



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:08PM.



Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Hawkins and Rathbone
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 2 Member of the Public

Chairman opened the meeting.

2318: Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Francis and O'Keeffe

2319: Co-option of a new Parish Councillor

RESOLVED:

2319.1 That members agreed to co-opt Rosemary Roberts onto the Parish Council.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2319.2 That Cllr Roberts then signed 'The Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and joined the meeting.

2319.3 That the clerk to notify the Democratic Services Officer of this co-option.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:16.

Signed (Chairman) Date 11 October 2023



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2320: Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Francis and O'Keeffe.

2321: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2322: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 5 July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2323: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2324: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 for this item.

Resident, Robin Albert, reported on a spate of speculative Facebook comments regarding the ongoing delay in the opening of the new chip shop at 6 The Crescent. He spoke in favour of the new chip shop and believed the delay was due to Sefton Council, red tape and restrictive opening hours. Members confirmed that they had supported the business through each phase of the planning process and that Cllr O'Keeffe, in particular, was in regular contact with the owners.

Resident, Irene White, reported that even though the plants were late going into the Crescent planters, with lots of sun and rain they have bloomed well. Further, that she had received lots of thanks from the community and recommended that the Parish Council aim for Winter planting to be done by early October.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:39.

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGill to visit the owners of the Thornton Fryer to establish the facts behind the ongoing delay in the opening of the chip shop and if available to establish an opening date.

2325: Notice of Vacancy

RESOLVED:

2325.1 The Chairman reported that Cllr Rathbone had tendered his resignation with immediate effect and that Cllr O'Keeffe had tendered his resignation end date as 11 October 2023.

2325.2 That the clerk to notify the Democratic Services Officer of these resignations.

2325.3 That the clerk to run an advert for new parish councillors.

2326: Councillor training

RESOLVED: Members were asked to confirm their availability for an online LALC workshop, a whistle stop tour of councillors powers and responsibilities, to be held on Monday, 23 October 2023, 19:00-21:00, with the clerk.

2327: Honorary Freedom of the Parish

RESOLVED:

2327.1 Members noted positive responses from the vicar, the MP, possibly the Mayor and the Nags Head.

2327.2 That the clerk to contact the resident to confirm availability of dates.

2328: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

2328.1 Members noted that community litter pick updates to be deferred to November.

2328.2 Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe is in communication with Mr Murphy at St William of York School regarding a poster design made by pupils to remind people to pick up after their pets.

2329: Thornton community group

RESOLVED:

2329.1 Members thanked residents Kevin Rathbone and Danielle Clements for their hard work and dedicated management of the community cupboard and pantry.

2329.2 That the clerk to invite Danielle Clements to the next TPC meeting, 11 October 2023.

2329.3 Members thanked resident, Irene White, for her hard work and dedicated management of the community planters on the Crescent.

2329.4 Members agreed that resident, Irene White, to have a maximum budget of £350 for winter planting of road sign planters, the Crescent planters and the five new planters.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Roberts. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2329.5 Members thanked Cllr O'Keeffe and Irene White for meeting and greeting the North West in Bloom competition judges, 13 July 2023.

2329.6 Members agreed that the tickets to Britain in Bloom North West, It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2023, at Bolton Stadium Hotel, Wednesday 18 October 2023, 10:30-16:00PM, go to Cllr O'Keeffe and Irene White.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2329.7 That Cllr McGill agreed to take overall responsibility for the management of the community planters including transport, positioning and setting up of new planters.

2330: Thornton Parish Boundary Review

RESOLVED:

2330:1 That comments drawn up by Cllr Hawkins on the Local Government Boundary Review of Sefton MBC were received.

2330:2 Members noted the Local Government Boundary Commission for England notification that a 10 week public consultation on Sefton ward boundaries had opened and will close on 2 October 2023.

2330:3 Members noted that an information poster on the public consultation had been posted on the Parish Council's noticeboard, website and Facebook.

2331: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Hawkins and O'Keeffe to meet up to progress the online planning application submission.

2332: New notice board at Green Lane

RESOLVED:

2332.1 That Cllrs Hawkins and O'Keeffe to meet up to progress the online licence application.

2332.2 That Cllrs Hawkins and O'Keeffe to revisit the size and cost of the new noticeboard, and to check that the noticeboard will hold at least 8A4 size notices.

2333: Remembrance Sunday Service

RESOLVED:

2333:1 That Cllrs McGill and O'Keeffe to share contacts and operational plans.

2333:2 Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe to be invited to be Master of Ceremonies.

2334: Christmas tree lights switch on

This item be deferred to the next meeting, 11 October 2023.

2335: Broom's Cross new planting

RESOLVED: Members noted that Forestry England are planning to undertake new planting at Broom's Cross, Lunt.

2336: Planning Applications

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

2337: Account paid and for payment

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

2338: Correspondence

2338.1 Sefton Highways, reporting uneven pavement on Lydiate Lane adjacent Runnells Lane.

2338.2 Aintree Parish Council, invitation for Chair and guest to a Civic Event on Sunday, 29 October 2023 at St Giles Church, Aintree at 2:00PM

2338.3 Sefton Planning Enforcement, clarifying why a hedgerow on Park View opposite the new development is being removed: the removal of the hedgerow was required to facilitate drainage works which are currently being undertaken and will be replaced once the works are completed.

2338.4 Sefton Cleansing, reporting a fly tipped freezer on the large grass verge on Green Lane opposite the Nags Head pub (near the phone mast).

2338.5 Sefton Highways, raising concern with the remarking of the roundabout lanes at Broom's Cross which have now been corrected.

2338.6 Sefton Highways, asking about the speed check signs at the top of Park View which have been taken down, will they be reinstated once the building works are complete?

2338.7 Sefton Planning, reporting residents concerns of a lack of supervision and care to the works being carried out at Holgate and asking for confirmation on how often the site is being visited and work being monitored by Sefton Council officers.

2338.8 Sefton Environmental Services, reporting on the number of NSL visits in the Thornton area.

2338.9 Nags Head, reporting fly tipping on the car park next to the community cupboard.

2339: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 7:00PM.

2340: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Monday, 2 October 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. A. G. G.', is positioned above the signature line.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 11 October 2023