



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2023 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the chair), Hawkins, O'Keeffe, Pennington, Rathbone and White

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk and RFO), 0 Members of the Public

2219: Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2220: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2221: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 1 February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2222: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2223: Public comments

None received.

2224: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

2224.1 Members noted litter pick reports by Cllrs Rathbone, O'Keeffe and McGill.

2224.2 Members noted that the next litter pick date is Saturday, 4 March 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.

2224.3 That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a litter pick risk assessment for April with Sefton.

2224.4 Members noted dog fouling updates by Cllrs Hawkins and O'Keeffe.

2224.5 That Cllr O'Keeffe to follow up enquiries with Sefton Highways on permission to attach designed posters/signs to local lamp posts and sign posts; on permission to stencil anti-dog fouling messages on the worst-affected pavements; for input on poster wording and for more 'bag it and bin it' and penalty notice stickers.

2225: Thornton community group

RESOLVED:

2225.1 Members noted an update by Cllr Rathbone on the community cupboard.

2225.2 Members noted an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on entering the RHS North West in Bloom under the category 'Neighbourhood' and the associated budget requirement.

2225.3 Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for their kind offer of a contribution toward enhancing the local area - Thornton in Bloom.

2225.4 A motion was tabled: To set the Spacehive crowdfunding target at £225.00.
Proposed: Cllr O'Keeffe. Seconded: Cllr McGill. Agreed: Unanimously.

2226: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED:

2226.1 Members noted an update by Cllrs Hawkins and O'Keeffe.

2226.2 That Cllr O'Keeffe to move forward on serving notice and submitting the planning application forms with Sefton Planning.

2227: Community governance review

RESOLVED: Members noted an update by Cllr Hawkins.

2228: Local elections - Thursday 4 May 2023

RESOLVED: Members noted that if they intend to continue on the Parish Council then they must complete and submit a valid nomination paper by the date set in the statutory election timetable, which is 4:00pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

2229: New notice board at Green Lane

RESOLVED:

2229.1 Members noted an update by Cllr O'Keeffe.

2229.2 A motion was tabled: To set a budget of £1500 for the supply, fitting and planning fee of a new notice board at Green Lane.

Proposed: Cllr O'Keeffe. Seconded: Cllr McGill. Agreed: Unanimously.

2230: Planning applications

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

2231: Crime alerts

RESOLVED: Members noted an update by Cllr Pennington on 'rat running' on Hartdale Road, his subsequent complaint to Sefton Council and their disappointing response.

2232: Budget review

RESOLVED:

2232.1 2022-23 budget and actual expenditure reviewed and approved by members.

2232.2 2023-24 budget expenditure reviewed and approved by members.

2232.3 Members reviewed and approved an increase in the level of reserves of £2,500.

2232.4 Members approved an authority to National Westminster Bank to transfer £2,500 funds from the current account to the business reserve account.

2233: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2234: Correspondence

2234.1 Mayor of Sefton charity function invitation 'Back to the 80s'.

2234.2 Historic England follow up on consent to replace the 'wayside cross plaque'; the plaque has been designated scheduled and now requires a new application for permission.

- 2234.3** Sefton Council 'Consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Documents' comments to be received no later than Friday 24 March 2023.
- 2234.4** Neil Middlehurst, Parish Council Elections 2023 overview.
- 2234.5** Sefton Council confirming the cut back of vegetation on Gates Lane footpath.
- 2234.6** Sefton Council raising an invoice on the relocation of a litter bin nearer to the bus stop on the Crescent.
- 2234.7** Sefton Highways follow up on the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing on the junction of Green Lane/Park View/Quarry Road/Ince Road junction; the conditions and dangers of potholes on St William Road; plans to resurface St William Road.
- 2234.8** Sefton Council updates on plans for the removal of fly posting of new housing estate signs.
- 2234.9** Post Office: Consultation Hub - Thornton L23 4TA temporary closure.
- 2234.10** Resident raising concerns on the litter at Buckley Hill playing fields.

2235: Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at 7:00PM.

2236: Deadline for agenda items

RESOLVED: Monday, 27 March 2023.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 5 April 2023