

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), O'Keeffe, Hawkins and Rathbone

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 3 Members of the Public

2280: Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2281: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2282: Minutes of the previous meeting

Amendment to minute 2278 date of the next meeting Wednesday, 7 June 2023 changed to Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 May 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2283: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2284: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:08 for this item.

2284.1 Resident from Hartdale Road reported that Thornton Tesco Express has applied for advertisement consent (DC/2023/00768) for the display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the front of the premises and have given their address as 23 Edge Lane, Crosby and not 23 Edge Lane, Thornton, L23 4TE.

2284.2 Resident from Hartdale Road reported that while walking along Broom's Cross towards the pond, on the other side of the hedge, he stepped through the horse gate and was very nearly run over by car.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:19.

RESOLVED:

2284.1.1 That Cllr O'Keeffe to take up the Tesco Express address with Sefton Planning.

2284.2.1 That Cllr O'Keeffe to take up the broken gate with Neighbourhoods and Forestry England.

2285: Notice of vacancy

RESOLVED:

2285.1 That members agreed to co-opt Jay Francis onto the Parish Council.

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

2285.2 That Cllr Francis then signed 'The Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

2286: Register of Interests form

RESOLVED: Members were reminded to update their Register of Interests forms as required.

2287: Honorary Freedom of the Parish

RESOLVED:

2287.1 That members agreed to bestow 'Honorary Freedom of the Parish' upon George Pennington, retired parish councillor, in recognition of his long-standing services to community of Thornton.

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

2287.2 That Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to formalise arrangements for this event including: booking venue, invitations, operational plan, order of service and risk assessment.

2287.3 That Cllr McGill agreed to contact George Pennington to confirm availability of dates.

2288: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

2288.1 Members noted litter pick reports by Cllrs Rathbone, McGill and O'Keeffe.

2288.2 Members noted the mislaid litter pick equipment has been found.

2288.3 Members noted the next litter pick date is Saturday, 1 July 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.

2288.4 That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a July litter pick risk assessment with Sefton.

2288.5 That Cllr O'Keeffe to follow up on his request for additional fixed penalty dog fouling notice stickers and NSL patrols at dog fouling hotspots.

2289: Thornton community group

RESOLVED:

2289.1 That an update on the community cupboard by Cllr Rathbone be noted

2289.2 Members noted a suggestion for trialling foodbank donation boxes at two local supermarket collection points or at the reception of two local businesses.

2289.3 That an update on the task of watering roadside planters by Cllr Rathbone be noted.

2289.4 That an update on 'In Bloom' and planter plans by Cllr O'Keeffe be noted.

2289.5 Members agreed that Irene White to purchase plants for the Crescent planters; to forward the receipt to the clerk for reimbursement; and if additional help is required to contact Cllr McGill on his mobile .

2289.6 Members agreed that Irene White to take delivery and store 5 planters from Bootle Tool Shed and to liaise with Cllr O'Keeffe on the next steps.

2289.7 Members noted that the Spacehive fundraising campaign end date has been extended.

2290: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED:

2290.1 That updates on memorials by Cllrs O'Keeffe and Hawkins be noted.

2290.2 Members noted memorial valuations for insurance purposes (War memorial £1,000 and Covid memorial £750).

2290.3 That the clerk to update the asset register with memorial valuations.

2291: New notice board at Green Lane

RESOLVED: That Cllr O'Keeffe to apply to Sefton Council for an advertisement licence.

2292: Storage of Parish Council Records

RESOLVED: That Cllr Rathbone to contact Holy Family High School for the return of historic records.

2293: Planning Applications

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

2294: Crime alerts

RESOLVED: Members noted no crime reports received.

2295: Council clerk/responsible finance officer salary review proposal

RESOLVED:

2295.1 That members agreed to set the 2023-24 clerk pay policy at NJC SCP Level 22-28.

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

2295.2 That members agreed to set the clerk pay award at SCP 22, backdated to 1 April 2023.

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

2295.3 2024-25 budget - members agreed to look at grading structures in greater detail in order to determine the relative level of the clerk post.

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

2296: Account paid and for payment

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

2297: Correspondence

2297.1 Sefton Clerks, an invitation to 'Code of Conduct' training day Wednesday, 17 May 2023.

2297.2 Sefton Council, in response to flooding issues on Hartdale Road, they will arrange for someone to visit the property.

2297.3 Sefton Council, reporting there were no signs of bats roosting in trees at Runnells Lane Park and that the tree felling will go ahead.

2297.4 Sefton Street Lighting, reporting that a central pedestrian refuge bollard has been knocked down and put on the grass verge at Lydiate Lane, opposite the cemetery gates.

2297.5 Notification on Southport Road roadworks and Park Drive bin collection disruptions for the next three months.

2297.6 Resident raising concerns on the Sefton Council notification to chop down the last standing tree on Moor Lane between Edgemoor Drive and the Crescent.

2297.7 PKF Littlejohn confirming receipt of the certificate of exemption.

2297.8 MALC, an invitation to AGM to be held on Thursday, 22 June 2023 at Halewood.

2297.9 Tony Smith, CEO at Liverpool County FA, confirming they have finally got the road specifications signed off by Sefton Council and have invited Cllr O'Keeffe to a football event on Friday, 30 June and would like show him some of the work they do.

2297.10 Resident reporting graffiti on the green cabinet at the Junction of Virgins Lane opp. Aldi.

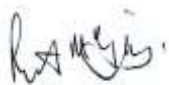
2297.11 Formby Parish Council, invitation to 'Code of Conduct' training day Monday, 17 July 2023.

2298: Date of next meeting

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

2299: Deadline for agenda items

RESOLVED: Monday, 26 June 2023.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 5 July 2023