**Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018 at 8 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

Mrs J Faraday

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Thornley with Wheatley Annual Parish Meeting.

**Parish 18.1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**Parish 18.2 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Parish 18.3** **Minutes of the last Parish/AGM meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017 were approved and signed.

**Parish 18.4** **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 18 September 2017**

There were no matters arising

**Parish 18.5 Current Issues/Developments within the Community**

Work was continuing to refurbish Thornley School. Council Members noted that progress had slowed due to some extent to the requirement of funding. Funding streams were being pursued but a recent application had unfortunately been unsuccessful. As and when the Parish Council was made aware of possible funding streams details were forwarded to Thornley Community Space. Council Members wanted to support the Charity and it was decided that they would investigate the condition of the existing septic tank which had serviced the external toilet block with a view to making it fit for use and subsequently arranging the pipework to connect it to the school building.

**Action** – M Hayhurst/P Hallett

Unfortunately windows had recently been smashed at the School. This appeared to be an act of vandalism. The Insurers had been informed and were due to visit to assess the damage. Community Space would arrange for the windows to be boarded up which was not straightforward as there are no frames as such to attach to and they did not want to drill into the stonework. Mesh may have to be applied to the windows in the future to prevent any recurrence. As a further deterrent the Police had increased their visits to the site.

The Parish Council was pleased to note the following

The Shippon holiday let accommodation had been awarded the Quality Tourism Ribble Valley Star in Tourisim Award after only being open for business for approximately 9 months.

The Derby Arms had been awarded Lancashire Best Pub 2017.

SO Plants – Country Plant Store/Garden Centre had relocated to a site at Little Town Farm initially as an interim measure but had now decided that this would be its permanent base. Various events were planned which would further encourage visitors to the area.

**Parish 18.6 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Meeting would be held in May 2019. The date would be advertised nearer the time.

The Parish Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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