

Present: Cllr McGill (Chair), Cllr Hawkins, Cllr O'Keeffe, Cllr Pennington, Cllr Rathbone, Cllr White

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 1 Members of the Public

2060: Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Donegan.

2061: Members Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2062: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an annual meeting held on Wednesday, 4 May 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2063: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

2064: Public Forum

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

A resident asked about name tags for councillors, explaining that name tags would be helpful for members of the public in identifying at a glance who's who on the Parish Council. This was followed by a question on who is responsible for keeping the Crescent tidy, expressing dismay at the amount of weeds in and along the pavements that make the area look untidy. Adding, that the sparsely filled planters, the vacant shop premises and uncollected rubbish all contribute to encouraging fly-tipping (rubbish attracts rubbish). Cllr O'Keeffe explained that as this land is Sefton's land, Sefton Council is responsible for keeping the area clean and tidy and for the weed control. That the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the planters.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:25.

RESOLVED:

2064.1 That Cllr O'Keeffe to ask Sefton Council to clear the weeds in the Crescent area.

2064.2 That Cllr O'Keeffe to ask Sefton Council's advice on the Parish Council actively spraying the Crescent area with a weedkiller such as 'Weedol'.

2064.3 That Cllr O'Keeffe to share cleanliness issues on the Crescent with Bill Esterson MP

2065: DC/2018/02178 Barratt & DWH Development (Wrakes Park)

RESOLVED

2065.1 That a report by Cllrs McGill and Pennington on the meeting with representatives of Barratt & DWH Development, held on Friday, 20 May 2022, be noted.

2065.2 That Cllr Pennington to raise points of concern on the proposed development with White Peak Planning, agents acting on behalf of Barratt & DWH, for their response.

2065.3 Members noted planning application DC/2022/00927 (see item 2075:2).

2066: Community Governance Review (CGR)

RESOLVED:

- 2066.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2066.2** Members noted the petition closing date, Friday, 17 June 2022.
- 2066.3** Members noted mostly positive feedback received during door to door canvassing.
- 2066.4** Members noted inconsiderate car parking issues (**see item 2076.2**).
- 2066.5** Members noted the idea of having a 2nd notice board (**see item 2070.3**).
- 2066.6** Members noted the idea of renaming Runnells Park (**see item 2070.4**).
- 2066.7** That Cllr Hawkins to hand deliver the petition to Sefton Council and obtain a receipt.

2067: Westbourne Avenue Flooding Issues

RESOLVED:

- 2067.1** That a report by Cllr Pennington on further local flooding, 15-16 May, be noted.
- 2067.2** Members noted communications with Sefton Council and Bill Esterson MP, 17 May.
- 2067.3** Members noted communications with Sefton Council and Bill Esterson MP, 25 May.
- 2067.4** Members noted Sefton Council had declined invitations to attend a TPC meeting.
- 2067.5** Members proposed that the residents dispute be referred Ofwat.gov.uk in order to establish responsibility for flooding issues between United Utilities and Sefton Council.

2068: Defibrillator Kiosk Restoration

RESOLVED:

- 2068.1** That an update by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2068.2** That Cllr McGill to carry out a risk assessment.
- 2068.3** Members noted that 'how to use' instructions will be included in the vinyl interior.

2069: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2069.1** That an update by Cllrs McGill and Rathbone on litter picking events be noted.
- 2069.2** Members noted that the next community event will take place at the Crescent on Saturday, 11 June 2022, meeting at 9:00am.
- 2069.3** Members noted that a general risk assessment will be in place on 11 June 2022.
- 2069.4** Members noted that grass on the Edge Lane verge is beginning to grow.
- 2069.5** That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a Thornton Parish Council and Manor Ward litter pick 'risk assessment' with Sefton MBC, for 2 July, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.

2070: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

- 2070.1** Members noted that a decision on additional planters be deferred to 6 July meeting.
- 2070.2** Members approved a £200 spend on bedding plants for the Crescent at Edwards Farm.
- 2070.3** Members noted the idea of a 2nd notice board at the Village Green or Nags Head.
- 2070.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe to pass on Runnells Lane park renaming suggestions to Green Sefton i.e. 'Jubilee' and/or holding a competition for a new name.
- 2070.5** That an update by Cllr Rathbone on the community cupboard be noted.
- 2070.6** That Cllr Rathbone to circulate art work for the community cupboard.

2071: Covid Commemorative Plaque

RESOLVED:

- 2071.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2071.2** Members thanked John Smith, Crosby Memorials, for his kind generosity in gifting the Covid Commemorative Plaque to Thornton.
- 2071.3** Members approved the inscription for the plaque. .
- 2071.4** That Cllr Rathbone to circulate an improved image of the 'sundial' logo.

2072: WWI and WW2 War Memorial

RESOLVED:

- 2072.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe be noted.
- 2072.2** Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for their generous contribution from the Area Committee Budget of £600 towards the cost of creating a War Memorial for Thornton.
- 2072.3** Members approved the inscription for the plaque.

2073: Queen's Platinum Jubilee

RESOLVED:

- 2073.1** That a 'Beacon Lighting Ceremony' report by Cllrs Pennington and Rathbone be noted.
- 2073.2** Members thanked Cllr McGill for his work on building a fabulous 'Jubilee Beacon'.
- 2073.3** Members thanked Cllrs Pennington and Rathbone for their work on the 'Beacon' set up and take down and on making the Brooms Cross site safe and secure.
- 2073.4** Members thanked resident, Paul Beardwood, for sharing 'Beacon' images on Facebook.
- 2073.5** That a 'Queen's Green Canopy' update by Cllr O'Keeffe be noted.
- 2073.6** Members noted delivery of the QGC plaque.
- 2073.7** That Cllr O'Keeffe to organise the placement of the QGC plaque and a photo for the interactive map and the Parish Council website.

2074: Operation London Bridge

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting, 6 July 2022.

2075: Planning Applications

RESOLVED:

- 2075.1** Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.
- 2075.2** That Cllr Pennington to raise points of concern with Sefton Planning on the approval of Sefton Highway's planning application for a roundabout and traffic calming measures along Lydiate Lane, within Sefton PC, that will impact on the residents of Thornton.
DC/2022/00927 filed 9 May 2022; approved 17 May 2022.

2076: Merseyside Police Crime alerts

RESOLVED:

- 2076.1** That a report by Cllr Pennington on a house break-in while residents slept be noted.
- 2076.2** Members noted pavement parking issues and suggested a Facebook post alerting residents on how to report illegal parking and incidents of anti-social behaviour. .

2077: Account Paid and For Payment

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

2078: Correspondence

- 2078.1** Resident thank you note to the litter-pick group for work on the Crescent shop area.
- 2078.2** Community Police, Andrew Ratcliffe, response to incidents of speeding along Edge Lane.
- 2078.3** Resident complaint about no 'green bin' collection.
- 2057.4** Resident report on a pothole/sinkhole on Ronaldsway.

2079: Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 6 July 2022 at 7:00PM.

2080: Deadline for Agenda Items

RESOLVED: Friday, 25 June 2022.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 6 July 2022

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