside Police Crime alerts**

None

**2029: Account Paid and For Payment**

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

**2030: Correspondence**

- (1) Sefton Council confirmed the 2022-23 precept award of £8,000.
- (2) Resident reported that building work had started at Wrakes Lane.
- (3) NetWiseUK reported on the upgrade of the Council's website.
- (4) Change.org confirmed the CGR petition had gone live.
- (5) Councillors invitation to a webinar on personal safety.
- (6) LALC on the Community Governance Review.
- (7) Edward Home Trust, a strip of land bequeathed to TPC was sold on because its management became too onerous.
- (8) Sefton Council on plans for wildflower verges.
- (9) Sefton Council promoting a groundbreaking art educating project on understanding the transatlantic slave trade and its impact on us all.
- (10) Resident reported a fly-tipping incident on Holgate.
- (11) Liverpool City Region promoting the Community Environment Fund.

**2031: Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Resolved:** Wednesday, 4 May 2022 at 7:00PM.

**2032: Deadline for Agenda Items**

**Resolved:** Monday, 25 April 2022.

Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 4 May 2022