

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 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: V. Swift (Clerk)
2 members of public

1990: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None

1991: MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

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

1992: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - Members are asked to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1993: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
None

1994: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for a period of public participation.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding extensive tree and foliage clearance works currently being carried out on the Ince Blundell woodland area in close proximity to the road. Cllr. Rathbone indicated that these works were likely to be part of the ongoing management of the conservation area.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:08.

1995: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)

RESOLVED:

- (1)** Members noted an update by Cllr. Hawkins on the 'Residents Drop-In' meeting, 16th February, the prior planning meeting, 9th February and the formal boundary extension proposal.
- (2)** That Cllr. Rathbone proposed and Cllr. Pennington seconded the formal boundary extension proposal to petition Sefton MBC to undertake a 'Community Governance Review' is accepted. Voting took place: 6 voted in favour and 1 abstained.
- (3)** Members noted that the formal proposal as circulated is approved.
- (4)** That the clerk to email the boundary extension proposal to S&LPC for their response.
- (5)** That Cllr. O'Keeffe to setup an online petition, to promote and signpost via Facebook.
- (6)** That Cllr. Hawkins to take the lead on organising a paper petition.
- (7)** That the clerk to upload the boundary extension proposal on to the parish council website.

1996: DEFIBRILLATOR KIOSK RESTORATION

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted that the defibrillator installation is complete.
- (2) Members noted that Cllr. McGill to share the key code with the clerk.
- (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 for power to the light bulb.
- (4) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to organise a press release and date for a photo opportunity.

1997: 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 March 2022, meeting at the Crescent at 10:00am.
- (3) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to file a 'risk assessment' for April with Sefton MBC.
- (4) Members noted that a replacement litter bin had been installed on Drummond Road but that Green Lane is still waiting on an installation date.
- (5) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to follow up residents concerns about the build up of rubbish in the unadopted back entry behind the Crescent with Environmental Enforcement.
- (6) Members noted that the 'Community Payback' team will be up and running again soon.

1998: ROADSIDE VERGES AND PLANTING PERMITS

RESOLVED: That a report by Cllr. Pennington on his meeting with Ronnie Stafford, Sefton Highways, be noted.

1999: DEVELOPMENT OF A 'FRIENDS OF' GROUP

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted that Merseyside Police has launched its Community Cashback Fund and is inviting community groups across Merseyside to apply for grants in order to further develop existing projects or to start new ones.
- (2) That Cllr. Pennington to find out more information on the Merseyside Police Community CF.
- (3) That the clerk to contact LALC for a standard ToR for a 'friends of' group.

2000: BROOMS CROSS RESTORATION

RESOLVED: Members noted that Cllr. Donegan had completed and submitted a Schedule Monument Consent application with supporting documentation to Phil Lee, Forestry England.

2001: HIGHWAY ISSUES

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted traffic issues at Hartdale Road, Edge Lane, Park View and Southport Road.
- (2) That Cllr. McGill to raise residents traffic issues with Sefton Highways.

2002: COVID COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.

2003: WWI and WW2 COMMEMORATION PLAQUE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an update by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.
- (2) Members noted that Cllrs. O'Keeffe and Hawkins are arranging a site meeting with Crosby Memorials.

2004: STOCKS AND SUNDIAL RECLASSIFICATION FROM GRADE 2 TO GRADE 1

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr. Pennington be noted.

2005: QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members noted that the planting of the Jubilee tree on the village green is complete.
- (2) Members noted that the plaque should be freestanding, of standard design and cannot be altered, additional wording or logos is not permitted, and permission maybe required.
- (3) That Cllr. O'Keeffe to organise a press release and date for a photo opportunity.
- (4) Members noted that Cllr. McGill's construction of a temporary beacon is on target.
- (5) That Cllr. McGill to register the parish council's involvement with The-Queens-Platinum-Jubilee-Beacons direct to brunopeek@mac.com as set out in the guidelines.
- (6) Members noted the beacon lighting ceremony date 2nd June 2022 at 9:15PM.
- (7) That the clerk to confirm event permission is in place with Phil Lee, Forestry England.

2006: WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members approved a one-off payment of £238.80 to be made to NetWiseUK for a website upgrade from V1 to V2 (£199 plus VAT £39.80).
- (2) That the clerk to add the Facebook address to the parish council letterhead.

2007: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- (1) Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.
- (2) That Cllr. Donegan to submit the parish council objections against the siting and appearance of the proposed 5G mast outside Forefield Infants School (DC/2022/00295).

2008: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CRIME ALERTS

None

2009: ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT

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

2010: CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Sefton Council confirmation of the 2022/23 Parish precept.
- (2) Stephen Whiteside reminder to issue an invoice for the QGC tree.
- (3) The clerk received a copy of Thornton Bowling Club's 'Historic Covenant'.
- (4) Keith Foorde updated on links between Virgins Lane Thornton and Battle.
- (5) John Gibson's resignation from Hightown Parish Council.
- (6) Crosby & District Lions Club for information on litter picking events.
- (7) Dave Wells on cutting back the path at Gates Lane.
- (8) Liverpool John Moores University media students on the Post Office closure.
- (9) Sefton Crowd Round and Workshop online on 8th March.
- (10) Katie Owen, Rufford Hall, ongoing, establishing ownership of Township Chest.

2011: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 6th April 2022 at 7:00PM.

2012: DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: Monday, 28th March 2022.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 6th April 2022