

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Bundred, Fonseca, Francis, Hawkins and Roberts

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 3 Guest Speakers, 4 Members of the Public

2453: Apologies for absence
There were no apologies.

2454: Members declaration of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

2455: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 7 February 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2456: Matters arising from previous minutes
There were no matters arising.

2457: Public comments
The meeting was adjourned at 19:03 for this item.

RESOLVED:

2457.1 That Cllr McGill thanked guest speakers Dave Horsfield, Chief Executive PC24, Deborah Gallagher, Patient Experience and Engagement Lead PC24, and Ines Santos, Thornton Practice Manager for attending the public forum, sharing plans on the integration of Thornton GP to the PC24 call centre, and for taking part in a challenging Q&A session.

2457.2 That Cllr McGill thanked everyone present for sharing their personal experiences of dissatisfaction with the level of delivery of service at Thornton GP and other GPs.

2457.3 That the clerk to liaise with Deborah Gallagher on a revisit date for a report on improved patient satisfaction, when calls to Thornton GP are answered within 60 seconds.

2457.4 That the clerk to update PC24 and Thornton Practice contact details on the website.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.53.

2458: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

2458.1 That an update by Cllr McGill on the monthly community litter pick be noted.

2458.2 That an update by Cllr Bundred on contact with Holy Family High School about their taking part in a community litter pick be noted.

2458.3 Members noted the date of the 2024 Great British Spring Clean, 15-31 March 2024.

2458.4 Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 6 April 2024.

2458.5 Members noted that the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

2459: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

- 2459.1** Members thanked resident, Irene White, for her checklist on the positioning and planting out of the new planters including: a location review; sourcing and selection of plants and the logistics of getting the planters to site and fixing them into their permanent position.
- 2459.2** Members noted that Cllr McGill to liaise with Irene White on a date and time to meet up to carry out a location review.
- 2459.3** Members noted that Cllr McGill to liaise with James O'Keeffe on the quantity of cones, croc and compost he is holding and the quantity that will need to be ordered.
- 2459.4** Members noted that the new planters to be part of the North West in Bloom entry.
- 2459.5** Members noted the suggestion of fixing Thornton Parish Council plaques to the planters.
- 2459.6** Members noted the clerk to complete and submit the North West in Bloom entry form and to be the point of contact.

2460: Signage on Edge Lane

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hawkins to contact Peter Hillsdon, Sefton Transport Planning, to request a definite installation date for the new signage.

2461: New noticeboard - Village Green

RESOLVED:

- 2461.1** Members noted planning application DC/2024/00027 is still under consideration.
- 2461.2** Members noted that Highways have stipulated that the height from the ground level to the underside of the noticeboard must be 1.5m, the Sefton standard.
- 2461.3** That Cllr Hawkins to contact Sefton Council to ask if their approved contractor would like to provide a quote for the installation of the noticeboard in accordance with Sefton Highways requirements.

2462: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED: Members noted that planning application DC/2023/02036 is still under consideration.

2463: Strategic Planning

RESOLVED:

- 2463.1** That Cllr Bundred to take the lead on formulating a strategic plan.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr McGill. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2463.2** Members noted that Cllrs Bundred, Francis and Fonseca to form a sub-committee to focus on the task of strategic planning.

2464: Public Address System

RESOLVED:

- 2464.1** That an update by Cllr Bundred on replacing the current 25w pa system with a 200w pa system as set out in the estimate circulated be noted.
- 2464.2** That Cllr Bundred to purchase a self-contained 200w portable public address system, microphone, stand, carry bag and cables inline with the estimate and budget of £500.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2464.3** Members noted the suggestion of gifting the old public address system to a local community group/association.

2465: Storage of Christmas crib

RESOLVED:

- 2465.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on removing the Christmas crib off the green be noted.
- 2465.2** Members thanked Fr Harrington for agreeing to store the Christmas crib at the vicarage.
- 2465.3** Members thanked Kevin Rathbone for his help in transporting the Christmas crib from the green to the vicarage of St William of York Church.

2466: Storage of Parish Council records

RESOLVED:

- 2466.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on locating historic letters be noted.
 - 2466.1.1** **Rufford Village Museum, 1 July 1948**, letter acknowledging receipt of the Thornton Parish chest and sampler on permanent loan.
 - 2466.1.2** **The National Trust, 23 July 1948**, letter thanking Thornton Parish Council for handing to the Museum on permanent loan the Thornton Parish chest and sampler.
 - 2466.1.3** **Lancaster County Council, 10 May 1948**, letter acknowledging receipt of historic records deposited for safekeeping to the Lancashire Records Office.
 - 2466.1.4** **Lancashire Records Office, 8 May 1948**, schedule of documents deposited for safekeeping from 1841-1940.
- 2466.2** That the clerk to share historic records with Rufford Old Hall and the National Trust; to see if they would like to organise an updated permanent loan agreement between Thornton Parish Council and the National Trust; and to organise a visit and take some photos of the chest and sampler to make an item of this on the website and on social media.

2467: Guest speakers

RESOLVED:

- 2467.1** Members noted that Jennifer Taylor, Neighbourhoods Area Co-ordinator for Thornton, Blundellsands and Crosby has confirmed as guest speaker for 1 May meeting.
- 2467.2** Members noted that Andrew Taylor, DWH North West, Planning Director has confirmed as guest speaker for 5 June meeting.

2468: Planning Applications

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

2469: National Westminster Bank mandate

RESOLVED:

- 2469.1** Members noted two failed online submissions to change 'Authorised Signatories'.
- 2469.2** That Cllr McGill to liaise with James O'Keeffe and Cllr Hawkins on a date and time to meet up at the National Westminster Bank, with the letter of authority signed by both Cllr McGill and James O'Keeffe and the two failed online submission documents, to complete a new bank mandate request.

2470: Budget and Precept 2024/25

RESOLVED: Members were asked to approve a detail amendment to an expenditure category set out in the proposed budget for 2024/25.

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

2471: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2472: Correspondence

- 2472.1** Sefton Council, receipt of funding from Manor War, £600 toward the cost of the 'War Memorial' and £300 toward the cost of the new planters.
- 2472.2** Sefton Council, John Toker, in response to a complaint about inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside St William of York Primary School. He confirmed that at the start of each academic year his department send out to every primary school a whole range of posters and banners promoting sustainable travel and safety around schools.
- 2472.3** James O'Keeffe asking if the Council hasn't forgotten about the trees proposed by Sefton...it's something that could be a great boost to the area and something many residents have been calling for (more trees).
- 2472.4** Elan City promoting solar radar speed signs.

2473: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 7:00PM.

2474: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 26 March 2024.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 3 April 2024