

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.00pm outside Thorpe Village Hall

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

Public Participation

No comments made.

1153. Apologies

None.

1154. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were approved.

1155. Chairman's Report

The Chairman confirmed that the main challenge affecting Thorpe over the last 12 months was the unprecedented numbers of visitors to the area after the easing of the first lockdown in Summer 2020. This had led to antisocial behaviour with litter, inconsiderate parking, BBQs, fires and rude visitors.

To meet this challenge, we have managed to get double yellow lines installed from The Old Dog to Thorpe Mill. We have also worked with The National Trust, Derbyshire Constabulary, Peak Park etc in an effort to improve the situation.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Councillor David Belton who has resigned from the Council having left the village.

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Public Participation

- Barbara Wager suggested that Thorpe Parish Council should be recognised for their protection of wildflowers and that other councils now seem to be adopting this policy.

1156. Apologies

None

1157 Election of Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Andrew Bock to stay as Chairman for another year and Cat Garrett remains as Vice Chair. Andrew Bock to remain as Clerk and Cat Garrett as Responsible Financial Officer.

1158 Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Pecuniary Interest –

To be done after the meeting

1159 Appointment of Councillors Portfolios

Louise Frith remains the Village Hall representative

1160. Declaration of Members Interests

No matters raised.

1161. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020 were approved.

1162. Ongoing Matters

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors

Double Yellow lines - these are “temporary” at present, but we will be seeking to have them made permanent. Timber bollards have been installed by the landowner either side of the road down to Thorpe Mill to prevent parking on the verge.

Access Only Signage – it was agreed to monitor the situation with parking in the village – to date it has increased marginally. If the situation gets worse Access Only signage will be requested but it has been pointed out by the County Council that it will be difficult to enforce.

Parking on Village Green – hopefully, the double yellow lines will deter this. We have an email address to contact to request enforcement if necessary.

- Closure of public toilets – as this is no longer a public car park, we are to request that Derbyshire Dales DC remove the parking signage. We are also to ask their intentions and a timetable for the former toilets.
- Telephone Box refurbishment – final push needed for outstanding works.
- Village website – Continues to be updated with accounts and minutes of meetings.

- The flagpole and “on this day in history” notices – all functioning well and the work of the flag volunteers is appreciated.
- Public Liability on Parish maintained land – further to receipt of the tree survey, minor works to the trees on The Green undertaken
- Grounds Maintenance – C Challinor to continue this year at the same price as last year.
- Notice Board – A temporary repair undertaken. A replacement being sought.
- Thorpe Village Hall – In funds from Covid support which will enable works to toilets to proceed. John Bailey requested information about the trustees of the Village Hall. This is to be provided on the notice boards.
- Footpaths – Cllr Lee to remind the County Council regarding outstanding repairs to the flooded area near stream at The Green and timber boarding near to Mapleton. It was pointed out by John Bailey that the Parish Council acts as an agent for the County Council and can undertake permitted works and receive a refund.
- 3rd Village Signboard - £100 grant received from Sir Richard Fitzherbert Derbyshire Dales DC fund
- Boundary Changers to Dovedale Ward – we have requested that the new ward refers to Dovedale – yet to hear if this has been confirmed.

1163. Finances

The Annual Governance statement for the year to 31st March 2021 was reviewed and agreed. The Annual Accounts for the year to 31st March 2021 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:

Thorpe Village Hall	£54.00
Website	£71.86
Arbormasters	£200.00
DALC	£70.39

Monies received:

Precept	£2400.00
VAT refund	£429.27
Pathways Grant	£150.00
Western Power	£6.90

Balance sheet up to 11 th May 2021:	Current account - £5353.11
	Deposit account - £1054.93

1164. **Planning Applications**

NP/DDD/0920/0867 and 0121/0092 Cliff Cottage – Consent for extension refused. Consent granted for single garage.

NP/DDD/0221/0163 Thorpe Grange – Extension and new windows. Granted planning consent

NP/DDD/1120/1029 Digby House – New Conservatory – Granted planning Consent

1165. **Correspondence**

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1166. The date of next meeting is to be confirmed

1167. **Other Matters**

Some of the timber bollards need replacing along Digmire – C Challinor to be contacted.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm