

Thornley with Wheatley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25 November 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm at Thornley Old School, Thornley with Wheatley

Present: Mr M Hayhurst (Chairman)
Mrs C Ansbro (Clerk)
Mr P Hallett (Vice-Chairman)
Mr H Roper

24.11.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Mrs Airey.

24.11.02 Declarations of Interest

Mrs Airey had declared an interest in the planning application No 3/2024/0661 at Agenda item 14 a) and had therefore not been invited to submit any comments.

24.11.03 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2024

The Minutes of the PC meeting held on 19 August 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

24.11.04 Issues raised by Members of the Public at the meeting

No issues were brought to the meeting by Members of the Public.

24.11.05 Clerk's Report

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

24.11.06 Accounts

a) Transaction Statements (Business Current and Business Reserve) from 07/08/2024 to 11/11/2024 and Excel Spreadsheets showing details

The Transaction Statements and Spreadsheets were reviewed and agreed as correct. The Chairman signed the appropriate Bank Statements and Mr Hallett signed the supporting Spreadsheets.

As the next meeting of the PC is scheduled to be held in February 2025 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) Invoices for signature

The Chairman checked and signed off 2 invoices that had been paid prior to the meeting relating to the agreed purchase of laptop for the Clerk and payment for refreshing the planters, he also approved and signed for payment the invoice for the hire charge for the School for this evening's meeting. Mr Hallett, Vice Chairman, signed, for reimbursement to the Chairman, the invoice regarding the purchase of refuse sacks for use with the Dog Waste Bins.

c) **Update regarding Clerk's access to PC's online account**

The Clerk informed Councillors that progress had been made with regard to her being able to access the PC's online account. She had just received notification that the request had been approved by NatWest Bank and was now awaiting further details regarding the next steps.

d) **Precept**

Councillors agreed to request the same Precept as last year (£1,500) to meet budgetary requirements.

RESOLVED to request the same Precept as last year.

Action - Parish Clerk

e) **Clerk's Expenses**

Councillors agreed that payment of the Clerk's expenses now be made as allocated in the budget.

RESOLVED to pay Clerk's expenses

Action - RFO

f) **Christmas Tree for School**

Councillors agreed to purchase a Christmas Tree for outdoors at the School as in previous years.

RESOLVED to purchase a Christmas Tree for outdoors at the School.

Action - Clerk/RFO

g) **Maintenance Issues**

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Council would make good the area in front of the bench at Tile Kiln corner and assess what repairs may be needed to the PC's commemorative bench situated on Jeffrey Hill.

Action - Chairman

24.11.07 Risk Assessment for Trees in School yard

Councillors had had sight of the Risk Assessment for trees in the School yard. It was noted that one of the trees topmost branches were now close to a telephone pole and

overhead telephone line. It was agreed that to avoid any possible problems the tree should be topped.

RESOLVED to avoid any possible problems the tree with topmost branches close to a telephone pole and overhead telephone line should be topped.

Action - Cllr Roper

24.11.08 Feedback from Planning training for Parish Councils.

Cllr Hallett had volunteered to take part in the on-line Planning training session for Parish Councillors arranged by LALC. He briefed Councillors on the content of the session which he felt was probably more relevant in respect of large developments. However, it did reinforce that Parish Councils have a voice in relation to planning applications and their comments are taken into account.

24.11.09 Draft Minutes of LALC Ribble Valley Area Committee meeting held on 25 July

The Clerk explained that Parish Councils who were Members of LALC had the opportunity for 3 PC members to attend and take part in this Committee's meetings. The Minutes of the meeting were noted.

24.11.10 Official Copy of Register of Title - Thornley School

Councillors had been forwarded a copy of the updated Register of Title document in respect of Thornley School. Changes had been made to the details in the Title absolute section of the document and these were noted.

24.11.11 New National Association of Local Council's Website

Councillors had been forwarded an email from LALC explaining that as the PC was a member council each Councillor was eligible to register for a login to access the new NALC website. A link had been provided in the email to a video which would help Councillors with registration. The Clerk informed the PC that she had registered and now had her own login.

24.11.12 Parish Councils' Liaison Committee – Agenda 7/11/24 and Minutes of meeting held on 12/9/24

The Agenda and Minutes were noted.

24.11.13 Planning Applications and any updates

- a) Proposed agricultural building for livestock including concrete yard and access track – Thornley Hall Farm No 3/2024/0661
- b) Proposed general purpose agricultural and forestry building access tract and landscaping – land rear of Dusty Clough Barn, Green Lane, Chipping No 3/2024/0727
- c) Proposed two storey extension to rear (North) elevation to replace existing and engineering works to alter ground levels – Meadowcroft, Clough Lane, Chipping No 3/2024/0671
- d) Proposed demolition of detached garage and construction of two-storey and single-storey extensions to side and rear including new integral double

garage and replacement sewage treatment plant at 1 Cockleach Cottages,
Chipping Road No 3/2024/0815

In order to meet consultation timescales these applications have been considered by Councillors via email. Applications were put on the Agenda to confirm Councillors' responses. No issues had been raised by Councillors in respect of these application and RVBC was notified accordingly.

24.11.14 Date and Time of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 24th February 2025 commencing at 7 pm at Little Town

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____