



MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT **ST WILLIAM OF YORK PARISH**
CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.

Present: Cllr McGill (Chair), Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Rathbone

Also in attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 2 Members of the Public

APM23/1. Welcome

The Chairman of Thornton Parish Council presided at the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APM23/2. Apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllr O'Keeffe.

APM23/3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting held on 4 May 2022 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council as a true and accurate record.

APM23/4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

No matters were raised.

APM23/5. Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

The Chairman, Cllr Bob McGill delivered a report detailing the activities of the parish council for the year civic year April 2022 to March 2023, see report attached.

APM23/6. Other Reports

No other reports were received.

APM23/7. Open Forum

The opportunity for electors to raise any matters of importance to the Parish was provided. No matters were raised.

APM23/8. The meeting closed at 19:12PM.

Signed

Date

2022-23 Chairman's Annual Report

Thornton Parish Council Community Actions.

- Annual Remembrance Day Service
- Annual Christmas lights switch on and evening event
- Monthly Litter Picks
- Periodic gardening / planting activity, helped by local residents.
- Clearing up “Grot Spots” identified by residents
- Link with local churches and organisations such as Scouts, Lions, Round Table, Rotary Club
- Link with Green Sefton, relating to the rejuvenation of the Runnells Lane Park, aka Lydiate Lane Park, in Masefield Rd. Plus, access and updates to issues, such as the bat survey related to the felling of trees around the park.
- The celebration of the coronation of King Charles the third was done through the inclusion of various organisations. Including The Nag's Head, Ford Gems Morris Dancers, Quay Notes Ukulele Band, 4th Crosby and District Scouts, Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary. Plus, Bill Esterson MP, Clare Caragher Lord Mayor of Sefton Deputy Lieutenant Julie Lawson.
- Acted on behalf of local residents in gathering support for and raising objections to planning applications, which were considered detrimental to the

neighbourhood, its residents, the environment and local wildlife etc.

- Make representations to the Highways Department, Police and Sefton Council regarding traffic problems - congestion, unsafe parking, “rat runs” etc. Also, representation regarding the constant and ongoing issues around flooding in the Lydiate lane area and more recently in Hartdale road.
- Maintain / assist with local monuments and surrounds. The area around the stocks and sundial has been identified for memorials to the COVID crisis and the fallen in the two world wars.
- Have a growing Thornton Parish Council Facebook group which is used for all manner of local issues in “real time” e.g. community news, forthcoming events, lost and found, traffic issues, road disruptions, local trades etc..
- We have assisted with the formation of “Friends of” groups around the parish, in support of good causes. (Thornton Community Group)
- Installation of a new defibrillator and refurbished housing within the Telephone Box at The Crescent
- Campaigning to petition Sefton MBC to complete a Community Governance Review to re-draw and expand the current PC boundary to truly wrap itself around our recognised and growing community.
- Revamp of the Crescent planters and the purchase of additional planters for locations around the Parish.

- From the above actions and additions make application to enter Britain in Bloom and potential funding through ‘SpaceHive’.
- The relocation of one of the bins on the Crescent.
- Replacement of the road sign on Green lane.
- The installation of a ‘Community Cupboard’ currently located at The Nags Head car park.

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