

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 at

7.00 pm at Little Town, Chipping Road, Thornley

Present: Mr M Hayhurst (Chairperson)
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)
Mr P Hallett (Representative on Parish Councils' Liaison Cttee)
Mrs J Faraday

21.8.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Airey

21.8.02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

21.8.03 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 were approved and a copy signed by the Chairman.

21.8.04 Matters Arising

21.2.10 Flooding Across Main Carriageway

Mrs Ansbro reported that she had been informed by the Farmer that he had been contacted by Highways Authority requesting that he take action in respect of water running off his land and discharging onto the highway. He had subsequently cleared the entrance to the culvert but he felt that there may be a further blockage in the section under the main carriageway. He had also dug out the ditch which was situated on his land. As there had not been substantial rainfall since this action there had been no further problem with excess water. The Parish Council decided to keep a watching brief and continue to check whether any change in weather conditions resulted in this problem recurring.

RESOLVED The Parish Council to keep a watching brief and continue to check whether any change in weather conditions resulted in this problem recurring.

21.2.05 Accounts a) Bank Statements to 5 January 2021

Mrs Ansbro reported that on-line banking was not yet set up and Mrs Airey would contact the Bank to make progress in the near future. Mrs Faraday explained that to change funding being transferred from the PC's Current Account to the Business Reserve Account a letter could be sent to the Bank requesting the cancellation of the "auto-transfer".

RESOLVED RFO to contact the Bank to make progress with the set-up of on-line banking.

Action - RFO

21.5.10b) Planning Applications – Lea Barn proposed conversion of barn to residential dwelling and associated works No 3/2021/0098

Mrs Ansbro informed the Council that the PC had been notified that the Applicant had submitted an appeal to the Secretary of State in respect of the Planning Authority's refusal of this planning application.

21.8.05 Accounts

a) Income and Expenditure Statement 2021/2022

Councillors reviewed and noted the Income and Expenditure Statement 2021/22 which detailed transactions from 1 April 2021 to 11 June 2021. Mrs Ansbro confirmed that the expenditure of £94.55 had been approved by the RFO prior to payment. The Chairman signed off the Statement.

As the next meeting of the PC was scheduled to be held on 8 November Councillors confirmed agreement to allow delegated powers to the RFO/Clerk to approve any urgent payments and to the Chairman to deal with any urgent items of business, all of which would be reported at the November meeting.

b) Bank Statements to 5 July 2021

The Current Account and Business Reserve Account Statements for the period 1 April 2021 to 5 July were noted.

Mr Hallett checked that the cheque numbers/amounts indicated on the Current Account Statement corresponded with the Income/Expenditure Statement and signed the original Bank Statements accordingly.

Action - P Hallett

21.8.06 Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme

Councillors had had the opportunity to review the information from Lancashire County Council regarding the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme. Discussion took place regarding whether the PC should opt into the scheme for 2021/22. Councillors recalled that the PC had previously been contacted by Peak and Northern Footpaths Society's (PNFS) Footpath Inspector for the Ribble Valley asking if the PC would be interested in becoming affiliated with the PNFS. The PC had agreed to do this and an application form had been submitted with Mrs Airey as the PC's delegate. As this organisation offered financial donations towards Rights of Way improvement projects within a parish the PC decided not to opt into the Local Delivery Scheme for 2021/22.

21.8.07 Update from Community Space regarding the refurbishment of Thornley School

Councillors discussed the email update from Community Space dated 6 July regarding progress with the refurbishment of Thornley School. Councillors were pleased to note that improvements continue to be made. It was unfortunate that the building had not been available for the PC's meeting but it was encouraging to read that more work was planned and flooring work was scheduled to be undertaken in September. Councillors anticipated that this would allow its next meeting to be held in the School. It was also noted that Community Space had recently changed the insurance policy to cover the pending opening of the building for community use. For insurance purposes the building was valued at £575,000.

Thornley Community Space had confirmed they had not been approached by Chipping Community Land Trust in relation to a potential project in respect of the School.

In conclusion Councillors looked forward to holding its November meeting in the School building and agreed to invite Community Space representatives to attend to update further on what had been achieved.

RESOLVED Community Space be invited to attend the PC meeting in November when it was anticipated the School building would be available for use.

Action - Clerk

21.8.08 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service draft Community Risk Management Plan

Councillors discussed the content of the draft Community Risk Management Plan and considered that it was very comprehensive and appeared to cover everything that was needed.

As no issues had been identified it was agreed that it was not necessary to complete the short survey.

21.8.09 Planning Applications

This Planning Application had been put on the Agenda to confirm Councillors' comments.

a) Curtis House, Chipping Road – Erection of workshop/storage unit No 3/2021/0664

Due to the consultation timescale email discussion had taken place regarding this application. No issues had been raised. The Planning Authority had been notified accordingly. As of this meeting date the planning status was – Registered.

21.8.10 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8 November 2021 commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed _____ Date _____