

**Unapproved Minutes of Meeting of Thorpe Parish Council,
held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 7.45pm
in Thorpe Village Hall**

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair)
Councillors A. Wager, W. Smith, C. Carr
8 Parishioners

Public Participation

Nothing to report.

973. **Apologies**

D. Belton

974 **Election of Officers**

- Cllr W. Smith proposed Cllr A. Bock be elected as Chairman.
Seconded – Cllr A. Wager.
- Cllr A. Bock accepted and took the chair and signed the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” form.
- Cllr A. Bock proposed Cllr A. Wager continue the role of Vice Chair.
Seconded – Cllr W. Smith.

No other nominations. Cllr A. Wager accepted.

Declaration of Members Interests

It was noted that C. Carr is on the Peak Park Board. A. Bock and A. Wager confirmed that they were on the Dovedale Dash Committee.

975. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2016 were approved.

976. **Ongoing Matters**

- Village website – accounts to be displayed shortly.
- Road maintenance/potholes – A. Wager has now taken over the responsibility for informing Derbyshire County Council of potholes/issues. This is being done with the assistance of GPS co-ordinates. It was noted that there is an erratic response to these requests.
- Car park ownership – no progress made despite Councillor A. Bock setting a deadline for Derbyshire Dales District Council to start negotiating with the Parish Council
- Resurfacing lane behind church – numerous e-mails sent to the County Council. The manager dealing with the issue is Peter White who has confirmed he is appointing a case officer shortly.
- Reduction in community transport service – still at the consultation stage by Derbyshire County Council.

- New bench on village green – the position of this on the village green was approved unanimously and the Dovedale Dash Committee thanked for their very kind gift. It was confirmed that they will be responsible for the maintenance.
- Village Local Plan – A total of seventy five questionnaires were hand delivered to all residents in Thorpe. A total of thirty seven answered questionnaires were returned. A summary is as follows:

Sign boards

For 20
Against 15
Undecided 2

Pond
For 7
Against 30

The comments for the signage were wide and varied. The main reason for disliking the signage is that it does not benefit the residents. The main reason for liking the signage is to direct delivery vans to the correct address. Many of the more prominent houses within the village get a significant number of requests for directions. A number of the houses that are more remote are generally not in favour of signage.

The cost of the boards was also an issue. This was anticipated and already £500 extra funding has been received from Derbyshire Dales District Council and further funding could be sought from sponsorship/other sources.

It was decided that the Parish Council will investigate a lower cost option with a map and artwork indicating the various attractions and location of each house (subject to house owners consent). Ideally this should not cost the parish any more than £1000.

The interest in the pond appears to be a dead duck! Therefore this will not be investigated any further.

As far as other initiatives that have been commented upon, in order of priority they are as follows:

1. Defibrillator.
 2. Planting more bulbs/crocuses/daffodils.
 3. Painting telephone box and post box.
 4. Reducing the precept rather than spending the money.
- Flooding on Digmire Lane and Hall Lane – A. Wager to continue a dialog.
 - Tiger Moth biplanes – there was an unanimous vote to confirm that Thorpe Parish Council would support Derbyshire Dales District Council's enforcement action against the airfield at Darley Moor. We are informed that consent exists for Microlight aircraft only.
 - Defibrillator – A number of parishioners have requested the provision of a defibrillator within the local plan questionnaire and individually to councillors. Cllr Smith confirmed that he is in contact with the people organising the provision within Ashbourne. The cost is approximately £2,000 and a location with an electricity supply required. A discussion was held as to the level of contribution by the Parish and other contributors such as the Dovedale Dash Committee. This is to be investigated fully prior to the next meeting.

- Broadband Issues – The village suffers from a poor quality broadband service via BT. We are to investigate if this is going to improve and whether W3Z radio service can be improved to reach parts of the village that do not have a reception.

977. **Finance**

Cheques paid - Community Lincs Insurance £168.78
DALC - £62.96
D. Belton expenses £13.75
Payments received - Precept £2500
Derbyshire County Council £150

Bank Statements Treasurers account £5,662.17. Business account £1,052.61.

The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016. They were unanimously approved and the required notice to be displayed on the website and notice board outside the village hall.

978. **Planning**

No applications or updates received.

979. **Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

980. **Date of Next Meeting**

28 June 2016.

981. **Other Matters**

A request for funding signage for The Peak District Boundary Wall from South Yorkshire was made and declined.

Gavin was thanked for his help in removing moles from Peveril Hill.

Michael Ellis thanked the committee for reducing the precept and managing without the services of a paid clerk.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.