**MINUTES OF THEYDON MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL OGM HELD AT**

**MOUNT FARM CONFERENCE VENUE CM16 7PX AT 7M ON MONDAY 21st October.**

1. **Apologies :** None

**2.** **Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Minutes of the last OGM** – Ratified – **RA to publish**.

**4**. **Business:**

**4.1 Progress Reports:**

* **Gateways Initiative** – Following release of the permits for our Gateway Signs TMPC discussed the T&C’s within the permits and planning for the next stages of the project. HTB reported that he had secured a favourable quotation from a suitable contractor for the work to install the gateways into the verges at the designated locations. TMPC approved the proposal to move ahead with the purchase of the signs to be affixed to the gateways and for HTB to contact our generous benefactor regarding the promised support for the gateways project.

At a suitable future and approved date, RA agreed to establish a working party to plant the bulbs in front of each sign iaw the permit conditions.

* **Telephone Box refurbishment** – HTB updated TMPC on the significant progress to date and RA updated TMPC on progress with the insurance claim.

**4.2** **Local Highways** - PC reported “no further progress” on the TMPC Traffic Calming submission since JH had been busy. PC to write to Essex Highways pressing for action pending completion of photographic evidence by JH. PC will also use this issue to contact neighbouring parishes to propose co-operation on issues of mutual interest.

**4.3** **Community Police Officer** – RA reported that he had emailed the Community Police Officer (P.C. Karen West) seeking advice and guidance on the parish road signs and whether they were adequate both in focus and numbers. To date, RA had received no reply.

**4.4 Newsletter** – MH reported that the next Newsletter would be prepared for release in time for Christmas.

**4.5** **Litter Pick** – Date now set for Sunday 24th November - 10:00 start from 11 Mount End. Notice regarding this event would be circulated electronically.

**5. Finance:**

**5.1** MH spoke briefly to his cash flow report which had been appended to the previously circulated agenda for the OGM.

**5.2 Clerks Stipend –** MH proposed writing the cheque for Clerks stipend at the end of the OGM and subsequently in future he should be paid annually in October, 6 months in lieu and 6 months in advance. TMPC approved the proposals.

**6**. **District Councillors Report** – TMPC determined that this agenda item would in future not be included except under those circumstances when any of our ward representatives sought to attend a TMPC OGM.

**7. Adjacent Parish Councils Liaison** – PC reported that he was still to fashion the communique to adjacent parish councils inviting discussion on inter – PC cooperation.

**8. Planning: -**

TMPC were reminded that currently there were only two extant Planning Applications directly affecting the parish.

**8.1 Shalesmere Cottage/Nursery (EPF/0274/24) –** continuing watching brief.

**8.2 Nickerlands Solar Farm (EPF/1546/24**) – TMPC to maintain a watching brief on further developments.

**9. Correspondence:**

**9.1 EALC Course** – **Introduction to Planning** – RA to book two places for available members of TMPC for the 5th February 2025 presentation.

**9**.**2 Preferred date for last OGM of 2024** – TMPC confirmed next OGM to be held on Monday 9th December 2024.

Signed A black rope in the shape of a heart

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