

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.00pm in Thorpe Village Hall

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair)
Councillors P Lee, L Frith and I Franks
6 Parishioners

Public Participation – none

1206. Apologies

John Bailey

1207. Declaration of Members Interests

None

1208. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th August were approved.

1209. Ongoing Matters

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors – nothing to report
- Closure of public toilets – Derbyshire Dales District Council are still trying to establish the legal position prior to the sale by auction. Was this land “gifted” to DDDC from the village green? A discussion was held about purchasing the former toilets under the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. However we need to show “social, economic or environmental” benefit and normally a lease is provided. Therefore not being pursued.
- Telephone Box refurbishment – final push needed for outstanding works. Rather than standing empty, villagers encouraged to adopt a use such as a library.
- Village website – updated as required. Accounts are shown.
- Grounds Maintenance – Everybody happy with the results in 2022. C Challinor confirms that he is available for 2023
- Notice Board – Replacement notice board on the village hall required
- Thorpe Village Hall – We are told that the refurbishment works will commence in January and finish prior to the end of April. The suggestion by the Village Hall Committee is that the precept for the village is increased in order to cover the running costs. We are still awaiting an estimate of the running costs. In a

discussion it was confirmed that the Parish Council are expecting that the Village Hall works include some significant investment to long term sustainability through solar panels and/or air – source heat pumps and the subsequent positive impact on electricity charges before we consider any changes to the Precept. The Chairman stated that the decision should be put to the vote as the villagers will be funding the costs. The Village Hall Committee is requesting the surplus currently held in the bank account be paid to them for future running costs. This is to be considered at a future date.

- 3rd Village Signboard - £100 grant received from Sir Richard Fitzherbert Derbyshire Dales DC fund – to be commissioned
- Footpaths – Cllr Lee to remind (again) the County Council regarding outstanding repairs to the flooded area near the stream at the rear of the Village Green. Works required on the first section footpath to Mapleton before the river.
- Land around the flagpole. The neighbouring property owner claims that they own this land. Despite reminders they still cannot prove this. A deadline of March 2023 to be requested as we wish to landscape this land – the Parish Council has maintained this land for in excess of 30 years, including the erection of the perimeter stone walling.
- Car Park Charging by Peak Park. The intention by Peak Park is to commence charging for the Narlows Lane and Tissington Trail Station Car Parks. These are currently free. Visitors will seek to avoid these by parking in the village. A strongly worded letter of objection has been sent to Derbyshire County Council with 20 individual objections from villagers and from our County Councillor, Simon Spencer and District Councillor, Sir Richard Fitzherbert. If they proceed with charging, we will be seeking restrictions to parking within the village.

1210. **Finances**

Cheques issued:

Thorpe Village Hall Room Hire and electricity for defibrillator	£78.00
Refund A Bock for registration of Domain	£28.00

Monies received:

National Grid	£6.90
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Balance sheet up to 5/5/2022:	Current account - £2692.05
	Deposit account - £1055.92

1211. **Planning Applications**

NP/DDD/0922/1231 Fir Croft, Stoney Lane – enlarged access. No objection from Parish Council.

1212. Correspondence

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1213. The date of next meeting Wednesday 15th March at 7pm. As the Village Hall is being refurbished it was agreed that we meet in the Church.

1214. Other Matters

Precept. As the precept needs to be agreed in January, rather than having another meeting a discussion was held regarding the figure. It was agreed that the precept should remain the same for another year ie £2500.

As the Queens oak tree was damaged (by a falling tree on the day of her death...) it was agreed to replace the tree and relocate the damaged tree.

The plywood on the "on this day in history" noticeboard by the flagpole needs replacing.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm