

## **Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017 at 7 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley**

**Present:** Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairman/Clerk)

Mrs G Airey

Mrs J Faraday

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Hayhurst and Mr Hallett.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2016 were approved.

#### **3. Matters Arising from meeting held on 10 November 2016**

##### **a) Purchase of Planters/New Sign**

Mrs Ansbro reported that following numerous emails she had finally been referred to RVBC in respect of the enquiry about replacement of the Thornley with Wheatley sign located on the Longridge/Chipping Road. She had been informed that Parish/Village boundary signs are the responsibility of the Parish. The contact at RVBC (Janette Brown) had offered to get a quote for a new sign together with the cost for fitting and Mrs Ansbro had asked that she do this and the quote would then be considered by the Parish Council.

**Action** – C Ansbro

##### **b) Refurbishment of Thornley School**

Emails had been sent to Thornley Community Space requesting an indication of an estimated timescale for completion of the work. To-date no response had been received. Further attempts would be made to contact the Charity.

**Action** – C Ansbro

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

Lancashire Highway Services had confirmed that verge maintenance and weed spraying in the Ribble Valley was carried out by RVBC. Mrs Ansbro had emailed Alan Boyer at RVBC who had been very helpful and explained that his department was qualified to carry out this work. However, weed spraying was now finished until around May/June. He suggested meeting "on site" to discuss further. Members agreed this would be a good idea and those present felt the best days would be Wednesday or Friday afternoons. This needs to be confirmed by all Members so that as many PC Members as possible could attend. Mr Boyer could then be offered dates for the meeting.

## **Action – All Members**

### **d) Consultation on Public Pay Phone Removal**

Members noted that RVBC's response to the consultation on removal of pay phones supported the Parish Council's view that the pay phone near Banks Cottage on Chipping Road (Number 01772 783490) should be retained.

### **4. Accounts**

There were no items for discussion.

### **5. Electoral Review of the Ribble Valley – Warding Arrangements**

Members considered the letter and emails received from the Local Government Boundary Commission informing Councils of the electoral review of the Ribble Valley and seeking views on future ward boundaries. The Commission had indicated that it was minded to recommend 40 Councillors should be elected to RVBC in the future, the same as currently and was now inviting proposals to help draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 40 Borough Councillors. At present some Borough Councillors represent more or fewer electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the Borough. The review aimed to correct any imbalances. Members noted that Derby and Thornley's current electorate number was 2325 and was forecast to increase to 2487. This is higher than the local Wards of Chipping, Bowland/Newton/Slaidburn and Dilworth. The Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in April 2017 for consultation. Members agreed to await the draft recommendations.

### **6. Planning Applications**

#### **a) Land East of Chipping Lane (No 3/2016/0193) update**

Members noted that planning approval had been granted for Phase 1 of this development subject to a number of conditions to be met by the developers. These included the development of a sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan to manage flooding and pollution.

#### **b) Lower Arbour Cottage, Chipping Road (No 3/2016/0960)**

The Parish Council had not received a formal request for comment on this application. Mrs Faraday confirmed that she had been consulted, as a neighbour of the property. Consultation had ended on 2 December 2016 and it was understood that the application had not received approval from the Planning Authority.

#### **c) Resubmission of Planning Application for Single Storey Extension to Rear of 1 Birks Cottage (No 3/2016/1188)**

Adjustments had been made to take account of the reasons why the initial plans had been refused. The application was now for one extension to the rear of the property to be accommodated within the existing cat slope roof at the rear. No objections were raised in respect of this resubmission.

#### **d) General Purpose Agricultural Building Adjoining Covered Manure Store at Old House Farm (No 3/2016/1184)**

No objections were raised in respect of this planning application.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **a) Request for Financial Support from Citizens Advice Bureau Ribble Valley**

Each year Clitheroe and Longridge Town Councils and the 42 Ribble Valley Parish Council were contacted with a request for financial support. Members noted that the service had been accessed by Derby & Thornley residents over the last financial. It was therefore agreed to donate £50.00 to support the work of the Ribble Valley CAB.

**Action** – C Ansbro

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

**Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.00 pm** (changed from Monday 20 March 2017 due to availability)

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm