

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 August 2023 at

7.00 pm at Thornley Old School, Thornley with Wheatley

Present: Mr M Hayhurst (Chairman)
Mrs C Ansbro (Vice-Chairman/Clerk)
Mrs G Airey (Responsible Financial Officer)
Mr H Roper (joined at 7.15 pm)

There were no issues raised by Members of the Public

23.08.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Mr Hallett.

23.08.02 Declarations of Interest

Mr Hayhurst declared interest in Agenda Item 13 c) – Planning Application in respect of Lea Barn and Mrs Airey declared interest in Agenda Item 13 d) – Planning Application in respect of erection of two-storey farm worker's dwelling at Thornley Hall Farm.

23.08.03 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 May 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

23.08.04 Clerk's Report

The information provided in the Clerk's Report was noted.

23.08.05 Accounts

a) Transaction Statement from 1/4/2023 to 25/7/2023 and Excel Spreadsheet to end July 2023 showing details

The Transaction Statement and Spreadsheet were reviewed and agreed as correct. The Chairman signed the Statement and Mr Roper signed the supporting Spreadsheet.

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

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b) Invoices for signature

The Chairman checked and signed off one invoice that had been paid prior to the meeting in accordance with the Council's agreement to allow delegated powers to the RFO/Clerk to approve any urgent payments.

23.08.06 Traffic and Road Safety Group

Councillors had received details regarding the Traffic and Road Safety Group which had been founded by 9 Parish Councils to identify road traffic and road safety concerns within the villages. This initiative had been presented to the Parish Councils' Liaison Committee in June 2023. The Group will take the form of a Task and Finish group with the aim of completing its considerations by December 2023 to enable reporting to the February 2024 meeting of the PCLC. Councillors agreed they would be interested to learn the outcome of the Group's work.

23.08.07 Japanese Knotweed update

Mr Roper (as Landowner) informed the PC that work had been undertaken on two occasions to cut back and spray the Knotweed. It was considered that this had provided control of the Knotweed at this time. However, as it was recognised that it was a vigorous and persistent plant, if it was required, he agreed to continue to put control measures in place at appropriate times of the year. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.

RESOLVED Further control measures to be undertaken at appropriate times of the year, as required. The Parish Council to continue to monitor the situation.

23.08.08 Proposal by Bowland with Leagram regarding financial arrangements in respect of the upkeep of the War Memorial

The Chairman reported on the meeting which had taken place recently with representatives from Bowland with Leagram, Chipping and Thornley with Wheatley PCs. Discussion had taken place around the cost of planting and maintaining the War Memorial and the way the cost was apportioned ie 2/3rd Chipping and 1/3rd each Leagram and Thornley. It was concluded that in future Leagram would issue an annual invoice to Thornley with Wheatley to cover the Insurance and Water costs (£40.33) and Chipping would issue an annual invoice to Thornley with Wheatley to cover our agreed contribution towards the cost of bulbs/Summer planting etc.(£130).

Councillors confirmed their agreement to this approach.

RESOLVED to adopt the approach proposed at the meeting of the three PCs.

23.08.09 Defibrillator Fund

The Council had received information in relation to a Government Community AED Fund to provide defibrillators in public spaces. This was considered and thought given as to where a defibrillator could be sited in the Parish to be readily accessible in an emergency. As there is a defibrillator available at Little Town Café/Farm Shop which

is a well known site and is a readily accessible place for the public it was concluded that the PC would not register an expression of interest in the Fund at this time.

RESOLVED not to register an expression of interest in the Fund at this time.

23.08.10 White Railings at the T junction at the bottom of Dodd

Councillors raised their concerns regarding the hedge that has now grown through the white railings at the T junction at the bottom of Dodd Hill. This now prevents drivers reaching the T junction from seeing traffic approaching from the right and also obscures the vision of drivers on the main carriageway from seeing traffic turning onto the carriageway. As this was considered a hazard it was agreed that the PC should contact Highways Authority to alert them to this obstruction of visibility.

RESOLVED to alert Highways Authority of this hazard which obstructs visibility.

Action - G Airey

23.08.11 Collapsed wall near the top of Jeffrey Hill

In December 2020 the PC had been informed that some clearing of land to form terraces had been undertaken in the field opposite the property Meg Hall near the top of Jeffrey Hill. This work appeared to have undermined the stone wall on the roadside above it which had collapsed. Barriers had been put in place to warn traffic of the hazard. The Chairman informed Councillors that the stone wall had not yet been restored and the barriers were still place. It was agreed that Highways Authority be contacted to ask what the current situation is in relation to the repair of the wall and subsequent removal of the barriers.

RESOLVED Highways Authority be contacted to ask what the current situation is in relation to the repair of the wall and subsequent removal of the barriers.

Action - Parish Clerk

23.08.12 Parish Councils' Liaison Committee – Agenda and Minutes of meeting held on 22 June 2023

The Minutes of the PCLC were noted. The Clerk drew Councillors attention to the minute – Parish Council Funding which suggested that Council Officers could attend the next PCLC meeting to provide further information on grants/funding available to Parishes. Thornley with Wheatley Councillors expressed an interest in learning more about this potential funding. The next meeting of the PCLC is scheduled for 14 September 2023 at 6.30 pm.

23.08.13 Planning Applications

- a) Knott Farm, Chipping Road No 3/2023/0367 – change of use from former agricultural building to one new dwelling resubmission of 3/2022/0820
- b) Thornley Hall Cottage Farm, Up Bedlam Road No 3/2023/0368 – proposed agricultural building for livestock and concreting to existing yard areas.
- c) Lea Barn, Four Acre Lane No 3/2023/0101 – proposed conversion of agricultural barn to one holiday let.

Consultation with Councillors had taken place via email in respect of these applications in order to meet the consultation timescale. Due to his interest Mr Hayhurst had been excluded from submitting his comments on application c) – Lea Barn. No objections had been raised by Councillors with regard to these applications. RVBC had been notified accordingly.

- d) Thornley Hall Farm, Up Bedlam Road No 3/2023/0549 – proposed erection of a two-storey detached farm worker’s dwelling with attached garage and the creation of a garden area and balancing pond.

Due to her interest in this application Mrs Airey withdrew whilst it was discussed.

It was noted that this full/detailed planning application shows a slight change in the position of the proposed dwelling but this does not appear to have an adverse impact on the landscape. The full planning application also addresses the conditions applied at the outline planning stage. In conclusion Councillors had no objections to this application and RVBC would be notified accordingly.

RESOLVED no objections were raised in respect of this planning application and RVBC would be notified accordingly.

Action - Parish Clerk

23.08.14 Date and Time of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 13 November 2023 commencing at 7 pm at Thornley Old School.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____