



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 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), 1 Member of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting with an announced that this was the final Council meeting of two Councillors who were not standing again, Jim White and George Pennington. Each were thanked individually for their dedication and commitment to service over the years in their various roles.

**2237: Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

**2238: Members declaration of interest**

Cllr O'Keeffe declared that he was standing as a Manor Ward candidate in local elections.

**2239: Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

**2240: Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**2241: Public comments**

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

Resident of Hartdale Road reported once again on the annual occurrence of flood water to the rear garden of his property, mainly during the winter months, rendering it a mud-bath and leaving him having to put wellies on to access it. Further, he commented on the Sefton Flood-Investigation Report which states: 'the drainage system has been checked and cleared, and the watercourse is flowing freely, as such there are no further actions to take'. He concluded, there must be a blockage in the culvert somewhere!

*The meeting was reconvened at 19:19*

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr McGill to take up the resident's report with Manor Ward councillors.

**2242: Keeping Thornton tidy**

**RESOLVED:**

**2242.1** That a report by Cllr O'Keeffe on registering the litter-picking event in support of the Great British Spring Clean 2023 pledge to pick up as much litter as you can from 17 March- 2 April be noted.

**2242.2** Members noted an update on signage and other potential actions to remind thoughtless dog owners that '**we're watching you**' by Cllr O'Keeffe.

**2243: Thornton community group**

**RESOLVED:**

**2243.1** Members noted an update on the stocking of the community cupboard by Cllr Rathbone.

**2243.2** Members noted an update on 'In Bloom' and planter plans by Cllr O'Keeffe.

**2243.3** Members noted the launch of the Spacehive Crowdfunding page 'Help Make Thornton Sefton More Colourful' by Cllr O'Keeffe.

**2244: War memorial and COVID memorial**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted an update on the planning application submission by Cllr O'Keeffe.

**2245: King Charles III coronation celebration**

**RESOLVED:**

**2245.1** That a report by Cllr O'Keeffe on the coronation tea party to be held at the Nags Head Pub on Monday, 8 May 2023 from 12:00-16:00, registered on the Eden Project 'The Big Lunch' be noted.

**2245.2** That a report by Cllr O'Keeffe on activities to include: buffet, children's entertainer, DJ, face painting, Morris dancers, charity bowling competition, flowering the cross colouring competition, raffles, tombola, balloon arch, bunting, cake stall, Shy Lowen and Quay Notes Ukulele Band be noted.

**2245.3** Members noted that a budget of £500 has been set for this historic event and that any funds raised on the day would be donated to the Macmillan cancer charity.

**2246: New notice board at Green Lane**

**RESOLVED:**

**2246.1** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on the Greenbarnes notice board be noted.

**2246.2** That Cllr O'Keeffe to check with Sefton Planning on the need for consent.

**2247: Cycle/pedestrian lane markings at Edge Lane**

**RESOLVED:**

**2247.1** That a report by Cllr Hawkins on a cycle/pedestrian path identified by a small blue round sign with no obvious road marking along Edge Lane between Drummond Road and the traffic lights junction at Buckley Hill Lane be noted.

**2247.2** That Cllr Hawkins to raise the lack of obvious road markings with Sefton Highways.

**2248: Cornerstone's alternative site for a 5G mast**

**RESOLVED:** Members considered and agreed that they would not raise any objections to Cornerstone's proposed new site, Lydiate Lane, for the installation of a new 5G mast.

**2249: Planning applications**

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

**2250: Crime alerts**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted no crime reports received.

**2251: Accounts paid and for payment**

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

**2252: Correspondence**

- 2252.1** Sefton Council reporting fly-posting for fireworks on Brooms Cross Road.
- 2252.2** Sefton Council following up on a request for an additional litter bin for Thornton.
- 2252.3** Sefton Council following up a report on investigations to assess the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at Park View/Green Lane/Quarry Road/ Ince Road junction.
- 2252.4** Sefton Council confirming tree work at Runnells Lane park has been held up due to bats. On receipt of the ecologist's report they will update on progress of tree work.
- 2252.5** Sefton Council requesting a plant catalogue.
- 2252.6** Sefton Council reporting the reappearing sinkhole at Ronaldsway on the exact spot that was repaired only a year ago.
- 2252.7** Sefton Council requesting recommendations for reliable suppliers of standalone notice boards in order to be obtain a minimum of three quotes.
- 2252.8** Fitzpatrick Woolmer Design & Publishing Ltd supplied a notice board quote of £2,107.
- 2252.9** Forestry England requesting that we send a fresh application for permission to replace the plaque on the wayside cross to NorthWest@HistoricEngland.org.uk and if we get no response to try <https://historicengland.org.uk/about/contact-us/north-west/>.
- 2252.10** Sefton Council reporting a central pedestrian refuge bollard that has been knock over.
- 2252.11** Sefton Council reporting a missing manhole cover at the junction of Brooms Cross and Buckley Hill junction.
- 2252.12** SpaceHive confirming the Stripe Account is now open for the receipt of Crowdfunding donations to 'Help Make Thornton Sefton More Colourful'.
- 2252.13** Sefton Council reporting fly-tipping in a hedgerow on Lydiate Lane (SSCE503190596).
- 2252.14** daniel.green@liverpoolfa.com on the condition of the unadopted road located at the end of Drummond Road. He confirmed that the condition of the road would be addressed as part of the development of LCFA.
- 2252.15** Sefton Council confirming chewing gum on the Crescent to be steamed off.
- 2252.16** Resident enquiry on how would one request footage from the CCTV tower on the pole at the Crescent.
- 2252.17** Sefton Council confirming 'misuse' of the Crescent by rat-running drivers is one of several issues along the A565 by Edge Lane and Green Lane that is currently being assessed alongside other complaints and issues in this area. A report with suggestions on remedial measures will be shared with Thornton Parish Council when completed.
- 2252.18** Futureform promoting sales of King Charles III benches.
- 2252.19** Manor Ward, Thornton 'In Bloom' contribution.

**2253: Date and time of next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 17 May 2023 at 7:00PM.

**2254: Deadline for agenda items**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 9 May 2023.



Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 17 May 2023