



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2024 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Bundred, Fonseca, Francis, and Hawkins
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 4 Guest Speakers, 6 Members of the Public

2430: Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Roberts.

2431: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2432: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 10 January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2433: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2434: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:03 for this item.

RESOLVED:

- 2434.1** That Cllr McGill thanked Guest Speakers Alex English, National Trust Project Manager, Vicky Blaine, Lancashire National Trust General Manager and Lauren for attending the public forum to share their plans for the care and future development of 78 hectares of land and green spaces around Thornton and for participating in a really interesting Q&A session.
- 2434.2** That Cllr McGill thanked Guest Speaker and former councillor George Pennington for attending the public forum to share his knowledge on old drainage gullies that were culverted when housing development began in Thornton and for participating in a really helpful Q&A session.
- 2434.3** That Cllr McGill thanked residents of 49 Runnells Lane for attending the public forum to share how Barratt's housing development at the rear of Runnells Lane has caused their garden to flood.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.03.

2435: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2435.1** Members noted an update on litter pick events, 23 January and 3 February, by Cllr McGill.
- 2435.2** Members noted that the next litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 2 March 2024, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00 a.m.
- 2435.3** That the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

2436: Signage on Edge Lane

RESOLVED:

- 2436.1** Members noted that Cllr Hawkins is still awaiting a response from Peter Hillsdon, Sefton Transport Planning, on timescales for the installation of new signage along Edge Lane.
- 2436.2** Members noted that the clerk is awaiting a response from Peter Hillsdon, Sefton Transport Planning, to an invitation to be guest speaker and to agree a date.

2437: New notice board - Village Green

RESOLVED:

- 2437.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins on planning application DC/2024/00027 that has now been accepted as valid by Sefton Planning and is under consideration be noted.
- 2437.2** Members noted that once Sefton Planning have granted permission it will be necessary to apply for an additional licence from Sefton Highways.

2438: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins on planning application DC/2023/02036 that has now been accepted as valid by Sefton Planning and is under consideration be noted.

2439: LGBCE review of Sefton MBC

RESOLVED:

- 2439.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2439.2** Members noted comments by Jonathan Ashby, Review Officer: *"the Commission would not base its recommendations on a potential Community Review...therefore would not recommend that we include the area outlined...if a Community Governance Review (once the electrical review is complete) recommends that the Thornton parish boundary change in the manner the Parish Council requests, Sefton Council can submit a request to the Commission for a 'related alteration'..."*
- 2439.3** Members noted comments by Neil Middlehurst, Electoral Services Manager: *"Once the final recommendations have been published it will be necessary for us to re-look at our internal polling districts and polling stations based on the new ward boundaries. From what we have seen in the draft recommendations we will need to consider whether to carry on with CGR requested which have been postponed or whether to carry out CGR for the whole of the parished areas of the Borough."*
- 2439.4** Members noted the date for publication of the final recommendations, 4 June 2024.

2440: School parking issues

RESOLVED:

- 2440.1** That a report by Cllr Fonseca on the increasing number of inconsiderate, illegal and dangerous parking incidents around local primary schools, especially during drop-off and pick-up times, that are putting the safety of children and others at risk, be noted.
- 2440.2** Members noted that Cllr Fonseca to contact Neighbourhood Police for posters warning that parking and waiting outside schools can result in sizeable fines.

2441: Grass pitch maintenance fund

RESOLVED: Members noted an update by Cllr Francis on compiling a grant application for grass pitch maintenance.

2442: Storage of Christmas crib

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGill to contact Fr Harrington at St William of York Church about the storage of the Christmas crib at the vicarage.

2443: Storage of Parish Council records

RESOLVED:

2443.1 That Cllr McGill to contact Lancashire Records Office, Preston about the storage of the parish historic records.

2443.2 That Cllr McGill to look through the historic records in search of any documents relating to the permanent loan of the parish chest to the National Trust, Rufford Old Hall, 1949.

2444: Guest speakers

RESOLVED:

2444.1 Members noted that Debbie Gallagher, Patient Experience and Engagement for Thornton, Thornton Practice Manager and members of the executive team have confirmed as guest speakers for the next meeting, 6 March.

2444.2 That the clerk to invite representative(s) from Barratt & David Wilson Homes to be guest speakers at the meeting to be held on 3 April.

2445: Councillor training

RESOLVED:

2445.1 That Cllrs Bundred and Hawkins attended the LALC virtual workshop for new councillors on 24 January 2024, 7PM-9PM be noted.

2445.2 Members noted Cllrs Bundred and Hawkins feedback on the generality of the workshop and thanked them for sharing workshop handouts.

2446: Planning Applications

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

2447: National Westminster Bank mandate

RESOLVED: Members noted that the National Westminster bank mandate request to be submitted on Monday, 12 February 2024 at 11:00AM.

2448: Budget and Precept 2024/25

RESOLVED:

2448.1 That the proposed budget for 2024/25 be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. Seconded: Cllr Bundred. Agreed: Unanimously.

2448.2 That the precept for 2024/25 be set at £12,000 be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. Seconded: Cllr Bundred. Agreed: Unanimously.

2448.3 That the proposed budget for PA equipment be set at £500.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. Seconded: Cllr Bundred. Agreed: Unanimously.

2449: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2450: Correspondence

- 2450.1** Complaint received from resident of Brenda Crescent about three consecutive missed refuse collections covering the Christmas period which has led to vermin being attracted to the road. Neighbourhoods forwarded the complaint to Environmental Health and Cleansing and the matter was resolved.
- 2450.2** Complaint received from resident of Brenda Crescent about Cadent disruption between Ince Road, Brook Road and the surrounding area. Neighbourhoods forwarded the complaint to Sefton Street Works.
- 2450.3** Sefton Finance about Manor Ward contribution to agreed works - £300 planters and £600 war memorial.
- 2450.4** NW in Bloom application form received - closing date for entries 31 March 2024.

2451: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 7:00PM.

2452: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 27 February 2024.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 6 March 2024