**Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019**

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

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

Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)

Mrs G Airey (Responsible Financial Officer)

Mr P Hallett

**Apologies:** Mrs J Faraday

* + 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Faraday

**19.2.02 Declaration of Interests**

Mrs Airey indicated an interest in Agenda item 8 which would include planning application No 3/2019/0095 and No 3/2019/0096 in respect of agricultural buildings at Thornley Hall Farm. She would, therefore, not be involved in the discussion on these applications.

**19.2.03 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2018 were approved and signed.

**19.2.04 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 15 October 2018**

**18.7.13 Parish Council Noticeboard**

The noticeboard has been repaired and has been re-erected. The internal pin-board will be replaced in due course.

**Action -** M Hayhurst

**19.2.05 Accounts**

Members noted that the annual payment from North West Electricity regarding way-leave had been received.

The Parish Council undertook a rent review for the land surrounding Thornley School. It was agreed to continue with the current rental rate and review again in 2022.

**RESOLVED** A letter to be sent to the person renting the land notifying him of the outcome of the review.

**Action -** Parish Clerk

**19.2.06 Email response from Thornley Community Space**

Members had read the email from Community Space in response to the PC’s letter of 27 November 2018. The Charity had confirmed that they wished to take up the PC’s offer of financial support towards the provision of permanent toilet facilities in the school building. However, there was no indication regarding the submission of a planning application for the work involved or an estimated timescale for the build. An update on the work undertaken and ongoing had also been provided together with progress on funding being sought by the Charity. The PC was pleased to note that the broken windows in the School had now been replaced.

The PC was keen to take up the offer of a visit to the School and this would be arranged with Thornley Community Space.

**RESOLVED** to arrange a visit to the School to view progress with the refurbishment and to enquire on progress with the building of the permanent toilet facility.

**Action -** Parish Clerk

**19.2.07 Inspection of Trees – Risk Management Progress**

Mrs Ansbro informed Members of the background to the recommendation that Parish Councils consider undertaking regular risk assessments of trees on land owned by the PC. An initial assessment of trees on the PC’s land adjacent to a public road/footpath had been undertaken and no problems had been identified. A pro forma Risk Assessment had been drawn up and Mr Hayhurst agreed to complete it and return it to the Parish Clerk. Thereafter an annual inspection would be undertaken. Interim inspections would be undertaken if weather conditions presented a higher risk.

**RESOLVED** Pro forma risk assessment to be completed as soon as possible and returned to Parish Clerk. Thereafter an annual inspection would be undertaken. Interim inspections would be undertaken if weather conditions presented a higher risk.

**Action -** Mr Hayhurst

* + 1. **Planning Applications**

1. Willow Barn, Rock Brow – extension and alteration of existing detached garage to create additional accommodation (No. 3/2018/0930)
2. Land east of Chipping Lane (No. 3/2018/0975) (detailed approval of appearance, layout and scale for 184 dwellings)
3. Good Heys Farm, Up Bedlam Road – Variation of Condition 5 (protected species mitigation) (No. 3/2019/0028)

Due to consultation timescale Members comments were provided via email on these applications. Items have been put on the agenda to confirm Members comments which had been emailed to Ribble Valley Planning Department.

Members had no objections to these applications.

However, in respect of Application No 3/2018/0975 they wished to reiterate comments made in respect of Phases 2 and 3 of this development regarding the potential for flooding on Chipping Lane

**RESOLVED** to reiterate comments made to Ribble Valley Planning Department in respect of Phases 2 and 3 of this development regarding the potential for flooding on Chipping Lane.

**Action -** Parish Clerk (email sent on 6 November 2018)

1. Regularisation of unauthorised change of use of single-storey, detached residential annex and timber outbuildings to a holiday cottage- Hill Top Farm (No. 3/2019/0046)

Members considered this application which was in respect of an unauthorised change of use of a single-storey detached residential annex. Whilst the PC would always recommend planning approval is sought in advance of any change of use Members noted the explanations in the Planning Statement regarding the change in circumstances and the applicant's (mistaken) impression regarding the grant of C3 residential approval. It was concluded that the PC had no objections to the regularisation of the unauthorised change of use.

The following applications were received after Agenda send out but were considered at the meeting.

1. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey extension to rear at Curtis House (No. 3/2019/0067)
2. Proposal to construct further extension to approved agricultural building to provide storage and livestock housing at Thornley Hall Farm (No.3/2019/0095)
3. New agricultural building for livestock and storage at Thornley Hall Farm (No. 3/2019/0096)

No objections were raised in respect of the above applications.

**RESOLVED** Ribble Valley Borough Council to be informed of the PC’s responses in respect of applications d) to g).

**Action -** Parish Clerk

* + 1. **Email re Grouse Shooting**

Members noted the email sent out to Parish and Town Councils from a resident in Falkirk entitled “Is driven grouse shooting driving away jobs as well as wildlife”.

* + 1. **Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation**

Parish and Town Councils had been notified of the consultation on the suggested changes to the days and times Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) will open. It was proposed to change the opening hours for all HWRCs to 9 am to 5pm for the entire year. In respect of Longridge (which handles less than 5000 tonnes a year) it was proposed to open the Centre on five days in the week. It would be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and closed on either Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday. Members understood the rationale for this proposal and, on the basis that the Centre would remain open, they did not envisage that the changes would have a major impact on the Parish.

**RESOLVED** PC to respond to the consultation indicating that it did not envisage that the changes would have a major impact on the Parish.

**Action -** Parish Clerk

* + 1. **Agenda for Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee November 2018 and January 2019**

Members noted these Agendas.

* + 1. **Any other business**
    2. **Lap top for use by Parish Clerk**

Mrs Airey suggested that the Parish Council fund the purchase of a lap top to be used by the Parish Clerk specifically for Parish Council work. Members agreed that this would be very useful

**RESOLVED** the purchase of a lap top to be used by the Parish Clerk specifically for Parish Council work to be explored.

**Action -** Parish Clerk/Mrs Airey

* + 1. **Date and Time of next meeting**

Monday 13 May 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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