**Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 29 January 2018**

**at 7.00 pm at the Derby Arms, Thornley**

**Present:** Mr M Hayhurst (Chairperson)

Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)

 Mrs G Airey (Responsible Finance Officer)

 Mr P Hallett

 Mrs J Faraday

**18.1.1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

* + 1. **Declaration of Interests**

To avoid any potential conflict of interest Mrs Faraday was not involved in the email discussion on the Agenda item relating to the formalisation of an existing access track at Lyme House Farm and Mrs Airey would not be invited to comment on the Agenda item relating to the proposed extension to agricultural building at Thornley Hall Farm.

**18.1.3 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 were approved and signed.

* + 1. **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 20 November 2017**

There were no matters arising.

* + 1. **Accounts**

Mrs Ansbro reported that the PC had been notified that for Lancashire the new External Auditors for the 2017/18 financial year would be PKF Littlejohn LLP.

* + 1. **Land surrounding Thornley School**

Members noted the letter from Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited regarding the land at Thornley School and it was agreed that no further action was required at this time. Mr Hayhurst agreed to source an up-to-date valuation for the land from a firm of Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents.

**RESOLVED** - Up-to-date valuation for the land at Thornley School to be sourced from a firm of Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents.

**Action**  - M Hayhurst

* + 1. **Concurrent Function Grants 2017/18**

Mrs Ansbro explained this grant scheme which allowed Parish Councils to apply for assistance if they had funded work during 2017/2018 in relation to a range of functions including footpaths, litter collection and Parish Lengthsman. The PC had not made any relevant expenditure in the 2017/18 financial year and therefore would not submit a claim in this round of funding.

* + 1. **Planning Applications**
1. **Formalisation of an existing access track Lyme House Farm (No. 3/2017/1107)**

Due to the timescale for responding to the consultation on this application Members had been asked for their comments via email. No objections had been raised in respect of this planning application.

1. **Proposed extension to agricultural building approved under ref 3/2017/0874 Thornley Hall Farm (No. 3/2017/1218)**

Members considered this planning application and no objections were raised.

**RESOLVED -** Ribble Valley Borough Council Planning Department to be notified of the Parish Council’s comments on these planning applications.

**Action -** C Ansbro

* + 1. **Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee 25 January 2018**

Members noted the agenda and minutes relating to this meeting.

* + 1. **Any other business**

There were no items of other business**.**

* + 1. **Date and Time of next meeting**

30 April 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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Signed Date