

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in Thorpe Village Hall

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair)
Councillors D. Belton, C. Garrett, L. Frith
5 Parishioners

Public Participation

Phil Lee mentioned that at the rear of the Village Green, by the wooden bridge, it was much boggier than normal — to be investigated and the County Council to be informed.

1127. Apologies

None

1128. Declaration **of Members Interests**

No matters raised.

1129. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2019 were approved.

1130. Ongoing Matters

- Village website — Nothing to report.
- Closure of public toilets — No news at present regarding Thorpe's former public toilets or the Dovedale public toilets that might be closed due to vandalism and theft.
- Telephone Box refurbishment — suitable decorators for the job discussed. The £300 grant will be carried forward to 2020
- Potholes/road maintenance — Nothing to report

- Flooding of Digmire Lane/Hall Lane — Nothing to report
- Public Liability on Parish maintained land — the tree survey on the Wellingtonia tree at the bottom of Hall Lane has been undertaken and the report is awaited.
- Grounds Maintenance — C Challinor confirmed that the cost remains at £2079 (inc vat) and he will therefore continue for the forthcoming year.
- Notice Board — C Lomas mentioned that some notices are not displayed on the second board — therefore more effort to be made to display notices on both boards. A temporary repair to be made to the Village Hall notice board.
- Vacant Councillor Position — Progress is being made in finding a Councillor.
- Thorpe Village Hall - The same situation from the previous meeting applies i.e. until we have more detail and a figure, it is not the intention to go out to a vote for the villagers' thoughts on increasing the precept. However, the Parish Council would seriously consider giving the £1500 surplus. This can be done once costs are finalised.

1131. Finances

Cheques issued:

Thorpe Village Hall £75.00

Monies received: None

Balance sheet up to 21st January 2020: Current account - £3269
 Deposit account - £1055

The current precept is £2250. In 2015 the precept was £3900 but savings were made as the Parish Council now undertakes its own Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer duties. Therefore the precept has been £2250 since 2016. However as costs are increasing and we intend to donate the surplus to the Village Hall, the proposal is to increase the

precept by 3% to £2325. This was agreed by all the Councillors and Derbyshire Dales will be informed.

1132. Planning Applications

None received

1133. Correspondence

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1134. The date of next meeting is Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

1135. Other Matters

The flooding of the road near to Spend Lane Farm is to be brought to the attention of the Highways Authority to establish if there is an underlying problem.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.