

## **Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27 February 2023 at**

**7.00 pm at Little Town Farm Cafe, 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)  
Mrs J Faraday

There were no issues raised by Members of the Public

### **23.02.01 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **23.02.02 Declarations of Interest**

Mr Hallett declared interest in Agenda Item 11 b).

### **23.02.03 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 November 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **23.02.04 Clerk's Report**

The updates provided in the Clerk's Report were noted. As Thornley Community Space had proposed that they could use the £500 offer of funding from the PC towards the cost of renovating the ceiling in the School's rear classroom, it was agreed to make this payment.

**RESOLVED** to pay £500 to Thornley Community Space towards the cost of renovating the ceiling in the School's rear classroom.

**Action - RFO**

### **23.02.05 Accounts**

#### **a) Transaction Statement 1 April 2022 to 13 February 2023 and Excel Spreadsheet as at 20 February 2023 showing details**

Mrs Airey had run a further Transaction Statement up to 27 February to show any additions since 13 February. Councillors reviewed the Statement and the Spreadsheet showing details and noted the additional two payments on 14 February and 16 February. Both documents were accepted as correct. The Chairman signed the

Spreadsheet. Mr Hallett checked the Statement against the details provided in the Spreadsheet and signed the Statement as correct.

As the next meeting of the PC is scheduled to be held in May 2023 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 next meeting.

**b) Review of expenditure against Budget 2022/2023**

Mrs Airey presented the Budget Comparison Statement and explained the variances. It was noted that the payment to Bowland with Leagram in respect of the upkeep of the War Memorial had now been made. Mrs Airey would present an end of year Comparison Statement to the next PC meeting in May.

**RESOLVED** an end of year Comparison Statement to be presented to the May PC meeting.

**Action - RFO**

**c) Draft Budget 2023/2024**

Mrs Airey presented the Draft Budget for 2023/2024 and indicated two new budget headings. Councillors approved the budget for the forthcoming financial year. Draft would be removed from the document and it would be reissued to Councillors.

**Action - Parish Clerk**

**23.02.06 Lease of Land surrounding Thornley Old School update**

The Chairman reported that an Agreement (citing the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986) had now been drawn up by the Land Agents and signed by the Tenant with regard to the lease of land surrounding Thornley School. This provided a more formal arrangement between the PC and the Farmer who used the land.

**23.02.07 Police Attendance at Parish Council meeting**

Councillors attention was drawn to an email from one of the Police Sergeants for the Ribble Valley who was offering to meet with PCs to introduce himself and discuss any issues PCs may have. It was agreed that this would be a useful exercise. As the next meeting of the PC in May would have a busy agenda it was considered best to leave an invitation for him to attend until later in the year.

Mrs Ansbro referred to discussion at the previous PC meeting regarding the Lancashire Talking initiative (In the Know) and confirmed that she had signed-up to the "In the Know" free messaging service provided by Lancashire Police and supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council. The service allows members to receive regular crime updates, information on road closures, information about fires and other emergencies and learn about what the local neighbourhood policing team is doing.

**RESOLVED** At the meeting to be held in May to consider a date to invite the Police Sergeant to attend a PC meeting.

### **23.02.08 Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation**

Councillors had been offered the opportunity to comment on the LCC's budget proposals. No comments had been submitted.

### **23.02.09 The King's Coronation**

Councillors were made aware that in the Minutes of the PCLC held on 2 February Parishes had been asked to let Ribble Valley Borough Council know if they had plans to celebrate the Coronation as there was potentially funding available to support such celebrations. Councillors did not propose to arrange a specific event so would not be applying for any funding. They did however agree that it would be appropriate to mark the occasion by suitably decorating the two planters at the signposts which marked entry into the Parish.

**RESOLVED** to mark the King's Coronation by suitably decorating the two planters at the signposts which marked entry into the Parish.

**Action - Parish Clerk**

### **23.02.10 Parish Councils' Liaison Committee Agenda for meeting 2 February 2023**

Councillors noted the Agenda for the PCLC on 2 February. The Clerk drew attention to the update on the Borough and Parish Council Elections 2023. Nominations would have to be submitted by 4 pm on 4 April and the election day would be on 4 May 2023. From 4 May voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at a Polling Station in local elections. Anyone who does not have an accepted form of photo ID can apply, for a free voter ID document which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate

Mrs Faraday indicated that she would not be submitting a nomination form in the forthcoming Parish Council election. This would, therefore, be the last meeting she would attend in her role as Parish Councillor for Thornley with Wheatley. She had been involved with the Parish Council for 40 years and had served in the roles of Councillor and Parish Clerk over that time. The Chairman thanked her for her long service and commitment to the Parish and Councillors wished her well for the future.

### **23.02.11 Planning Applications**

- a) Planning application 3/2022/1024 Longridge Golf Club – proposed provision of safety netting adjacent to the fairway to Hole 14, adjacent to Forty Acre Farm
- b) Planning Application 3/2022/1062 Little Town Farm – proposed agricultural worker's dwelling and farm office over detached garage

Councillors had commented via email on these applications in order to be able to submit comments within the consultation timescale. Mr Hallett had not been asked to comment in respect of application b). No objections had been raised in respect of either application.

RVBC had been notified that the Parish Council had no objections to the applications.

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**23.02.12      Date and Time of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting/s would be held on Monday 15 May 2023 at Thornley Old School. The Annual Parish meeting would commence at 7 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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