**Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30 April 2018**

**at 7.00 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley**

**Present:** Mr M Hayhurst (Chairperson)

Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)

Mrs G Airey (Responsible Finance Officer)

Mr P Hallett

**Apologies:** Mrs J Faraday

**18.4.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Faraday.

* + 1. **Declaration of Interests**

To avoid any potential conflict of interest Mrs Faraday had not been involved in the email discussion on the planning applications in respect of Arbour Farm and Lyme House Farm and Mrs Airey had not been involved in the email discussion in respect of the planning application relating to Thornley Hall Farm.

**18.4.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 were approved and signed.

* + 1. **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 29 January 2018**

**18.1.6 Land surrounding Thornley School valuation**

Mr Hayhurst explained that he had requested a firm of Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents to undertake a valuation of the land surrounding Thorney School. Their report indicated that if the land was freehold with vacant possession it would have a market value of £50,000. A discount to the value of 40% would give a tenanted value of £30,000.

**RESOLVED -** The Parish Council would accept these valuations and apply the value of £30,000 as the land is currently tenanted.

* + 1. **Accounts**

1. **End of year financial statement of transactions**

Members noted the statement of Parish Council transactions for the 2017/2018 financial year.

1. **Asset Register**

Members considered the draft Asset Register circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that the values in respect of the bench and planters should be revised to take account of depreciation and the boundary sign should not be included as a Parish Council asset.

**RESOLVED –** Revise the values in respect of the bench and planters to take account of depreciation and remove the boundary sign from the Asset Register.

**Action –** C Ansbro

1. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/2018**

Members reviewed the documents forwarded from the External Auditors and in particular the flow chart provided to help Parish Councils decide which AGAR to complete. It was agreed that Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council with income and expenditure ‹£25,000 would complete a Certificate of Exemption. All other required documents would be completed and posted on the Parish Council’s website before 2 July 2018

**RESOLVED-** To complete a Certificate of Exemption which would be submitted to the External Auditors and to complete all other required documents which would be posted on the Parish Council’s website before 2 July 2018.

**Action –** G Airey/C Ansbro

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* + 1. **Update on the Leader Grant Application in respect of Thornley School**

Whilst the meeting was in progress a response was received from Thornley Community Space indicating that they had not been successful in their application for this grant. Members discussed the slow-down of progress with the redevelopment of the School and were disappointed to learn that this grant would not be available as funding was integral in undertaking further work. Members agreed to consider the way forward and discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED -** Members to consider the way forward and discuss in more detail at the next meeting

**Action**  - All

* + 1. **Broadband for the Rural North Initiative**

Mrs Ansbro informed Members that she had recently met with the Parish Clerk for Bowland with Leagram who had outlined a scheme which would allow 800 homes in Chipping to connect to ultrafast broadband due to a volunteer-led project and a Ribble Valley Council cash injection. CHAIN (Chipping Area Internet Network) and B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) have installed a broadband hub at Chipping Village Hall and fibre ducting has been laid to people’s homes. There is a one-off £150 connection charge and a monthly charge of £30. A landline is not a requirement for the broadband and therefore there are no line fees. It was hoped to roll out the service to more users.

* + 1. **Planning Applications**

1. Proposed Extension to house to form family room/living area, utility room and bedroom ensuite at Arbour Farm (No. 3/2017/1207)
2. Proposed agricultural livestock building Thornley Hall Farm (No. 3/2018/0146)
3. Proposed agricultural building for livestock Lyme House Farm (No. 3/2018/0124 Registered 22/2/2018)
4. Proposed agricultural building for livestock Lyme House Farm (No. 3/2018/0151 Registered 1/3/20180)

Due to the timescale for responding to the consultation on these applications Members had been asked for their comments via email. No objections had been raised in respect of these planning applications.

**RESOLVED -** Ribble Valley Borough Council Planning Department had been notified of the Parish Council’s comments on these planning applications.

**Action -** C Ansbro

* + 1. **White Railings – Hedge Planting**

A local resident had approached Mrs Airey asking about the appropriateness of planting hedging close to white metal railings which were situated at a T junction. The concern was that this may cause visibility issues when the hedge was mature. It was agreed to check which department is responsible for the metal railings and to contact them to raise this query.

**RESOLVED –** Check which department is responsible for metal railings and contact them to raise this query.

**Action –** C Ansbro/G Airey

* + 1. **Request for financial support from Ribble Valley CAB**

The Parish Council had received a request for financial support from Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau. The Parish Council had provided a small donation in the past and it was agreed to send CAB a donation of £50.00 to support their valuable work in providing advice to those in need in the Ribble Valley.

**RESOLVED –** To send a donation of £50.00 to Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau.

**Action** – C Ansbro

* + 1. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Members were aware of the changing General Data Protection Regulation and had access to the relevant documents relating to the change. Mrs Airey agreed to explore further how this may impact the Parish Council and report back.

**RESOLVED -** To explore further how this may impact the Parish Council.

**Action –** G Airey

* + 1. **Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee Minutes of 25 January and Agenda for 22 March 2018 meeting**

Members noted the agenda and minutes relating to these meetings. Mr Hallett reported that the ongoing problem of pot holes had also been raised at the March meeting.

* + 1. **Any other business**
    2. **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Part III Claim for Definitive Map Modification order**

A letter had been received from Lancashire County Council regarding the claimed deletion of footpaths 4 Whittingham, Preston and 68 Thornley with Wheatley and addition of a footpath along Old Clay Lane Preston and Ribble Valley Boroughs. Members looked at the plan and from the details presented had no objections to the claim.

**RESOLVED –** From the details presented the Parish Council had no objections to the claim.

* + 1. **Date and Time of next meeting – Annual meeting of the Council**

21 May 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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