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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK PARISH CENTRE ON 1 MAY 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7:00pm

AGENDA

1. To elect a chairman for 2024-25, who will then sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'
2. To elect a vice-chairman for 2024-25, who will then sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'
3. To receive apologies for absence
4. To receive declarations of interest
5. To consider and approve the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 3 April 2024
6. To consider matters arising from previous minutes
7. To receive the 2023-24 Chairman's report
8. **Adjourn the meeting for public participation with Guest Speakers:** Vicky Blaine, General Manager National Trust Lancashire; Alex English, National Trust Project Manager and Ellie Ralphs, National Trust Project Manager.
9. **2023-24 Annual Return**
 - (a) To receive the certificate of exemption page 3.
 - (b) To receive the internal auditors report page 4.
 - (c) To approve the annual governance statement page 5.
 - (d) To approve the accounting statements page 6.
 - (e) To note the dates set for the exercise of public rights: 3 June to 12 July 2024.
 - (f) To approve the appointment of Batten Hughes as internal auditors for 2024-25 and their fee of £120.00 (inc. VAT).
10. To receive the 2023-24 accounting summary
11. To receive the 2024-25 revised budget
12. **Notice of vacancy**

Members are asked to consider co-option to fill the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council.
13. **Keeping Thornton tidy**
 - (a) Members are asked to receive an update on community litter picking.
 - (b) Members are asked to note the date of the next community litter pick, 4 May 2024.
14. **Thornton community group**
 - (a) Members are asked to receive an update on the planters by Cllr McGill and Irene White.
 - (b) Members are asked to consider participation in the 'Big Help Out' weekend 7-9 June 2024
15. **Strategic Plan**

Members are asked to receive an outline of the approach to strategy by Cllr Bundred.

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16. New noticeboard - Village Green

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr Hawkins.

17. War memorial and COVID memorial

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr Hawkins.

18. The Crescent traffic issues

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr Hawkins.

19. Defibrillator theft

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr McGill.

20. New Facebook page - Thornton Parish community

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr McGill.

21. Guest speakers

Members are asked to receive an update by the clerk.

22. Land opposite Southport Road

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr McGill.

23. Planning applications

Members are asked to consider planning applications set out in the schedule of planning applications circulated and also available on Sefton Council's website.

24. Authorised bank signatories

Members are asked to receive an update by Cllr McGill.

25. Accounts paid and for payment

Members are asked to review and agree the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated.

26. Correspondence

Members are asked to consider any correspondence which may have been received and respond. (for information purposes only - no decisions may be made under this item).

27. Next meeting date

Members are asked to agree the date of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

28. Deadline for Agenda items

Members are asked to agree the deadline date for agenda items, 28 May 2024.

Mrs V Swift

Clerk to Thornton Parish Council

25 April 2024