

## **Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 August 2022 at**

**7.00 pm at Thornley School, Thornley with Wheatley**

**Present:** Mr M Hayhurst (Chairman)  
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairperson/Clerk)  
Mr P Hallett (Representative on Parish Councils' Liaison Ctte)  
Mrs G Airey (Responsible Financial Officer)

There were no questions from Members of the Public

### **22.08.01 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Mrs J Faraday.

### **22.08.02 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **22.08.03 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9 May 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **22.08.04 Clerk's Report**

The updates provided in the Clerk's Report were noted.

### **22.08.05 Accounts**

#### **a) Transaction Statement 11 April to 18 July 2022 and Excel Spreadsheet showing details**

Councillors reviewed the Statement and the Spreadsheet showing details. Both documents were accepted as correct. The Chairman signed the Statement. Mr Hallett checked the Statement against the details provided in the Spreadsheet and signed the Spreadsheet as correct.

As the next meeting of the PC is scheduled to be held in November Councillors have an 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.

### **22.08.06 Lease of Land surrounding Thornley School**

Mrs Ansbro outlined the information she had gathered from the file regarding the transfer of the School and surrounding land to the ownership of the Parish Council. It

was noted that in February 2011 there was a Notification from the Land Registry (Plymouth Office) that they had received an application from the Loud and Hodder Angling Association for registration of a “profit a predre in gross” (a right to take something from someone’s land). This was in respect of the land adjoining the southern bank of part of the River Loud which is owned by the PC. There was no evidence that the Parish Council had objected to this.

Within the file is an official copy of the register of title which describes the land and estate comprised in the title as “The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above title filed at the Registry and being Thornley School, Chipping Road, Thornley, Preston (PTR3 2TE)”. The Proprietor is stated as “The Parish Council of the Parish of Thornley with Wheatley”. The “profit a prendre in gross” is also referred to in the Register of Title.

Discussion followed regarding the arrangement in place to lease the land to be used by a local Farmer. The arrangement had been in place for many years with the Farmer paying an annual rent to the Parish Council. The Parish Council concluded that it should seek some advice about whether it would be appropriate to have a more formal agreement in place in respect of this arrangement.

**RESOLVED** to seek some advice about whether it would be appropriate to have a more formal agreement in place with regard to the lease of the land surrounding Thornley School.

**Action - Chairman**

**22.08.07 Better Working Between Lancashire County Council and Parish and Town Councils: Parish and Town Council Charter 2022-2024**

Councillors had had the opportunity to consider this revised and updated document, which is intended to be a high-level framework for better working between LCC and Parish and Town Councils. The set-up of a dedicated email address to be used by Parish Councils for queries about general matters was welcomed.

**RESOLVED** to ratify the revised and updated Parish and Town Council Charter 2022-2024 and inform the Partnership Development Team accordingly.

**Action - Parish Clerk**

**22.08.08 Ribble Valley Borough Council – Local Plan Consultation**

Councillors were made aware that this document is the first public consultation stage in preparing a new Local Plan for the Ribble Valley. Local Plans are not about stopping development their role is to ensure the right development happens in the right place at the right time, in a co-ordinated manner. As well as hearing views on the strategic matters identified in the Plan RVBC was also inviting representations on any other matters that it should address in the new Plan. This stage of the consultation had closed on 7 July 2022.

The Chairman reported that he had submitted comments in which he had highlighted the importance of Planners taking note of comments from local Parish Councils in relation to planning applications as they had a first-hand knowledge and understanding of their local areas.

### **22.08.09 Path Improvement Funding from Peak and Northern Footpath Society**

The email from PNFS which included information regarding their updated website was noted.

### **22.08.10 Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2022/2023**

Councillors had had the opportunity to read this document which explained the grant available to Parish Councils in respect of work in looking after public rights of way. A new biodiversity small grant was also on offer for specific works ie nest boxes; bird feeders; communal gardens. Applications for 2022/2023 were required by 31 July 2022. The PC had not identified any requirements for funding in this round but would bear in mind what was available to support any future requirements.

### **22.08.11 Consultation on Pan-Lancashire draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022**

Councillors noted that the key message in respect of the current provision of NHS pharmaceutical services was that there is currently no need for any additional pharmacies as there are sufficient existing community pharmacies across pan-Lancashire. The Parish Council had nothing further to add to this statement.

### **22.08.12 Speed Management Pack**

The Parish Clerk informed Councillors that she had received the free Speed Management Pack from Lancashire County Council which comprised a Slow Down Save Lives Banner and a supply of Slow Down Save Lives stickers. These would be a very useful resource in increasing road users awareness of the need to moderate their speed.

### **22.08.13 Parish Councils' Liaison Committee**

Councillors noted the Agenda for the Parish Councils' Liaison Committee held on 30 June and the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022.

### **22.08.14 Update on Planning Applications/New Application**

The following updates were provided on planning applications previously considered by the PC

- a) Smithy Cottage, Birks Brow – erection of agricultural building with external measurements of 6m x 6m and height of 2.5m to the eaves for storage of machinery, animal feed and bedding and associated items No 3/2022/0167

**Status** - Approved with Conditions including the development to be carried out in complete accordance with detailed drawings; materials to be as indicated; building to be used for agricultural purposes only

- b) Thornley Hall Farm, Up Bedlam Road – application for the proposed erection of a farm worker's dwelling (outline planning) and the creation of a new access off the public highway No 3/2022/0265

**Status** – Registered

- c) Consultation on planning application 3/2022/0256 Elliott House, Chipping Road, Chaigley PR3 2TS

**Status** – Approved with conditions – complete in accordance with detailed drawings; materials to be as indicated in the plan

The following new planning application had been received after the Agenda had been sent out. In order to meet the consultation timescale, it was being considered at this meeting and details had been circulated prior to the meeting

- 1) **The Steading, Rock Brow No 3/2022/0696 – proposed installation of new velux window in the roof of the south elevation.**

Councillors discussed this planning application and no objections were raised.

**RESOLVED** RVBC Planning Department to be informed that the PC had no objections to this application.

**Action** - **Parish Clerk**

**22.08.15** **Date and Time of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 14 November 2022 commencing at 7 pm in Thornley School.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_