



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022** AT **ST WILLIAM OF YORK**  
**PARISH CENTRE** COMMENCING AT **19:00PM**.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Donegan

**Also in attendance:** V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 7 Members of the Public

**The Chairman of Thornton Parish Council presided at the meeting and welcomed everyone attending.**

**APM22/1. Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council**

The Chair delivered a report detailing the activities of the parish council for the year from April 2021 to March 2022, see report attached.

**APM22/2. Other Reports**

No other reports were received.

**Open Forum Questions from Residents**

**APM22/3.** A resident asked would the precept remain the same or increase as a consequence of a successful Community Governance Review to re-draw and expand the current PC boundary.

The Parish Council reported that its precept for the year 2022/23 had been set in January at £8,000 and that the tax charge to households in Band B is £8.02 and Band D is £10.20. That Thornton continues to charge the lowest precept of any Parish Council in Sefton whilst at the same time undertaking an increasing number of local initiatives on behalf of the community of Thornton.

**APM22/4.** A resident asked about planting trees on Edge Lane?

The Parish Council reported on the formation of a 'Community Group' with the sole purpose of undertaking local initiatives identified by the residents and in so doing, harnessing a collective pride and responsibility in the appearance and upkeep of Thornton for the good of all the community.

**APM22/5. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 19:22PM.

Signed

Date 17 May 2023

## **2021-22 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 coming rejuvenation of the Runnells Lane Park, aka Lydiate Lane Park, in Masefield Rd and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Initiative to plant a Tree – The Green Canopy. 50 tree saplings have been given away to residents
- We have signed up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lighting of a Beacon – we will be erecting a temporary beacon for the occasion, near Brooms Cross Road.
- 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. We were recently successful in the Planning rejection of the 5G Mast proposed for the village green. And Forefield school.
- Make representations to the Highways Department, Police and Sefton Council regarding traffic problems -

congestion, unsafe parking, “rat runs” and so on. Currently, we are addressing the mess left by contractors, to the grass verges along Edge Lane.

- Maintain / assist with local monuments and surrounds.
- 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 are happy to assist 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.
- Additional bin fitted at Drummond Road through SMC.