

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27 June 2016 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 14 March 2016 and 25 January 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from meeting held on 14 March 2016

a) Purchase of Planters

Mr Hayhurst had circulated the email from Chris Nolan, Traffic Engineer, regarding siting, material and required size for the planters. Some research had been undertaken to check what was available from Nursery suppliers and this was considered. It was agreed that Mr Hallett would contact Michelle Unsworth (SO Plants) to ask her to quote for the supply of 2 planters as per the recommendations and to quote for filling and maintaining the planters on an annual basis. The quote to be available for discussion at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

Action – P Hallett

b) Update on the Application for the Parish Grant Scheme

Members reviewed the grant application completed by Thornley Community Space. It was agreed that a number of issues needed further consideration including

- Obtaining more than one quote for the restoration work on the bell tower
- Including the estimated cost of restoration of the weathervane
- Providing a more up-to-date balance of the charitable accounts
- Further considering the contribution from Thornley Community Space towards the overall cost

Action – C Ansbro to discuss with Representatives from Thornley Community Space.

J Faraday to contact Thornley Community Space regarding more up-to-date charitable fund accounts.

c) Painting of White Railings

Mrs Airey reported that she had emailed potential volunteers regarding availability to continue painting but no-one had been available to help. She indicated that there may be more opportunity in July and would pursue this. However it was noted that the grass verges were now very overgrown. Mrs Faraday would contact Highways Authority regarding the plan for cutting of verges.

Action – J Faraday

4. Accounts

The Annual Accounts were reviewed and signed

5. Chairman's Action

Mr Hayhurst had emailed Members on 5 April explaining the situation with regard to the rent review in respect of the land surrounding Thornley School, and the action he had taken. Members had approved his action. The rent from 2 February 2016 would increase to £360.00 per annum. This would be effective for a 3 year period and then again reviewed. The Tenant would be notified in January 2018 of the proposed rent review the following year. A letter would be sent to the Tenant confirming this arrangement.

Action – C Ansbro

6. Consultation on Planning Applications

a) Seven Acre Bungalow Forty Acre Lane (No 3/2016/0516 – Resubmission)

No objections were raised.

b) Curtis House, Chipping Road (No 3/2016/0259 - Resubmission)

Members had had email discussion regarding this planning application resubmission. No objections were raised.

7. Fracking in Ribble Valley Borough Council District

Members noted the email notifying Parish/Town Councils of the awarding of fracking licences to Osprey Fracking Company (under Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences) in the East Lancashire area. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on any further developments.

8. Fly Tipping Penalty Notices

The new fixed penalty notice to tackle fly tipping was noted.

9. LCC Strategy for Public Access Buildings

The establishment of a Working Group to respond to the consultation on County Council public access buildings was welcomed.

10. Armed Forces Day

It was reported that a very successful, well attended event had been held in Preston centre to mark the national Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2016.

11. Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

The Agenda and Minutes for the meeting held on 7 April had been circulated to Members. In particular attention was drawn to the Minute relating to the Community Land Trust established in Chipping, based on the outcome of their Housing Needs Survey, for the development of 7 two-bedroom apartments.

The Parish Council had been invited to be involved in meetings relating to this development but had not received any details for some time. It was agreed the Mrs Faraday would contact John Stancliffe for an update on this development.

Action – Mrs Faraday

12. Any Other Business

a) Water Supply Thornley School

Mr Hayhurst informed Members that he had been contacted when a water pipe had been damaged during ploughing of the field surrounding Thornley School. He had contacted United Utilities to report the problem. On investigation it had not been possible to locate a stop tap. Subsequently a stop tap had been installed close to the school building where it was easily accessible. The leaking pipe had been resolved but appeared to have recurred. United Utilities had again been contacted and requested to deal with the problem.

It was agreed that Mrs Faraday would contact United Utilities to ask where the water metre for the school is located.

Action – Mrs Faraday

b) Refurbishment of Thornley School

It was agreed that Thornley Community Space be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to update Members on progress with the scheme.

Action – Mrs Faraday

c) RVBC Meeting Cycle 2016/17

The programme of RVBC meetings was circulated. It was noted that the Parish Council meeting would follow the Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting in September.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 12 September 2016 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm