



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.

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

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 3 Members of the Public

2103: Apologies for Absence

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Hawkins.
No apology was received from Cllr Donegan.

2104: Members Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2105: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2106: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

2107: Public Forum

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for this item.

A resident from Holgate reported an obstruction to traffic caused by overhanging branches on the road from Green Lane to Stoneleigh. Further, explaining that someone from Sefton Council had visited the area and that notice had been served on owners for the cutting back of all overhanging vegetation, but that notice had not yet been complied with.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:13.

RESOLVED: That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to follow up the enforcement notice with Sefton Council.

2108: Barratt & DWH Development (Wrakes Park) DC/2018/02178

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGill agreed to follow up emails for a new road sign (unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles) for Holgate with the developers and Sefton Planning.

2109: Community Governance Review (CGR)

RESOLVED:

2109.1 That a report by Cllr Hawkins circulated prior to the meeting be noted.

2109.2 That this item be deferred to the next meeting, 5 October 2022.

2110: Defibrillator Kiosk Restoration

RESOLVED: That the risk assessment review be deferred to the next meeting, 5 October 2022.

2111: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2111.1** Members noted that the scheduled litter pick event, Saturday, 3 September 2022, was cancelled due to the unavailability of councillors.
- 2111.2** Members noted that the next litter event will take place on Saturday, 1 October 2022, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.
- 2111.3** That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a risk assessment with Sefton MBC for 1 October 2022.

2112: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

- 2112.1** Members noted an update by Cllrs O'Keeffe and Rathbone.
- 2112.2** That Cllr O'Keeffe thanked shop owners/managers/volunteers for helping with the watering of plants at the Crescent during the summer.
- 2112.3** Members noted a poor response to the Facebook notice calling for more volunteers.
- 2112.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to run another Facebook notice (poster) for more volunteers.

2113: Covid Commemorative Plaque

RESOLVED:

- 2113.1** That a report by Cllr Hawkins circulated prior to the meeting be noted.
- 2113.2** Members agreed that the Lancashire roses should be removed from the memorial.
- 2113.3** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to clarify the correct dimensions with Crosby Memorials.
- 2113.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to ask Crosby Memorials to provide scaled drawings with a bit more detail.
- 2113.5** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to submit the Covid memorial planning application to Sefton planning department as part of a dual memorial planning application.

2114: WWI and WW2 War Memorial

RESOLVED:

- 2114.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe be noted.
- 2114.2** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to clarify the correct dimensions with Crosby Memorials.
- 2114.3** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to ask Crosby Memorials to provide scaled drawings with a bit more detail.
- 2114.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to submit the War memorial planning application to Sefton planning department as part of a dual memorial planning application.

2115: 2022 Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED: That Cllr O'Keeffe to take the lead in organising the Service of Remembrance to be held on Sunday, 13 November 2022 at the Stocks and Sundial.

2116: Christmas Tree and 2022 Lights Switch-on

RESOLVED:

- 2116.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on the barely living Christmas tree be noted.
- 2116.2** Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for generously agreeing to fund a tree pit and cut Christmas tree for this year; noting that the current living Christmas tree is not covered under the terms of warranty and sadly, will be removed.
- 2116.3** That Cllr O'Keeffe to ask Manor Ward councillors if they would consider the funding of a cut Christmas tree for future years.
- 2116.4** Members agreed that the living Christmas tree replacement costs to be included in the proposed precept for 2022/23.
- 2116.5** That Cllr. O'Keeffe to take the lead in organising the Christmas tree lights switch-on to be held on Friday, 2 December 2022, at the Nags Head, to commence at 6:00PM.

2117: Operation London Bridge

RESOLVED: Members agreed that a book of condolence will be signposted to Bootle and Southport Town Halls.

2118: Planning Applications

RESOLVED:

- 2118.1** Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.
- 2118.2** Members noted a communication from Derek McKenzie, Chief Planning Officer, on the effective communication for telecommunications proposals.
- 2118.3** Members noted a communication from Sefton Planning Services asking for comments on the Liverpool Ramblers Football Club application for reserved matters consent for residential development of 6 dwelling houses pursuant of outline planning permission DC/2019/0288, allowed on appeal ref: APP/M4320/W/21/3269994 dated 20 September 2021. Deadline for comments - 1 September 2022.

2119: Merseyside Police Crime alerts

RESOLVED: Members noted a car break-in spree along Hartdale Road.

2120: Account Paid and For Payment

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

2121: Correspondence

- 2121.1** Mayor of Sefton invitation to the Civic Sunday Service, 11 September 2022 at St William of York at 9:15AM.
- 2121.2** Mayor of Sefton invitation to the Civic Sunday Service, 30 October 2022 at the Old Roan Methodist at 2:00PM.
- 2121.3** Phil Lee, Forestry England, confirming he is not in work and that all communications regarding the Wayside Cross and 'deer walk' to be addressed to Alexe Rose who is not in the office until 22 September 2022.
- 2121.4** Bill Esterson on the loss of the Thornton Post Office.
- 2121.5** Huw Jenkins on a video featuring the recent closure of Edgemoor Drive.
- 2121.6** Bill Esterson on the Thornton Practice on Bretlands Road.
- 2121.7** Stephen Whiteside re confirmation that the QGC tree planted is an ash tree.
- 2121.8** John Keough follow up on the delivery date for a bin on Green Lane.
- 2121.9** Sefton Council report of footpath/pavement issues on Buckley Hill.
- 2121.10** Sefton Council report of overgrown vegetation obstructing road sign on Edge Lane.
- 2121.11** Sefton Environmental Enforcement notice served re cut back of vegetation on Holgate.
- 2121.12** Sefton Council report of broken glass on Runnells Lane.
- 2121.13** Sefton Council report of overgrown vegetation on Bretlands Road.
- 2121.14** Sefton Environmental Enforcement notice served re build up of rubbish on the alley behind the Crescent.
- 2121.15** LALC and NALC reporting new passwords for login.
- 2121.16** PKF Littlejohn receipt of notification of Council's exempt status for 2021/22.
- 2121.17** Chris Garrett, Barratt & Wilson Homes, notification of surveys to be undertaken.
- 2121.18** Andrew Dunsmore re follow up on Sefton plans for wildflower verges.
- 2121.19** Gordon Milward establishing ownership of the land running at the back of Runnells Lane.
- 2121.20** Champion Newspaper, Radio Merseyside, Southport Visitor and inyourarea re the press release on the opening of the newly refurbished defibrillator kiosk.

- 2121.21** Sefton Planning report of HGV's travelling at speed (some with loads uncovered) through the residential area to and from Sundial Place. Has Barratt's route been revised?
- 2121.22** Jackie McKenna, Sefton Council, on the history of William Eugene Gregson who was the first Chair of Thornton Parish Council when it was created in 1895.
- 2121.23** Green Sefton poster for a 'friends of Runnells Lane Park' group meeting to be held at Runnells Lane Park on Sunday, 18 September at 2:00PM (weather permitting).
- 2121.24** Champion Newspapers notice that after 28 years the company has ceased trading.

2122: Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 5 October 2022 at 7:00PM.

2123: Deadline for Agenda Items

RESOLVED: Monday, 26 September 2022.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 5 October 2022