

Unapproved minutes

MINUTES OF THORPE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH MAY, 2014 IN THORPE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT Cllrs M. Ellis, A. Wager, A. Bock, W. Smith
4 Parishioners, Mrs E. Glanville (Clerk)

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APOLOGIES

Cllr Sir Richard Fitzherbert

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Cllr W. Smith proposed Cllr A. Bock be elected as Chairman
Seconded – Cllr A. Wager
No other nominations
Cllr A. Bock accepted & took the chair, & signed the
“Declaration of Acceptance of Office” form.
Cllr A. Bock thanked Cllr M. Ellis for all the time & dedication
he had given in his 2 years as Chairman. He was pleased to
accept the role of Chairman, & would try & fill the position to the best
of his abilities, and would welcome advice when required.
- Cllr A. Bock proposed Cllr A. Wager continue the role of Vice Chair.
Seconded – Cllr W. Smith.
No other nominations
Cllr A. Wager accepted.

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March were approved

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ON GOING MATTERS

* 30mph signs - There has been no response or
acknowledgement to the petition sent on 12th March, 2013.
Agreed - A letter be compiled & sent, pointing out lack of obliged recognition to the
petition.

* Road maintenance - The road & pot hole repairs have become a long
standing issue that needs to be addressed. Cllr A. Wager has been in contact with
D.C.C., who have stated that repairs to Hall Lane & Digmire Lane are on their
forward planning list for this summer. Cllr A. Wager pointed out that
parishioners need to report “pot holes” to the “Environmental Hotline”.

Agreed – Cllr A. Wager pursue the repairs & request a power sweep

* Car Park Ownership - Cllr A. Bock attended a meeting with
Mr Goldworthy, D.D.D.C representative, Mr C. Lomas & Mr C. Lomas’s solicitor.
D.D.D.C. were laying claims to take possession of the car park
The verbal agreement of the meeting was, in principal D.D.D.C. would keep as a car
park, with Mr Lomas’s claim to continuing access, but, the future of the toilets could
not be guaranteed. A written agreement of confirmation has yet to be
received.

* Re-surfacing of lane behind Church. The residents concerned have now signed & returned to Rob Greatorex, D.C.C. the agreement to their contribution of costs.

Clerk to contact D.C.C. for a possible date of commencement.

* Children Playing signs - Cllr A. Bock agreed to pursue the village children's participation in designing a sign.

Cllr M. Ellis had obtained quotes for a standard village "children playing sign" £252 + VAT

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FINANCE

- Cheques issued/payments approved
C. C. Ltd - £161-16 (due 1st June) chq no - 420
Clerk's Salary - £300 " " " " - 421
- Monies received
D.C.C. - £120
Precept - £3400
- Bank Statements
Treasurer's a/c - £4091-46
Business a/c - £1051-60
- Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March, 2014. After questions answered, they were unanimously approved.

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PLANNING

No applications or updates received

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VILLAGE LOCAL PLAN.

Cllr M. Ellis stated, he has attempted to obtain parishioners participation in the possibility of creating a village local plan. However this would take a considerable amount of work & initiative from the Cllrs to make this a success.

Alternatively Cllr A. Bock was willing to investigate & arrange future "parish work parties" for village improvements, but, would have to consider creating a no indemnity policy.

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CORRESPONDENCE

* posters advertising "L' Eroica Britannia".

This is a weekend long festival celebrating cycling heritage, local territory & overall britishness. It begins 20th June culminating on the 22nd June with a vintage cycle ride over 3 different routes around PDNP. They will be entering Thorpe on 22nd June & would welcome community support

* DALC Financial Regulation Update – Cllrs & Clerk to take note.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st July

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OTHER MATTERS

* Builders working at a residence in Hall Lane are destroying the verges. Cllr M. Ellis offered to speak to them requesting they be restored to original condition when work is completed.

* A email from Sevenoaks Town Council requested the Parish Council's support on a proposal they have submitted to Government under the "Sustainable Communities Act" the proposal is – "that the government take the necessary action to allow a percentage of Business Rates to be paid direct to the Parish & Town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth"
after a brief discussion this was unanimously approved . Clerk to inform.

Meeting closed 8-35pm