

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Francis, Hawkins, O'Keeffe
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 1 Member of the Public

2341: Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Roberts and an apology for late arrival was received from Cllr O'Keeffe.

2342: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2343: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of two ordinary meetings held on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2344: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2345: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 for this item.

Resident, Danielle Clements, Thornton parish community cupboard and pantry manager, sent in the following questions:

- 2345.1** **Thornton Practice PPG** Does the parish council have a representative on the Patient Participation Group and if so, do they attend meetings?
- 2345.2** **Runnells Lane park** What happened to plans for a bigger version of Runnells Lane park, and was the downsizing due to lack of funding?
- 2345.3** **Facebook group: Friends of Runnells Lane Park** Would the parish council support a 'Friends of Runnells Lane Park' Facebook group?
- 2345.4** **Facebook group: Thornton Parish Council, Sefton** Would it be possible to have more structure to this Facebook group?
- 2345.5** **Thornton Children's Centre** Does the parish council have connections with Thornton's Children's Centre specifically for the hire of space for local events?

At 19:30 Cllr O'Keeffe joined the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:39.

RESOLVED:

- 2345.1.1** That members thanked Danielle Clements for her questions.
- 2345.1.2** That the clerk to email Thornton Practice to make enquiries about the date and time of the next PPG meeting.
- 2345.2.1** Members noted that Runnells Lane park is situated in Sefton and Lunt.
- 2345.2.2** Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe and former councillor, Kevin Rathbone, worked tirelessly to represent residents views on the park to all concerned, and that Runnells Lane park now provides a much needed play area for children.

- 2345.3.1 Members noted that in 2022 Green Sefton sought members of the community to help establish a 'Friends of Runnells Lane Park group', and that the response was poor.
- 2345.3.2 Members offered Danielle Clements their support and wished her the best of luck in establishing a 'Friends of Runnells Lane Park Facebook group'.
- 2345.4.1 Members noted that Thornton PC Facebook has become cluttered with an increasing number of business advertisement posts.
- 2345.4.2 That the clerk to email Thornton PC Facebook administrators and moderators for suggestions on rewriting the rules for business advertisement posts.
- 2345.5.1 That the clerk to email Thornton Children's Centre to make enquiries on the availability of space for hire for running community events and activities.

2346: Co-option of a Parish Councillor

RESOLVED:

- 2346.1 That members agreed to co-opt Ricardo Fonseca onto the Parish Council.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2346.2 That Cllr Fonseca then signed 'The Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and joined the meeting.
- 2346.3 That the clerk to notify the Democratic Services Officer of this co-option.

2347: Thornton Fryer

RESOLVED:

- 2347.1 That an update by Cllr McGill on his meeting with the Thornton Fryer owner be noted.
- 2347.2 That members agreed to assist the Thornton Fryer owner in drawing up a petition.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr O'Keeffe. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2348: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2348.1 Members noted that Cllr McGill to take the lead on monthly litter pick events.
- 2348.2 Members noted that the next litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 4 November 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.
- 2348.3 That the clerk to file the litter pick risk assessment for November with Sefton.
- 2348.4 That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on the poster to be designed by the pupils of St William of York Primary School to remind people to pick up after their pets be noted.

2349: Thornton community group

RESOLVED:

- 2349.1 Members thanked resident, Danielle Clements, Thornton parish community cupboard and pantry manager, for setting out a vision for improving community engagement.
- 2349.2 Members noted that Danielle Clements has registered with New Beginnings-Improving Lives CIC mobile shop, and is hoping to have Thornton on their route of stops soon.
- 2349.3 Members noted that Danielle Clements is looking to work with Halles Hub, The Halle O'Brien CIC, whose mission is to inspire kids to grow.
- 2349.4 Members noted an update by resident, Irene White, that winter planting for the Crescent and "welcome" signs will take place as planned.
- 2349.5 Members noted an update by resident, Irene White, on the new planters, that fixing them in position will need to be deferred until the spring due to road works and pavement resurfacing in a couple of locations, along with limited availability.
- 2349.6 Members thanked residents who jumped into action to fix the damaged Crescent planter and plants after being knocked over, possibly, by a reversing car.
- 2349.7 Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe and resident, Irene White to represent Thornton parish council at the Britain in Bloom North West It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2023.

2350: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins on navigating the planning portal, the planning applications and awaiting clarification on the right category and description selection from Kevin Baker, Sefton Planning Manager, be noted.

2351: New noticeboard at Green Lane

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins on going back to the supplier to request a quotation for a larger noticeboard to accommodate 8x4 notices and scaled drawings for the licence application be noted.

2352: Traffic issues on Parkview/Quarry Road

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Francis on what can be done to raise concerns with Sefton Council given that the additional housing development will exacerbate existing traffic issues on Parkview/Quarry Road be noted.

2353: 2023 Remembrance Sunday Service

RESOLVED:

2353.1 Members reviewed and approved the Operational Plan and dress code.

2353.2 Members reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

2353.3 Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to be Master of Ceremonies.

2353.4 That Cllr McGill to confirm the Order of Service at the next meeting.

2353.5 That the clerk to order 2 wreaths and 14 crosses from the Royal British Legion.

2354: 2023 Christmas tree lights switch on

RESOLVED:

2354.1 That Cllr McGill agreed to take the lead on this event.

2354.2 Members set the date to be Friday, 24 November 2023.

2354.3 Members reviewed and approved the Operational Plan.

2354.4 Members reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

2354.5 Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe agreed to be Master of Ceremonies.

2354.6 That Cllr McGill to confirm event timings at the next meeting.

2354.7 That the clerk to obtain quotes for a cut Christmas tree and to contact manor ward councillors about potential funding.

2355: Honorary Freedom of the Parish

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on invitation responses, the proposed date, Sunday, 26 November 2023 and time, 3:00PM at the Nags Head, to be formally confirmed at the next meeting.

2356: Planning Applications

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

2357: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2358: Councillor training

RESOLVED: Members noted that Cllrs Roberts, Francis and Fonseca had signed up for the online LALC workshop, a whistle stop tour of councillors powers and responsibilities, 23 October 2023.

2359: Correspondence

- 2359.1** Sefton Council, invoice raised for the agreed donation from Manor Ward of £300 towards the purchase and installation of five new planters for the community of Thornton.
- 2359.2** Mayor of Sefton, notice of a charity event at St William of York, Sat. 14 October.
- 2359.3** Mayor of Sefton, notice of a charity event at St William of York, Sat. 18 October.
- 2359.4** LALC, notice of AGM Saturday 4 November at the County Hall, Preston.
- 2359.5** Sefton Highways, reporting fly posting around Sundial place.

2360: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 1 November 2023 at 7:00PM.

2361: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Monday, 23 October 2023.

2362: Chair's Closing Comments

The Chair extended his thanks and those of the Parish Council for the time and effort Cllr O'Keeffe has put into serving the parish, during his time as Thornton Parish Councillor.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 1 November 2023