

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm at land adjacent to pump Digmire Lane, Thorpe

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

Public Participation

None

1136. Apologies

None

1137. Declaration of Members Interests

No matters raised.

1138. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2020 were approved. The attached note dated 5th May 2020 also approved. The meeting was cancelled due to the lockdown.

1139. Ongoing Matters

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors
From 25th May for a period of 2 weeks there has been massive congestion and antisocial behaviour from visitors to the area. After consulting with villagers, the Police and local Councillors we propose the following measures.

Congestion. Huge tailbacks of traffic back to the A515. The situation was made considerably worse due to inconsiderate parking from The Old Dog to Dovedale. We are to request double yellow lines from The Peveril of the Peak up to Dovedale and also Hall Lane. Permission required from Derbyshire County Council who to date have not responded to emails. We have support from Cllr Simon Spencer and Cllr Sir Richard FitzHerbert. We are also requesting "access only" signs into Thorpe. Quotes to be sought for timber bollards to be installed to protect the Village Green and adjacent residents either side of Hall Lane. The expenditure to be subject to approved at the next meeting. It was pointed out that parking restrictions could lead to more parking in the village.

The meeting was visited by PSCO Elaine Porter who confirmed Derbyshire Constabulary's continued support for the residents. Both PSCO Elaine Porter and her colleague PC Ryan Hoban have tried to control the traffic and public order. The roads were closed a couple of times but that sent cars further afield in search of parking.

The Peak Park has yet to reopen the Dovedale toilets leading to widespread issues with urinating and defecating. An email to be sent to Peak Park as a matter of urgency.

The National Trust has had to cope with considerable rubbish left by irresponsible people including picnickers. Thorpe Volunteers have helped to clear up also. Questions to be asked of the National Trust regarding the lack of supervision, signage, and bins.

Fires and BBQs pose a serious risk to the very dry grass / woodland. The fire service will put up posters and will visit the area to try to prevent fires. They are to be contacted direct by any villagers who spot an issue.

- Closure of public toilets – No news. This area has been cordoned off to discourage people urinating outside the former toilets.
- Telephone Box refurbishment – The Phone box has been sanded down and undercoated. Volunteers being sought for the topcoat
- Village website – Nothing to report
- The flagpole and “on this day in history” notices. The flags and notices have been given to the Parish Council by Dan Harding, which is very much appreciated. A new display case will be erected shortly. The flags are being raised regularly by Tracey Oldham and especially on important days. Volunteers being sought to help in these duties.
- Public Liability on Parish maintained land – the tree survey received, and minor action required to a few of the trees. Public liability insurance renewed
- Grounds Maintenance – Nothing to report
- Notice Board – A temporary repair to be made to the Village Hall notice board.
- Thorpe Village Hall – Whilst some of the surplus in the account can be made available, unforeseen expenditure on the timber bollards around the village green will divert some of the money. It was noted that the Village Hall has received a £10,000 grant as part of the Governments Covid 19 measures.

1140. **Finances**

The Annual Governance statement for the year to 31st March 2020 was reviewed and agreed. The Annual Accounts for the year to 31st March 2020 were approved subject to internal audit. The Council qualifies as an exempt Council for external audit as its income and expenditure is less than £25,000. The exemption Certificate was duly approved.

Cheques issued:

Zurich Insurance	£182.29
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1. Chairman and Vice Chairman – Andrew Bock to stay as Chairman on for another year and that Cat Garrett remains as Vice Chair.
2. New Parish Councillor – Phil Lee has kindly offered to join the Parish Council – we look forward to him being involved.
3. Lock Down – It was noted that as of 23rd April more visitors were passing through Thorpe to get to Dovedale. It was therefore unanimously agreed to cordon off the benches together with the car park adjacent to the former public toilets. A “Stay Safe, Stay Home” sign has been erected at the entrance to the village. This is for the safety of the villagers.
4. End of year accounts – A 2 month extension of time has been agreed by the regulators. The accounts will go to the independent auditor for approval as usual.
5. Telephone Kiosk – the paint will be purchased with the intention that volunteers will paint it subject to obeying social distancing rules. It will be cordoned off with tape.
6. Village Website – Being updated as required.
7. Next Meeting – The next meeting is Tuesday 14th July at the Village Hall

Andrew Bock