**Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15 October 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 Financial Officer)

Mr P Hallett

Mrs J Faraday

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* + 1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**18.10.2 Declaration of Interests**

To avoid any potential conflict of interest Mr Hallett had not been involved in the email discussion on the planning application in respect of the extension of the existing building at Little Town Farm. Mrs Airey indicated an interest in Agenda item 9 e) – planning application in respect of a proposal to construct an extension (lean to) to approved agricultural building at Thornley Hall Farm. She would, therefore, not be involved in the discussion on this item.

**18.10.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2018 were approved and signed.

**18.10.4 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 30 July 2018**

**18.7.13 Parish Council Noticeboard**

Mr Hayhurst reported that work was ongoing to repair the noticeboard.

**18.7.14 Footpaths**

Mrs Ansbro confirmed that she had emailed a contact at Ribble Valley Borough Council to enquire about weed control of footpaths. Unfortunately she had not received a reply but subsequently the weeds did seem to be dying off. The situation would be reviewed again in the Spring.

**18.10.5 Update on Development of Thornley School**

Members had had the opportunity to read through the update email from Community Space and the subsequently forwarded 2 quotes for the installation of the toilets in the School. Unfortunately the quotes were not like-for-like and therefore it was difficult to make comparisons. The quotes suggested the installation of a Saniflow system (macerator) to aid flow to the septic tank which is situated in the field some distance from the School building. Councillors considered a possible alternative which could be to lower the inspection chamber to allow enough fall for a conventional drainage system. Mr Hayhurst and Mr Hallett agreed to do some further exploratory work as soon as possible to check if this was a feasible option and they would feedback to the PC on the outcome.

**RESOLVED** to do some further exploratory work as soon as possible to check if it was possible to lower the inspection chamber to allow enough fall for a conventional drainage system and feedback to the PC on the outcome.

**Action –** Mr Hayhurst/Mr Hallett

The email from TCS also referred to their revised approach to the refurbishment of the School building. They intended to complete smaller pieces of work rather than aiming for a one-off total renovation project due to the difficulty in securing large scale funding/grants. The Parish Council would continue to support the Charity as much as possible to move forward with the renovation.

**18.10.6 Accounts**

Members considered Thornley Community Space’s End of Year Accounts to 31 March 2018. It was noted that a small amount of money had been raised in year and a small amount spent.

**18.10.7 Consultation Document – Draft Statement of Principles 2019/2022 re the Gambling Act**

The PC reviewed this Consultation Document and noted that from 6 April 2016 a new requirement had been introduced requiring licensed operators of certain gambling establishments to undertake local risk assessments.

**18.10.8 Consultation on Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review**

Members had had the opportunity to read through the Draft Revised Plan which represents a single, concise document setting out land use planning policies for the consideration of minerals and waste developments. The main issues had been highlighted within the Plan and an explanation given as to how these would be addressed.

* + 1. **Planning Applications**

1. Change of use of office building to a residential annex – Hill Top Farm No. 3/2018/0707 (re-submission as applicant did not agree with the wording of a planning condition attached to No 3/2018/0508)
2. Raising the roof to create a first floor extension at Smithy Cottage, Birks Brow No. 3/2028/0724
3. Extension of the existing building for the expansion of the existing cafe, farm shop and butchery business at Little Town Farm No. 3/2018/0814
4. Application to extend existing practice bays with four-sides shelter to house two golf simulator studios

Due to consultation timescale Members comments were provided via email on the above applications. Items have been put on the agenda to confirm Members comments.

Members had no issues with regard to Applications a) to c). In respect of Application d) the following observations/comments were made

- *The existing Golf Practice Bay Shelter is a substantial building which is very evident on the landscape being situated high on Jeffrey Hill and even more prominent when illuminated as it is most evenings*

*- The proposed extension would substantially increase the visual impact in this rural location. The design indicates that this structure will be enclosed and we therefore assume it will not add to the light emissions*

*- The existing roof of the Shelter is finished with profiled metal cladding - colour Juniper Green and the walls are vertical over-lapped timber boarding. The plan of the extension shows that both walls and roof are to be finished in metal cladding therefore visually different to the existing building*

1. Proposal to construct extension (lean to) to approved agricultural building at Thornley Hall Farm No. 3/2018/0879

Members had no objections to this planning application

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

**Action –** Parish Clerk

* + 1. **Agenda for Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee September 2018**

Members noted this Agenda.

* + 1. **Any other business**
    2. **Email correspondence between “The Voice of Reason” and RVBC Planning Department**

The Parish Council had been copied into email correspondence between the above in which issues were raised in relation to permissions for local changes/developments. The Parish Council would keep a watching brief.

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

11 February 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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