

Unapproved minutes

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JULY , 2013 at
7.30 IN THORPE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Cllrs M. Ellis, A. Wager, S. Ede, W. Smith
5 Parishioners

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Wager suggested that at the next Parish Council meeting that the police would give a lecture named "Neighbourhood Watch" which could take approximately half an hour. It was agreed that this would commence at 7.30 on a day yet to be agreed for the next Parish Council meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Sr. Richard Fitzherbert and Mrs. E. Glanville (Clerk)

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th April were read and changes were required in that Mrs. S. Ede was not present but Mr. W. Smith was otherwise the minutes were accepted and approved and signed. Similarly the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 30th April were also approved and signed. The minutes of this meeting would be taken by the Chairman M. Ellis and the approved minutes of the meetings on 30th April would be posted to Mrs. Glanville.

4. ONGOING MATTERS

Updates

- Land behind the church – Mrs. Glanville has recently written to her contact at the appropriate authority and has had no up date. We would ask by copy of these minutes that Mrs. Glanville contact them again to get an update on the matter.
- 30 mph signs – As we are aware the appropriate authority has rejected all claims by the Parish Council to have these 30 mph signs moved. We are not happy with this decision and we will by copy of these minutes ask Mrs. Glanville to contact our Councillor Simon Spencer to write to the person involved to offer up our disappointment on this matter and to ask if he can do anything on our behalf.
- Excess water at Hall Lane – It was decided to leave this until the winter when the water becomes a problem draining off the fields and we would then ask someone from the council to meet us on site.
- Mowing of grass verges is complete and now M. Ellis will contact Mr. Cyril Challinor to carry out the residual mowing.
- Mrs. Ede brought up another matter in connection with a pile of muck on the footpath opposite the Dog & Partridge which is a residue from the snow cleaning and asked Mrs. Glanville to contact the appropriate authority to ask them to remove as soon as possible.
- It was thought that the condition of the roads around the village are deteriorating and that the Councillors would organise a pot hole survey which was done approximately twelve months ago which seemed to be a positive step as when we have written to the Council in the past they have carried out remedial works accordingly.

5. FINANCE

Mrs. Glanville has sent M. Ellis an up to date list as per the below and will liaise with Mrs. Glanville with regards to signing all cheques by two Councillors.

Outstanding cheques before next meeting (Sept)

Tim Walker Sharp	Internal audit £60.00
C. Challinor	6 monthly invoice £930 (£775 plus £155 vat)

Balances 8th July

Treasurers a/c	£3,565.98
Business a/c	£1,051.22

We have no large capital expenditure this year. It is therefore expected that we will have a surplus at the end of the financial year. This can either be used to reduce the contribution from parishioners or to increase our reserve which we can discuss next year.

6. PLANNING

No plan applications have been received

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All Councillors now have computers and we seem to be bombarded with vast amounts of information from Mrs. Glanville which we try to decipher.

A web page was set up to make communication between the Parish Council and the parishioners and this has now been in operation approximately two months. Councillors Ellis and Smith personally took round to each household in the village details of this web page and as at today we have had no communication from any parishioner (apart from Mr. John Bailey who congratulated us on the web page). We must therefore assume that they all parishioners are happy with the work of the Parish Council.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will be 17th September, 2013 at 7.30 pm

9. OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Smith brought to the attention of the Parish Council of the Snow Warden Scheme and offered himself to become the Parish Council Snow Warden. The Councillors thanked Mr. Smith for volunteering for this service and we would join the scheme as indicated on the attached.

Councillor Ede brought up the bus route change which she had raised previously and commented that the bus stops were not convenient for its users. She would submit to Councillor Ellis details of the bus operators and a copy of the timetable. We would then write to the appropriate people and request a meeting with them to see if we can amend the system to make it more user friendly for the people of Thorpe.

Councillor Ede also indicated that she would like to step down as a Councillor due to personal commitments but would still attend until we had further Councillors. It was agreed that we would require two new members and that we would ask the Clerk, Mrs. Glanville, to contact the Derbyshire Dales District Council to advertise the appropriate vacancies.

Meeting Closed 8.10 pm

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

Information for Town and Parish Councils

Did you join our Winter Service Scheme for 2012/13?

Preparations for winter 2013/14 have begun and expressions of interest from town/parish councils wishing to work with the County Council during periods of extreme weather/snow conditions are being sought.

88 town and parish councils signed up to take part in our Snow Warden Scheme last year by helping to clear snow and ice from pavements and footpaths, or by simply telling us about conditions in the community.

This help was invaluable; thank you. While we don't yet know what weather this winter will bring, we're hoping even more town and parish councils will volunteer this year.

