

# MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 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), 5 Members of the Public

#### 2124: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II who passed away on Thursday, 8 September 2022.

## 2125: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Donegan and Hawkins.

#### 2126: Members Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2127: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2128: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr. Pennington reported that the long awaited S19 Westbourne Avenue Flood Investigation Report on flooding that occurred on 10 August 2020 has been received from Sefton Council. The report findings state: "Since the flooding, the drainage system has been checked and cleared, and the watercourse is flowing freely, as such there are no further actions to take."

# 2129: Public Forum

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

A resident asked parish councillors to agree to the clearing of summer bedding plants, adding a little boost to the soil, and putting in some winter flowering plants to keep the positive vibe going on the much improved look of the planters on the Crescent. Further, asked parish councillors to agree to sending formal thank you letters to volunteers in recognition of their contribution in maintaining the planters on the Crescent over the summer months.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:15.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that planters to be considered under agenda item 2134.

## 2130: Barratt & DWH Development (Wrakes Park) DC/2018/02178

**RESOLVED:** That Sefton Planning/Highways response to Cllr McGill's enquiry for the reinstating of a road sign (unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles) on Holgate be noted.

# 2131: Community Governance Review (CGR)

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that Cllr Hawkins's CGR report summarising the position to date be uploaded to the parish council website by the clerk and to Facebook by Cllr O'Keeffe.

#### 2132: Defibrillator Kiosk

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **2132.1** That a report by Cllr McGill on the loss of the power supply at the kiosk be noted.
- **2132.2** That the clerk to contact a utility supplier to get the power at the kiosk reconnected.
- 2132.3 That Cllr McGill agreed to complete a risk assessment for discussion at the next meeting, 2 November 2022.

# 2133: Keeping Thornton Tidy

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **2133.1** Members noted that the litter pick event held on Saturday, 1 October 2022, had gone really well but that Sefton Council did not collect the litter bags until the following Monday morning, 3 October 2022.
- **2133.2** Members noted that the next litter event will take place on Saturday, 5 November 2022, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.
- **2133.3** That Cllr O'Keeffe to file 5 November litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

## 2134: Thornton Community Group

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **2134.1** Members thanked the Nags Head Pub for kindly agreeing to house the 'Community Cupboard' on the car park.
- **2134.2** That Cllr Rathbone to create 'disclaimer signage' for the 'Community Cupboard' based on advice received from the Parish Council's insurance provider, BHIB.
- 2134.3 That Cllr O'Keeffe to compile a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure compliance with all the legal requirements from registering with the EHO to covering the types of donations accepted and such like, for discussion at the next meeting, 2 November 2022.
- **2134.4** Members approved a £200 spend on bedding plants for planters at Edwards Farm.
- **2134.5** That Cllrs McGill and Rathbone to meet at Edwards Farm on Saturday, 8 October 2022, to select plants for planters at the Crescent.
- **2134.6** That Cllr O'Keeffe to complete a general risk assessment for planting planters on the Crescent on Sunday, 9 October 2022.
- **2134.7** Members agreed that formal thank you letters to go to volunteers in recognition of their contribution in maintaining planters over the summer months.
- **2134.8** Members thanked Lady Green Garden Centre for the tulip bulb vouchers.

# 2135: Covid Commemorative Plaque/WW1 and WW2 War Memorial

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe is waiting to hear back from John Smith at Crosby Memorials on the correct dimensions and scale drawings of the memorial plaques.

# 2136: Storage of Parish Council Records

# **RESOLVED:**

- **2136.1** Members noted that Parish Council records dating back to the late 1800s are safely stored in Cllr McGill's loft.
- **2136.2** That Cllr McGill to contact the Headteacher of a local school to enquire if there is an interest in listing and indexing the Parish Council records as a school project.

# 2137: 2022 Remembrance Sunday

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **2137.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on arrangements for Remembrance Sunday be noted.
- **2137.2** That Cllr O'Keeffe to prepare an Order of Service for the next meeting, 2 November 2022.
- **2137.3** Members noted that for access to the Stocks & Sundial please contact the Clerk at thorntonpc.clerk@googlemail.com.
- 2137.4 That Cllr McGill to update the risk assessment for the next meeting, 2 November 2022.

## 2138: Christmas Tree and 2022 Lights Switch-on

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **2138.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on arrangements for the lights switch-on be noted.
- **2138.2** That Cllr O'Keeffe to prepare an Operation Plan for the next meeting, 2 November 2022.
- 2138.3 Members noted that the living Christmas tree had been removed by Sefton Council.
- **2138.4** Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe is waiting to hear back from Manor Ward councillors on the funding of a cut Christmas tree for future years.
- 2138.5 Members agreed that donations of £50 to be paid to the Rotary, the Ukele Band and the Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary.
- **2138.6** That Cllr McGill to update the risk assessment for the next meeting, 2 November 2022.

# 2139: Planning Applications

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

### 2140: Merseyside Police Crime alerts

### **RESOLVED:**

- **2140.1** That Cllr Pennington reported on keyless car thefts in Litherland, Thornton and Everton.
- **2140.2** That Cllr Pennington reported disturbing a keyless car theft on Hartdale Road, Thornton.

## 2141: Account Paid and For Payment

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

# 2142: Consolidation of Bank Accounts

**RESOLVED:** Members approved an authority to National Westminster Bank to close account number 72853891 and transfer the funds to account number 725675589.

# 2143: Correspondence

- **2143.1** Mayor of Sefton invitation, Requiem Mass, Metropolitan Cathedral, 13 September 2022.
- **2143.2** Mayor of Sefton invitation, Service of Celebration, Liverpool Cathedral, 18 Sept. 2022.
- **2143.3** Sefton Council report on full public bins around Thornton.
- **2143.4** Green Sefton report of spray painting obscene graffiti on Runnells Lane playground.
- **2143.5** Sefton Council follow up on overhanging hedgerow enforcement notice on Holgate.
- **2143.6** Sefton Council, Mayor, Manor Ward report on build up of commercial waste bins in the alley behind the Crescent.
- **2143.7** Friends of Runnells Park report on organising a post bonfire night clean up session.
- **2143.8** Forestry England on the Wayside Cross plague awaiting response from Kay Clark.
- **2143.9** LALC invitation to a free CPRE Climate Action Plan online event.
- **2143.10** Manor, Victoria and Blundellsands Ward Councillors report the set up of a road safety watch group and the purchase of a speed indicator.
- **2143.11** LALC invitation to a free Zoom MARIO mapping training, 13 October 2022.

2144: Date and Time of Next Meeting

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 2 November 2022 at 7:00PM.

2145: Deadline for Agenda Items

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 24 October 2022.

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Signed		(Chairman)	Date	2 November 2022