

## **Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10 November 2016 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley**

**Present:** Mr M Hayhurst (Chairman)  
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairman/Clerk)  
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 meeting held on 12 September 2016 were approved.

#### **3. Matters Arising from meeting held on 12 September 2016**

##### **a) Purchase of Planters**

It was confirmed that the monthly maintenance cost included both planters. It was therefore agreed to purchase the planters as per the quotation. Mr Hallett would inform Michelle Unsworth. As the Thornley with Wheatley sign situated on Chipping Road leading out of Longridge was bent and was not in the best condition it was decided to explore the possibility of replacing it with a new sign.

**Action** – P Hallett/C Ansbro

##### **b) Update on the Application for the Parish Grant Scheme**

Thornley Community Space had been notified that the Parish Grant Application had been successful.

##### **c) Fly Tipping Penalty Notices**

Mr Hayhurst informed Members that the majority of the rubbish left by fly tippers on Birks Brow had now been removed.

##### **d) Water Supply Thornley School**

It had been confirmed that there was a water metre for the school and Thornley Community Space were aware of where it was situated. The meter had been read twice and was not currently recording any usage. When the water supply to the School is to be connected United Utilities would need to be notified so that a new metre could be installed.

Mr Hayhurst reported that the repaired joint on the water pipe in the field still appeared to be leaking and he would inform United Utilities.

**Action** – M Hayhurst

#### **e) Refurbishment of Thornley School**

The written update on the refurbishment project provided by Thornley Community Space was considered. Members were pleased to note the progress made so far and, in particular, that the building was now water-tight and weatherproof. Further work was planned including the repair of the bell tower and restoration of the weathervane utilising the funding from the Parish Grant. It was hoped to open the building in the New Year so that people could have a look at the restoration and to generate interest in helping with the project. As yet there was no indication of how much longer it would take to complete the work. Thornley Community Space would be asked to give an indication of an estimated timescale.

**Action** – C Ansbro

#### **f) Concurrent Function Grants 2016/2017**

It had been confirmed that concurrent funding covered all pathways. The claim for funding had to be based on actual expenditure from the previous financial year i.e. the 2016/17 grant should be based on actual expenditure from April 2015 to March 2016.

In relation to the overgrown pathways in Thornley, an email had been sent to Highways Team asking if there was a list of approved contractors who undertake this type of work. To date no response had been received.

#### **g) Dates for Future Meetings**

Mrs Faraday informed Members that the 19 June 2017 date would not meet the requirements for sign-off of accounts. The date was therefore changed to 22 May 2017.

### **4. Accounts**

There were no items for discussion.

### **5. Boundary Changes to the Ribble Valley**

Members had considered the letter received from Nigel Evans MP regarding the Boundary Commission's proposal to divide the Ribble Valley into two seats, Clitheroe and Colne and North Lancashire. Currently the Ribble Valley wards work closely together and there are strong rural communities. Members, therefore, felt strongly that they could not support the proposed division. It was felt that the suggestion proposed by Ribble Valley Conservatives for a new seat which would include the whole of the Borough together with a number of Hyndburn wards, which could be called Ribble Valley and West Hyndburn would be a more suitable alternative.

The Chairman agreed to respond to the Boundary Commission on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Action** – M Hayhurst

### **6. Consultation on Public Payphone Removal**

Members were informed that RVBC had received notification from BT regarding consultation on their current programme of proposed public payphone removal. In Thornley with Wheatley it was proposed to remove the payphone situated near Banks Cottage on Chipping Road.

Members objected to the removal of this facility for the following reasons

a) The payphone is situated on a busy but unlit road which has sharp bends and is subject to flooding. Numerous accidents/incidents have occurred on this stretch of road over recent years

b) The nearest payphone to this facility is approximately a mile and a half away in Longridge

c) The payphone is situated in an area with particularly poor mobile phone coverage

These comments would be submitted to the Local Planning Authority on behalf of the Parish Council in response to the consultation.

**Action** – C Ansbro

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **a) Recycling Bank**

An email had been received from Jayne Slough (Development Manager, Recycling Solutions North West Ltd.) stating that she worked in partnership with Against Breast Cancer Ltd, raising money through textile recycling and requesting permission to site a recycling bank within Thornley with Wheatley. Members felt that there was no appropriate site for this facility and that the area was well served for recycling with banks situated in Longridge.

Ms Slough would be notified of this response.

**Action** – C Ansbro

### **b) Request for Precept for the Financial Year 2017/18**

The Parish Council had been contacted requesting information regarding the Parish precept. It was agreed that the Parish would request the same precept as in 2016/17.

**Action** – C Ansbro

## **8. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 16 January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm