

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 September 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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 27 June 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from meeting held on 27 June 2016

a) Purchase of Planters

Members considered the quote submitted by Michelle Unsworth for the supply, planting and maintenance of 2 planters. The purchase price for the planters and the cost for planting were felt to be acceptable however it was not clear whether the monthly maintenance cost was for both planters or per planter. Mr Hallett agreed to check this and email Members with clarification so that a final decision could be made.

Action – P Hallett

b) Update on the Application for the Parish Grant Scheme

The grant application which had been revised by Thornley Community Space had been circulated to Members and a more up-to-date statement of the charitable accounts had been provided. It was agreed that Mrs Airey would ask the Ward Councillor to support the application and sign the relevant form, following which she would submit the completed application forms to Ribble Valley Borough Council before the deadline date of 30 September 2016.

Action – G Airey

c) Painting of White Railings

Mrs Airey reported that more painting had been undertaken. Further attempts would be made to complete the work at the bottom of Dodd Brow and she would email volunteers regarding availability to help. Members noted that areas of grass verge had been cut but this did not

extend to the bottom of the railings in some places. Growth would need to be cleared in order to paint the lower railings.

Action – G Airey

d) Rent Review

A letter had been sent to the Tenant confirming the agreed rent review arrangement.

e) Fly Tipping Penalty Notices

Mr Hayhurst informed Members that he had noted rubbish which appears to have been left by fly tippers on Birks Brow. Mrs Airey offered to obtain the telephone number to report this issue and circulate it to Members, details could also be posted on the Parish Council noticeboards.

Action – G Airey

f) Water Supply Thornley School

It is still unclear if there is a water metre for the school. Mr Hallett agreed to check if the Thornley Community Space were aware if a meter had been installed in the past as the Charity is now responsible for paying the water rates.

Action – P Hallett

4. Refurbishment of Thornley School

Unfortunately it had not been possible for members of Thornley Community Space to attend the Parish Council meeting to update Members on the scheme. It was agreed that an update was required and therefore Thornley Community Space would be requested to provide a written report on progress with the refurbishment together with an estimated timescale for completion of the project.

Action – C Ansbro

5. Accounts

The Annual Accounts had been submitted and approved by the Audit Commission. Mrs Faraday reported that a VAT refund of £104.35 had been received.

6. Consultation on Planning Applications

a) Former Royal Observer Corps Radio Station to Amateur Radio Station (Ref 3/2016/0652)

Members considered this application and had no objections at this time.

b) 1 Birks Cottage, Birks Brow (Ref 3/2016/0573)

It was noted that this application had not been approved by RVBC Planning Department.

7. Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Mr Hallett reported that there had been a detailed presentation and discussion at the meeting on 8 September regarding the Boundary Commission Review of the Ribble Valley. A copy of the presentation had subsequently been emailed to PC Members. Information would be requested from parishes and others between 22 November 2016 and 30 January 2017 on warding patterns. The consultation on draft recommendations would be between 11 April 2017 and 19 June 2017.

8. Any Other Business

a) Concurrent Function Grants 2016/2017

Mrs Ansbro drew Members attention to the letter from RVBC which had been received after the agenda had been sent out. Members discussed the grant scheme which was available to Parish and Town Councils to support a number of concurrent functions. Members were aware that there were stretches of roadside pathway in Thornley which were overgrown. It was therefore agreed to seek further information in relation to footpaths and whether this related to roadside footpaths and/or those which crossed fields and also ask whether RVBC held a list of approved contractors who could carry out clearing of pathways.

Action – C Ansbro

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Provisional dates for subsequent meetings are as follows. Meetings to commence at 7.00 pm

Monday 16 January 2017

Monday 20 March 2017

Monday 19 June 2017 (Mrs Faraday to clarify if this date meets requirements for sign-off of accounts)

Monday 18 September 2017

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm