

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually via Zoom on

Tuesday 9 February 2021 (changed from Monday 8 February) at 7.00 pm

Present: Mr M Hayhurst (Chairperson)
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)
Mrs G Airey (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mr P Hallett (Representative on Parish Councils' Liaison Cttee)
Mrs J Faraday

21.2.01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

21.2.02 Declarations of Interest

Mr Hayhurst and Mrs Ansbro declared an interest in the planning application in respect of Lea Barn, Four Acre Lane, which had been added to the agenda as a late item in order to meet consultation timescales.

21.2.03 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020 were approved and a copy would be signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the Clerk.

21.2.04 Matters Arising

20.12.13 Field opposite Meg Hall, Forty Acre Lane, Thornley

The Parish Clerk reported that she had contacted Ribble Valley Planning Department to ask if any planning application or advice had been sought in relation to the change of landscape on this site. She had been informed of 3 applications in respect of Forty Acre Lane, none of which related to this particular field.

21.2.05 Accounts

a) Income and Expenditure Statement to February 2021

Councillors noted the Income and Expenditure Statement to February 2021. All expenditure had been agreed prior to payment. The Chairman would sign off the Statement and forward to the Clerk.

Action - Chairman

b) Bank Statements to 5 January 2021

Councillors noted the Bank Statements (Current Account and Business Reserve Account). These were the most up-to-date statements available to-date. Mr Hallett

would check that the cheque numbers indicated on Current Account Statement corresponded to the Income and Expenditure Statement and would sign off. The signed copy of the Current Account Statement would be passed to the Clerk for file.

Action - P Hallett

Mrs Airey (RFO) explained that consideration had been given to making some changes in the PC's banking arrangements. She proposed that the Current Account be used for day-to-day transactions and the Business Reserve Account be used for holding any reserve funding (£5,000) not initially required to meet the annual budget proposals.

It was also proposed to move to Digital and Direct banking services which would allow quick access to the PC's account in order to manage funds in a timely manner. A debit card for the Current Account would also be requested. All appropriate checks would be put in place and only authorised signatories (RFO and Clerk) would have appropriate access.

Councillors agreed that these arrangements should be put in place.

RESOLVED RFO to contact the Bank in order to change the PC's banking arrangements as agreed.

Action - RFO/Clerk

c) Request from Bowland with Leagram PC re contribution to War Memorial Upkeep

Mrs Ansbro reported that she had received an email from the Chairman of Bowland with Leagram PC requesting that the PC make a proportionate increase in the annual amount paid towards the upkeep of the War Memorial (£33.33). Councillors agreed to this request. The Parish Clerk would notify the Chairman and request that the annual invoice be forwarded so that payment could be made.

Action - Parish Clerk

d) Budget Proposals for 2021/2022

Mrs Airey introduced her draft Budget Proposals for 2021/2022 and explained the rationale regarding expenditure against income. Councillors considered each item and following discussion the Budget Proposals were approved.

RESOLVED the Budget Proposals for 2021/2022 were approved for implementation.

21.2.06 Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation

The email to partners and stakeholders seeking opinion on the LCC's proposed budget for 2021/2022 had been forwarded to Councillors for consideration due to the short timescale for response. Councillors had noted the email and had had no comments to make.

21.2.07 Affiliation with Peak and Northern Footpaths Society

Mrs Airey referred to the letter from the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS) voluntary Inspector for Ribble Valley which was discussed at the December PC meeting. The PNFS was offering donations towards rights of way improvement projects. Having further considered the PNFS offer to the PC to affiliate with the organisation Mrs Airey proposed that this was worthwhile and could prove useful to the PC in the future. Councillors supported this proposal.

RESOLVED an application for the PC to become an affiliated member of the PNFS to be submitted.

Action - G Airey

21.2.08 Planning Applications

- a) Application for Planning in Principle at The Stables, Chaigley Road, Longridge No 3/2021/0070

It was noted there had been a number of previous applications in respect of development on this site. Councillors considered this planning in principle application and no objections were raised.

- b) Proposed conversion of a barn to a residential dwelling and associated works at Lea Barn, Forty Acre Lane, Longridge No 3/2021/0098

Although item b) had been received after the Agenda had been sent out it had been included as a late item in order to meet the consultation timescale.

As two Councillors had declared an interest in this item and would not, therefore, be included in any discussion, the Chairman proposed that comments be submitted to the Clerk via email.

RESOLVED comments on the planning application identified at b) be submitted via email to the Clerk.

Action - G Airey, P Hallett, J Faraday

21.2.09 Agenda for Parish Councillors' Liaison Committee on 28/1/2021

Mr Hallett had participated in the PCLC Zoom meeting. He reported that the main item for discussion was in respect of a huge repair project on the Haweswater Aqueduct pipeline which supplies drinking water to Lancashire. Work will be carried out between Lancaster and the Ribble Valley as well as a section in Hyndburn. Although the majority of the work will take place underground there will be large machinery brought in and reception shafts built for workers to access the pipes.

21.2.10 Any Other Business – Flooding Across Main Carriageway

Mrs Ansbro informed Councillors that she had been contacted by a lady who lived in Chipping Parish who was concerned about the flooding across the main Longridge to

Chipping Road on a stretch between Four Acre Lane and the entrance to Ferrari's Restaurant in Thornley. Councillors had noticed that water pooled in the field on one side of the carriageway and due to the level of the verge, during heavy rainfall, it flooded across the road and pooled on the opposite side. This was occurring more frequently and in the recent cold weather the water had frozen and become a skid risk. Councillors felt that this problem had the potential to cause a serious incident. It was, therefore, agreed to contact Highways Authority to ask if the problem could be investigated to determine how the issue could be resolved. The Chairman also agreed to inform the Farmer of the action the PC was taking.

RESOLVED Highways Authority to be contacted to ask if the problem could be investigated to determine how the issue could be resolved. The Chairman to inform the Farmer of the action the PC was taking.

Action - Parish Clerk/Chairman

21.2.11 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 10 May 2021 commencing at 7 pm (Ordinary and Parish meetings)

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed _____ Date _____