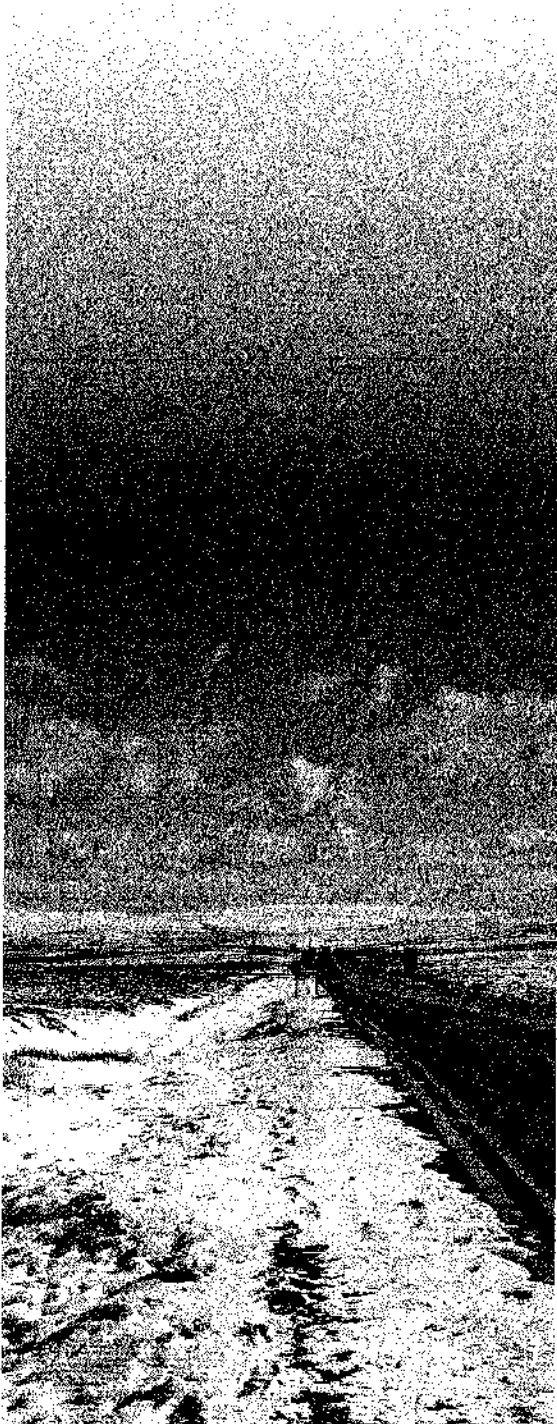
The 2012/13 scheme saw the introduction of 22 new participating town and parish councils with 16 involved in snow clearing and 6 providing information only.

Snow Wardens from 21 parishes provided excellent feedback, giving useful information regarding road/pavement conditions in their local area using the online Snow Warden Reporting Form.

74 tonnes of grit were delivered to town and parish councils, a total of 3,700 bags each containing 20 kg of grit.

What do Snow Wardens do?

- Help deal with potential heavy snow fall and ice between October and April
- Report the latest local area conditions during wintry conditions using the County Council's website
- Report situations that affect vulnerable residents such as the elderly or infirm
- Co-ordinate volunteers to clear snow and distribute grit
- Report empty grit bins



Snow Warden Scheme

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In return, Derbyshire County Council will provide:

- A free delivery of up to a tonne of palletted 20kg bags of salt for each town and parish council participating in the scheme
- Refills of town and parish council-owned grit bins twice a year, where requested; once in September and again in January. The cost of refills will be met by the town and parish council
- Training for Snow Wardens and volunteers along with advice and guidance as required covering safe operations for the clearance of snow and ice from pavements and footpaths including access to a resource of useful information to help you plan for severe weather conditions
- A website facility to report snow clearing activities in your community and to notify the Council of any problems/issues in your local area
- Early notification of severe weather affecting your area utilising the Council's specifically adapted Met Office weather reports

Public Liability

Town and parish councils who agree to clear local paths (and occasional roads) as part of the County Council's Snow Warden Scheme should confirm with their insurers that they are undertaking this activity. One of the largest parish council insurers, Zurich Municipal, has confirmed that this type of activity will be covered under its town and parish council liability policies for no extra charge.

As Highways liability responsibilities are non-delegable, it is very unlikely that claims for any losses would be pursued by a claimant directly or by the County Council by way of proceedings seeking an indemnity or contribution against a town or parish council unless the volunteering body had acted recklessly or negligently insofar that they failed to follow relevant guidance. If you act reasonably and follow the guidance for snow clearance this should not happen.

Just follow the simple steps set out in the Government's Snow Code which can be found at <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow>

Town and parish councils will be asked to agree a plan of the proposed gritting areas, along with reporting any activity undertaken using the snow warden reporting form on the website.

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