

To begin we had a presentation from Abby Chillingworth and Craig Best from the National Trust regarding the proposals for the Dovedale Car Park. This includes a new layout on the “grassed” car park area which will include hard surfacing and a through road to ease traffic flow. New pay meters capable of card payments are to be installed plus Automatic Number Plate Recognition. The National Trust will take over responsibility of the Toilets from the Peak Park and propose a refurbishment. A new visitor building also proposed. There followed a wider discussion about traffic, antisocial behaviour, late night gatherings, drugs use, security guards, litter, tree felling and the management of area. The farming community definitely did not hold back in their views and a point of liaison was agreed.

### **Unapproved Minutes**

#### **Minutes of Thorpe Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Thorpe**

**Present:** Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair), Councillors L Frith, C Garrett and R Frith and 7 Parishioners

**Public Participation - No Comments made**

**1249. Apologies – John Bailey**

**1250. Minutes - the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2023 were approved.**

**1251. Chairman’s Report – the Chairman confirmed the gifting of £1850 by the Parish Council to the Village Hall. He congratulated the Village Hall Committee on the magnificent refurbishment to date and looks forward to seeing the solar panels, blinds and kitchen.**

**The precept has been increased from £2500 to £2750 due to rising costs especially as we not longer have a large surplus available.**

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7 Parishioners

**1252. Apologies - John Bailey**

**1253. Election of Officers.**

Councillor A Bock remains as Chairman. C Garrett as Vice Chair and C Garrett to be the Responsible Financial Officer.

**1254. Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**1255. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved.

**1256. Ongoing Matters**

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors – discussed with The National Trust and being monitored. Video evidence would be useful to put forward our case.
- Closure of public toilets – Derbyshire Dales District Council are conveying the access land to Thorpe Pastures to the National Trust. Legal work still ongoing. This paves the way for the sale of the former toilets, presumably by auction.
- Telephone Box – operating successfully as a fudge / artisan cakes and biscuit shop
- Village website – updated as required.
- Grounds Maintenance – The cost of maintenance has increased to £2054 per annum.
- Thorpe Village Hall – Ian Franks confirmed that sufficient funding has been received to undertake the solar panels and blinds. However more funding required to provide a new kitchen.
- Footpaths – Not aware of any issues. Villagers are reminded that the County Council website is available to all to report issues on footpaths, roads, potholes, signage etc
- Car Park Charging by Peak Park for Narlows Lane and Thorpe Station Car Parks – we are monitoring whether there is an increase in parking in the village to avoid the charges.

**1257. Finances**

Cheques issued: Thorpe Village Hall - £66.00

Monies received: Precept None

Balance sheet up to 16/4/24

Current account - £1334.53

Deposit account - £1068.29

1258. The Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 and Certificate of Exemption was considered approved and signed by resolution of the council

1259. The unaudited accounts for 2023/24 as certified by the responsible financial officer were approved and signed by resolution of the council and will now be subject to an Internal Audit prior to being published on the council's website.

**1260. Planning Applications**

NP/DDD/0324/0267 -Dovedale Garage – alterations to Conditions to Consent for Extension – no objection

NP/DDD/0224/0231- Ivy Cottage Extension and alterations – no objection

NP/DDD/0224/0213 - Ardoch, 2 Woodlands Close - Erection of a garden shed – no objection

**1261. Correspondence**

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1262. The date of next Parish meeting to be confirmed.

**1263 Other Matters**

A request was made to the County Council to repaint the double yellow lines from The Old Dog to the Dovedale Car Park as they are deteriorating – this has been refused.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm