



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK**  
**PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Fonseca and Roberts  
**In Attendance:** V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 2 Members of the Public

**2363: Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Francis and Hawkins.

**2364: Members declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2365: Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2366: Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**2367: Public comments**

There were no public comments.

**2368: Election of Vice-Chair**

This item was deferred to the next meeting, 6 December 2023.

**2369: 2023 Remembrance Sunday service**

**RESOLVED:**

**2369.1** Members reviewed and approved the Order of Service.

**2369.2** That Cllr McGill to compile the names of people laying the wreaths and crosses.

**2369.3** That the clerk to post an event notice on the website and social media.

**2370: 2023 Christmas tree light switch on**

**RESOLVED:**

**2370.1** Members noted Sefton Council to install a 21 foot cut Christmas tree on the village green.

**2370.2** Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for kindly agreeing to fund the purchase of the cut Christmas tree through their 'Localities' budget.

**2370.3** Members reviewed and approved event timings.

**2370.4** That members agreed a spend of no more than £50 for the purchase of face paint.

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

**2370.5** That an update by Cllr McGill on invitation responses be noted.

**2370.6** That an update by the clerk on the circulation of Christmas posters be noted.

**2371: Honorary Freedom of the Parish**

**RESOLVED:** Members reviewed and approved arrangements for granting Honorary Freedom of the Parish to former councillor, George Pennington, 26 November at 3PM at the Nag's Head.

**2372: Noticeboard Village Green**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2372.1** Members reviewed and approved Greenbarnes Ltd revised quote of £1,761.69 (budget increase of £385) for the supply of a larger noticeboard with additional logo signage.  
**Proposed:** Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2372.2** That the clerk to adjust the budget accordingly, to transfer monies from category 35 (King Charles III bench) to category 29 (noticeboard Green Lane) to fund £385 budget increase.  
**Proposed:** Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

**2373: Keeping Thornton tidy**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that the next litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 4 November 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.

**2374: Thornton community group**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2374.1** Members congratulated resident, Irene White, former councillor, James O'Keeffe, and everyone who contributed in some way to achieving the **RHS and NW in Bloom 2023 It's Your Neighbourhood Award of Thriving - Level 4**. Noting that this was a great achievement for a first-time entry.
- 2374.2** Members agreed that resident, Irene White, to present framed copies of the certificate to those that have contributed tirelessly to the work around the Crescent and beyond. That the receipts for photocopying and frames to be forwarded to the clerk for reimbursement.  
**Proposed:** Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2374.3** That an update by Irene White, resident, on the blossoming of summer planting, plans for winter planting, plans for fixing the new planters, removal of fly posting from the 'welcome' signs and a request for a hi-vis jacket be noted.
- 2374.4** That Cllr McGill to deliver a hi-vis jacket to resident, Irene White.
- 2374.5** Members noted that resident, Danielle Clements, will be producing flyers with QR codes for the promotion of the community give and take cupboard and pantry at this year's Christmas tree lights switch-on.

**2375: Councillor training**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2375.1** Members noted that Cllrs Fonseca, Francis and Roberts had attended virtual training for new councillors, a whistle stop tour of councillors powers and responsibilities.
- 2375.2** That updates by Cllrs Fonseca and Roberts on finding the training to be really helpful and informative be noted.

**2376: Grass pitch maintenance fund**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that Cllr Francis to look into the eligibility of the Parish Council to apply for Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding on behalf/in support of local sports clubs.

**2377: Facebook group: Thornton Parish Council, Sefton**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2377.1** Members agreed that the Parish Council to appoint a nominated councillor(s) as moderator(s) of the Facebook group. That moderator(s) to be responsible for posting and monitoring of content ensuring it complies with the group's Facebook rules. That the moderator(s) and Clerk to have authority to remove any posts made by third parties which are deemed to be of a defamatory, libel nature.  
**Proposed:** Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

**2377.2** Members agreed to the revision of rule 5: Local businesses will be allowed no more than one post per week in the group to be posted between Friday-Saturday, any additional posts will not be approved by the moderator(s).

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

**2378: South Sefton Community Alliance**

**RESOLVED:**

**2378.1** Members thanked South Sefton Community Alliance for the invitation to become a founding member of this coalition.

**2378.2** That the clerk to contact South Sefton Community Alliance for further information for discussion at the next meeting, 6 December 2023:

- (a) The remit and role of the Parish Council within the organisation.
- (b) The working document setting out what the organisation objectives are.
- (c) The constitution and structure of the organisation.

**2379: Planning Applications**

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

**2380: Accounts paid and for payment**

**RESOLVED:**

**2380.1** That the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated be agreed.

**2380.2** That review of bank account signatories be deferred to next meeting, 6 December 2023.

**2381: Correspondence**

**2381.1** Thornton Practice, enquiry about the date and time of the next PPG meeting.

**2381.2** Thornton's Children Centre, enquiry about the availability of space for hire for running community events and activities.

**2381.3** Sefton Transport Planning, response regarding inadequate cycle/pedestrian route markings and signage along Edge Lane - Sefton are ordering additional signage.

**2381.4** Sefton Transport Planning, response regarding pedestrian/cycle improvements in the Thornton area - Sefton say they are presently looking at a range of issues and are intending to bring initial proposals to a future Parish Council meeting.

**2381.5** Sefton Transport Planning, invitation and dates of future Parish Council meetings.

**2382: Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 7:00PM.

**2383: Deadline for agenda Items**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 20 November 2023.



Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 6 December 2023