

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THORPE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013 IN THORPE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT Cllr M. Ellis (in the chair)  
Cllrs A. Wager, W. Smith, S. Spencer  
7 Parishioners, Mrs E. Glanville (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr S. Spencer was welcomed to the meeting  
He opened by stating that, the Council at the moment are facing huge financial challenges, but a clearer view should hopefully be forthcoming in December.  
He was pleased to have been invited to the meeting, & was willing to discuss or endeavour to answer any Parish Council issues.

- Cllr M. Ellis outlined the Parish Council's concerns, which had resulted in a request for the repositioning of the 30mph signs, & the subsequent denial by D.C.C.

Reply – Legislation has to be adhered to and resources are restricted. If a Parish wish to raise a particular issue, then the best way forward is to collect a local community petition, create a detailed criteria of requirements, & the reasons why, then contact D.C.C. for the procedure needed to take it further.

- The resurfacing of the lane behind the Church is becoming a very long & unsuccessful process.

Reply – The procedure will be in several stages.

Submit a proposal, survey then taken, then the jobs prioritised.  
In this particular case, he will if required assist in putting our case forward.

Agreed – to send all information received & sent to assist Cllr Spencer to act on our behalf.

- The pot hole surveys have in the past been very successful. Cllr A. Wager has been in discussions with Andrew Bowling, D.C.C. in which future works will involve a site visit with a Highway Surveyor to allocate repairs needed. However on this occasion there are still some outstanding repairs to be done, including the cattle grid located at Thorpe Mill, which is full of soil & debris, and is now causing a hazard to both traffic & livestock

Reply – There is an allocated timescale when repairs of this nature have to be completed. If not attended to within the next 2 weeks, then re-contact D.C.C. giving specific information.

- Cllr W. Smith & Mr C. Lomas have signed up to be the village “snow warden” scheme. Although no major problems, some minor issues are arising

Reply – Cllr S. Spencer outlined how the scheme should work & what part the snow wardens play in it. D.C.C. should keep all access roads in & out of parishes clear, then the wardens help manage the remainder with the grit provided. If there is a particular road that is not on the gritting route, then send a proposal to D.C.C for that road to be considered & put on their route plan.

- We have had complaints regarding the gullies overflowing & roads covered in debris, but as we only have 3 allocated power sweeps per year, it is difficult to keep some roads & gullies clear.

Reply – Cllr S. Spencer stated that every gully is now mapped, & when it is cleared it is charted, so the system should now inform D.C.C. when a gully is in need of emptying.

Cllr M. Ellis thanked Cllr S. Spencer for his time in attending the meeting & his invaluable help.

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#### APOLOGIES

Sir Richard Fitzherbert

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#### DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

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#### CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Mr Andrew Bock was unanimously accepted to be co-opted onto Thorpe Parish Council. He duly signed the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” form

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#### MINUTES

After a small amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September were approved.

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#### ON-GOING MATTERS

- Cllr A. Wager to re-contact D.C.C. on the remaining pot hole repairs
- Cllr M. Ellis has compiled costings for the repairs to Glebe Lane. He has forwarded these to the residents concerned, & has requested a response/comments by end of November
- Cllr W. Smith & Mr C. Lomas will use the allocated grit for the snow warden scheme, to those who urgently require access for medical reasons.

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#### FINANCE

(i) Cheques issued/payments approved

C. Challinor - £930

chq no. – 415

E. Glanville (due 1<sup>st</sup> Dec) - £300

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(ii) Monies received

Wayleave - £6-90

(iii) Bank Statements

Treasurers a/c - £2275-98

Business a/c - £1051-34

(iv) Precept 2014/15

Agreed to defer decision until the January meeting, when all information is available.

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#### VILLAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr M. Ellis attended a “Parishes Day” meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The main points raised were (i) affordable housing, (ii) barn conversions, (iii) replacement dwelling houses.

One other advisory was to consider setting up a Village Plan, which is a way of providing a future for your parish.

Agreed – Cllrs to compile a survey & electronically send to parishioners to obtain a majority response.

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PLANNING

NP/DDD/0813/0763 – Erection of Livestock Building – Frith Bros, Land to  
the West of Glebe Lane Application Withdrawn

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CORRESPONDENCE

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Cllrs.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014

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OTHER MATTERS

Mr C. Lomas presented a letter, stating that D.D.D.C. have applied to the Land Registry, for the registration of the “car park” for adverse possession, & that all objections must be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

As the Parish Council believe this to be “Common Land”, & as there has been a change in legislation recently, it would need to be verified.

Cllr A. Wager offered to check the common land registry, & Cllr A. Bock to obtain some legal advice.

Meeting closed 8-55pm.