

Unapproved minutes

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THORPE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2014 AT 7-30PM IN THORPE VILLAGE HALL.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agreed - that in on-going matters, item vi, Mr C. Lomas be allowed to speak.

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APOLOGIES Cllr Sir Richard Fitzherbert

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllrs declared a personal interest on minute ref 862 -Planning – Frith Bros.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2013 were unanimously approved

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ON-GOING MATTERS

- (i) Re-location 30mph signs – An introductory letter & petition have been compiled, Cllrs will circulate to parishioners.
- (ii) Re-surfacing lane behind Church – In November the Parish Council were led to believe, D.C.C. had contacted the residents suggesting their quote of £6000 be split between themselves, Severn Trent & residents, & that they were willing to hold a site meeting for further discussion. No further communication has been received. Clerk to contact D.C.C. to pursue a date of meeting.
- (iii) Pot hole survey – Cllr A. Wager to re- contact D.C.C. for remaining pot holes to be repaired
- (iv) Re-surfacing of Glebe Lane – Cllr M. Ellis reported that 3 residents are willing to contribute to the repairs. He is to re-contact the remainder for an update.
- (v) Church Lane gritting route – Response from D.C.C. states that at present no funding is available for additional roads to be added to the gritting route, or a sub contractor to be appointed. However they offered a grit bin to be placed on Church Lane, in the “free bin scheme”, whereby they supply the bin & first fill. Future fills are to be provided by the Parish Council. Agreement sent with map for possible siting.
- (vi) Car Park –Ownership of Land – A response from the Land Registry has confirmed that D.D.D.C wish to continue with the application of Adverse Possession. However it may be that the Parish Council & D.D.D.C can, through negotiations come to an agreement as to how the application & objections should be dealt with.
Mr C. Lomas explained that his only concern was that his access be maintained. He is awaiting further information & instruction from his Solicitor Cllr A. Bock proposed the Parish Council try & negotiate, in an aim to suppress future costs that may be incurred.
- (vii) Flooding Digmire Lane – Cllr A Wager to re-contact D.C.C. for update.

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VILLAGE WEB SITE

Report for the period 11/7/13 to 02/1/14

- total hits – 4100
- average hits per day – 23
- average hits per visitor – 4.21
- total page views – 490
- average page views per day – 2
- average page views per visitor – 1.07
- total visitors – 460
- average visitors per day – 2

Cllr A. Bock mentioned his difficulty in locating the web site, & suggested adding more articles & information to keep up to date & link to other websites to make more accessible

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FINANCE

- (i) Chequers issued/payments approved
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| Libra Business Essentials - £120 | chq no - 417 |
| Clerk's Salary (due 1 st March) - £300 | “ - 418 |
- (ii) Monies received
None
- (iii) Balances 21/1/14
Treasurers a/c - £1052-88
Business a/c - £1051-47
- (iv) Precept 2014/15

Information has been received on the Tax Bases for 2014/15 & explanation of the Parish Council grant, which apparently Thorpe is not entitled to.

Agreed – Cllr A. Wager to pursue & obtain further information on why Thorpe is not eligible.

The estimated remaining balance to be carried forward to 2014/15 will hold a reserve of £1000, & the remainder will be used for village improvements.

After consideration of estimated expenditure, the Precept was agreed to be set at £3400

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VILLAGE LOCAL PLAN

Agreed – Once parishioners email addresses are donated, the Parish Council can electronically organise the next step in setting up a Village Local Plan.

Cllr A. Wager voiced concerns on the Data Protection Act. Agreed – to obtain advice for next meeting.

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PLANNING

NP/DDD/1213/1059 – Erection of additional livestock building – Frith Bros, Land West of Glebe Land, Digmire Lane.

No Objections in principal, but voiced concerns – height of proposed building (Mr Frith has, since submission explained this to the Parish Council) & maintaining the surface of Glebe Lane due to additional usage. (No response as yet).

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CORRESPONDENCE

All general correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs.
Parish Council Conference – 25th February, Agricultural Centre, Bakewell –
Cllr M. Ellis to attend

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th March

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OTHER MATTERS

- The notes of the meeting held on the 26th November, 2013 are to be attached to the minutes of this meeting
- At the Annual Meeting, to be held in May, Cllr M. Ellis will not be standing for re-election as Chairman

Meeting closed 8-30pm

**Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 26th November, 2013 at 7.00 pm at the
Manor House, Thorpe**

Present Michael Ellis
 Will Smith
 Andrew Wager
 Andrew Bock

The following items were discussed:-

1. Repositioning of 30 mph signs – It was discussed and new positions agreed. Michael Ellis will set up a petition format for approval then Will, Andrew Wager & Michael to take round to all villagers and at the same time obtain an email address of every villager who has one. This will make it far easier to communicate in the future
2. A letter to Mr Lomas, a parishioner, in connection with land adjacent to his home from the Derbyshire District Council where they are registering the land for Adverse Possession – Andrew Bock has spoken to the solicitors from the Council to ask them the reason why and they have informed us that it is just a house keeping project. Andrew will check at the land registry to see if the Parish Council can object to this Adverse Possession. If we can Andrew will draft a letter accordingly. If not the only thing we can possibly do is write a letter of support to Clarke which Andrew will carry out before 5th December when the objections to the Council have to be lodged.
3. Lane behind the Church – It seems now after 18 months of trying to get something done that the Council have written to the residents and have requested that they split the approximately £6000 cost for surface repair between themselves, Severn Trent Water Authority and the three houses on the lane. It would seem apparent that this £6000 cost is far in excess of what is required as one of the inhabitants on the lane obtained a quotation of £4000. It was agreed that Will would obtain details of these two quotations so that Will and Michael can go to a site meeting which the Council have agreed to have with the parishioners involved and we will then be able to give an opinion.
4. Pot Hole Survey – Andrew Wager will contact the foreman who carries out pot hole repairs, we believe he is called Andrew Bowling, to set up a meeting to go around the pot holes which were identified in September and no work has been done since.
5. Road Sweeping – Since the Parish Council meeting on 12th November the Parish Clerk sent an email requesting the road to be cleaned. This has not yet been done so Will will contact them again to chase this along. Will contacted Eileen on Wednesday 27th November and she informed him that the Council

have 14 days to react to our request which will be up sometime next week.
Will will then contact Eileen accordingly.

6. Village Plan – It was decided that once we had obtained the email addresses of all the parishioners who have them we would contact them electronically to set the ball rolling with a village plan. Michael Ellis would read up on what is required for a village plan as we believe that some funding is available.
7. General comments:-

Glebe Lane - Do far we have had three people who are willing to contribute to stone resurfacing of Glebe Lane. The residual 4 number have not returned any comments yet. Michael Ellis will write to people at the end of November with a suggestion of how these three people may wish to proceed if no further people come forward.

Following the meeting on Tuesday 12th November it was suggested by Councillor Spencer that we send a proposal to DCC for sub contractors to grit the remainder of Church Lane. Michael Ellis will draw up a plan and send it to Eileen and ask her to contact the appropriate people.

These notes will be submitted to Eileen, the Clerk, so that they can be attached to the next meeting of the parish council in January