

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley

Present: Mr M Hayhurst (Chairman)
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairman/ Acting Clerk)
Mrs G Airey
Mr P Hallett

Apologies: Mrs J Faraday (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Faraday.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Discussion/approval of the Minutes of the last meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) Update on local bus service

The Parish Council had received an email from Lancashire County Council Integrated and Public Transport which explained that the decision had been made that 60% of the 113 subsidised bus services would continue to run in some form. Councillors were pleased to note that this included the service provided to and from Chipping and a new draft timetable had been issued.

b) Purchase of Planters

Mr Hayhurst reported that he had been in email correspondence with Chris Nolan, Traffic Engineer (Ribble Valley) requesting advice on the size/type of planter to be purchased. He was currently awaiting a response which he would circulate to Members once received.

Action - M Hayhurst (Chairman)

4. Accounts

Councillors agreed to support the annual request from Bowland with Leagram PC for a contribution to the upkeep of the War Memorial.

Action – M Hayhurst (Chairman)

5. Update on the Application for the Parish Grant Scheme

Thornley Community Space had responded indicating that they would like to use the grant to complete the restoration of the bell tower as part of the refurbishment of Thornley School. Councillors agreed to support this proposal. Thornley Community Space would be contacted to ask them to confirm progress with completion of the application form and obtaining supporting estimates.

Action – C Ansbro (Acting Clerk)

6. Consultation on Planning Applications

a) Seven Acre Bungalow Forty Acre Lane (No 3/2016/0203)

The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

b) Land East of Chipping Lane (No 3/2016/0193)

Councillors considered this application for detailed approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 118 dwellings (Phase 1 of a larger development). As part of the consultation for the development, in a letter to Ribble Valley Borough Council, Longridge Town Council had detailed its concerns regarding flooding from the land (this was currently an issue during heavy and prolonged rainfall) and the drainage strategy. Thornley Parish Council shared these concerns and any impact they may have on Thornley residents. Comments would be forwarded to Stephen Martin at RVBC in response to the consultation.

Action – C Ansbro (Acting Clerk)

7. Any Other Business

a) Barriers near Reservoir and Footpaths

Mr Hayhurst informed Councillors that he had noted barriers had been in place on the roadway near the Reservoir for some time with no evidence of work taking place and there were a large number of potholes requiring repair in the road past the Golf Club. Highways Authority to be contacted.

Action – C Ansbro (Acting Clerk) - email to Highways Authority

Mr Hallett also expressed concern about the state of maintenance of the footpaths/manhole covers in various areas of Thornley which caused difficulties for walkers and made it impossible for wheelchair users to travel along them. He agreed to draft an email identifying the problems which could be forwarded to the relevant Authority for action.

Action – P Hallett

b) Painting of White Railings

Mrs Airey agreed to email potential volunteers to ask for their availability to continue the painting programme for the white railings.

Action – G Airey

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 20 June 2016 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm