

Unapproved minutes

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THORPE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 5th January, 2016 AT 7-30PM IN THORPE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT Cllr A. Bock (in the chair)
Cllrs A. Wager, W. Smith, D.Belton and C.Carr
4 Parishioners,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Nothing to report

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APOLOGIES J Bailey, Cllr Sir Richard Fitzherbert

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

It was noted that C.Carr had been appointed to the Peak Park Board

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015 were unanimously approved

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ON-GOING MATTERS

- Village Website – advertisers to be sought from local businesses once the web site is more established www.thorpevillage.co.uk
- DDDC's application for possessory title of the car park outside the public toilets – No further progress from Derbyshire Dales
- Re-surfacing of Lane behind Church – The County Council are being reminded that they intended to the works late last year and when they can now do the works.
- Reduction in Community Transport Service. TPC supports the initiative to stop the cuts imposed by the County Council. A petition was passed around the village and sufficient people in the County signed the petition in order for the County to reconsider their cut backs. A decision awaited
- Pot holes – A number of repairs undertaken. Erratic response from the County Council with regards to repairs. Resurfacing required. Tar and chippings is the best that can be hoped for. Cllr W Smith reported a number of potholes to the County. A large pot hole that was causing damage to tyres and wheels near to Hillcrest has now been repaired. A power sweep of the village undertaken today
- Flooding on Digmire Lane – Currently flooded confirming again that the works undertaken by the County Council have not succeeded. The County to be re approached with photographs and with a solution to the problem.
- Village Local Plan. Two suggested projects being considered. Information boards to show visitors in the village the road layout, houses and interesting information. Examples of a number of boards in nearby villages examined. Local artists approached. Likely to cost approximately £2000. To be funded from existing reserves, grants and sponsorship. The second initiative is a pond. This will be a lot more ambitious and the interest of parishioners to be gauged. Therefore a questionnaire to be distributed around the village before the next meeting to find out what is preferred. Maybe a compilation of old photographs of Thorpe? All to be investigated.
- Tiger Moth Aeroplanes. No involvement from TPC. To be monitored in spring to establish if the number of journeys agreed are being adhered to.

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FINANCE

- Cheques issued/payments approved
None
- Payments received
- None
- Balance Sheet 5th January, 2016
- The balances presented were: Treasurers a/c - £3012.17 Business a/c - £1052.48
- Draft precept discussed by Cllr D Belton the Responsible Financial Officer. It was agreed to reduce the precept from £3900 to £2500. This is mainly because a clerk is no longer employed and Councilors are undertaking the duties. This still allows expenditure on a Village Plan project and have sufficient reserves for unforeseen issues.
- Future Audit Arrangements. From 2017 an audit no longer required for TPC. A contingency plan required if questions are asked of the accounts. It was decided to use the services of the Authorities Audit Appointment Ltd which is being set up for this purpose. This is subject to the charges being acceptable.

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PLANNING

No applications since last meeting

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CORRESPONDENCE

All general correspondence has been circulated.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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OTHER MATTERS

- Nothing discussed

Meeting closed 8-30pm.