

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9
September 2019

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

19.9.01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

19.9.02 Declaration of Interests

Mr Hallett had indicated an interest in Agenda item 7 b) in respect of outline permission for one new farm worker's dwelling at Little Town Farm. He had, therefore, not been involved in the comment on this application.

19.9.03 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019 were approved and signed.

19.9.04 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 13 May 2019

19.2.13 Lap top for use by Parish Clerk

A lap top for use by the Parish Clerk had now been purchased.

19.9.05 Accounts

a) Statement of Accounts

Parish Councillors reviewed the Bank Statement showing the account balance up to 5 July 2019 and the spreadsheet showing receipts and payments in 2019 to date.

b) Notification of Exempt Status

The email from the External Auditors confirming receipt of the documents relating to the notification of exempt status was noted.

c) Email from CAB regarding donation

The email from Citizens Advice Ribble Valley thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £50.00 was noted.

19.9.06 Progress on the Development of Thornley School

Councillors had had the opportunity to read the email dated 16 July 2019 from Thornley Community Space outlining the information from various suppliers and relevant authorities regarding the queries the Parish Council had raised in respect of

- the work required in order to meet fire regulations before the building can be used by the public
- requirements for disabled access to the building before it can be brought into use by the public
- the maximum number of people who can be accommodated in the School once renovated if it has only one entrance/exit route
- confirmation from the Highways Authority that the current access/egress from the main road onto/from the site is still acceptable

The septic tank had also been tested and it was concluded that it was fit for purpose.

The subsequent email dated 4 September provided an update on the work that had been undertaken in the School which included work in the foyer area, the creation of a small kitchen area, a new ceiling in the front porch and the clearing of debris from the external area. Further work was planned with help from local firms and volunteers.

The Parish Council was delighted with the progress made and following discussion it was agreed to donate £4,000 to the Charity to complete the next stage of work for the inside toilet and, if there are sufficient funds remaining, to go towards the final fitting of electric sockets and heaters.

RESOLVED A letter to be sent to TCS congratulating them on the progress made and offering them a donation of £4,000 to be used as indicated.

Action - Chair/Parish Clerk

19.9.07 Planning Applications

- a) Oaks Barn, Birks Brow – Conversion of barn into one new dwelling and creation of new vehicular access No. 3/2019/0511
- b) Little Town Farm – Outline permission for one new farm worker’s dwelling No. 3/2019/0515
- c) Withinreap Barn, Moss Side Lane – Replace existing brown timber windows and doors with new grey timber windows and doors No. 3/2019/0651

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 objections to these applications and RVBC had been notified accordingly.

- d) Smithy Cottage, Birks Brow – Erection of log cabin on agricultural land and associated site works No. 3/2019/0773

Members discussed this planning application and noted that the Planning Statement explained that the intention was to use the log cabin initially to provide temporary accommodation to allow works to be carried out at the Cottage after which it would become a holiday let. No objections were raised.

RESOLVED RVBC to be notified that no objections had been raised at the Parish Council to this planning application.

Action - Parish Clerk

19.9.08 Parish Councils' Liaison Committee Agenda for Meeting on 20 June

The Agenda for the meeting held on 20 June 2019 and the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2019 were noted.

19.9.09 Any Other Business

19.9.10 Lancashire Association of Local Councils – Ribble Valley Area Committee

The Parish Clerk explained that she had received details of the Agenda for the Ribble Valley Area Committee. The Committee has a formal agenda, however it is more for discussion with other Members rather than the formality of the legal requirements of Council meetings. PCs who are not currently LALC members had been copied into the email regarding the meeting. Councillors noted this notification.

19.9.11 Representative on Brabins Trust

Mrs Faraday said she would provide the Parish Clerk with contact details for Paul Smith who had previously undertaken the role of the Parish Council's Representative on the Brabins Trust together with the contact details she held for the Secretary of Brabins Trust.

Action - Mrs Faraday

19.9.12 Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 2 December 2019 (dependant on business to be discussed)

Monday 2 March 2020

Monday 18 May 2020 (Parish Council and Annual Parish meetings)

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed

Date

