

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Thorpe Village Hall

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

Public Participation

It was suggested by a parishioner that we had cut the grass on Peveril Hill too early. The Chairman confirmed that it was done at the end of July as previously agreed. The state of Stoney Lane was also discussed as the verge has not been mowed for years at the request of Thorpe Parish Council. The growth is making the road too narrow for traffic

991. Apologies

Sir Richard Fitzherbert and Cllr D Belton.

992. Declaration of Members Interests

D. Carr – member of Peak Park
A. Wager – member of Thorpe Village Hall Committee

993. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2016 were approved.

994. Ongoing Matters

- Village website – accounts displayed on the website as required.
- Car Park ownership – Derbyshire Dales District Council claim for Possessory Title of the car park outside the public toilets. Discussions with the solicitor at DDDC have progressed matters and the issue is how to document that the land remains as a car park and is made available for the Dovedale dash each year.
- Resurfacing of the lane behind the church – Derbyshire County Council have completed this work and it has been done to a good standard. Cllr Smith thanked for his assistance in making this happen.
- Reduction in the community transport scheme – no further news.
- Potholes/road maintenance – Extensive repairs to potholes undertaken within the village including repairs up to Coldwall Bridge.
- Flooding on Digmire Lane – to be monitored.

- Village Local Plan signage – The budget is £1,500 of which £500 has already been obtained as a grant from DDDC. The signage artists are to be approached for their quotes. The map is to name every house within the village (subject to owners consent) in order that delivery drivers can find individual houses. The sign or signs are likely to be placed on a building in order to save costs.
- Defibrillator – a benefactor has agreed to donate a defibrillator and cabinet. This is to be placed on the Village Hall. Training will be required for people within the vicinity. This donation is very much appreciated. Thorpe Parish Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the defibrillator including a contribution towards the electricity it consumes to The Village Hall. This is estimated to be £25pa. The cabinet is to be green and instructions to proceed were agreed
- Tiger Moths – it was noted that considerably less journeys have been made by the Tiger Moths over the summer. Hopefully this is part of the agreement that has been reached with the operator.
- Village broadband – villagers to be reminded that Zycomm offer a radio broadband service as long as the radio mast is visible from the receiving end.

Water Supply to Church House. A request to lay a water pipe over Village Green land was discussed. Church House has a supply but this needs upgrading. It was agreed for the owner to discuss with Severn Trent to establish if they have the right to pass over this area of land.

995 Finances

- Cheques issued:
None

Money received:
None

Balance sheet up to 4th October 2016
Current account – £5273
Deposit account – £1,054

- Audit – Grant Thornton have approved the 2015 – 2016 accounts. However they have pointed out that as a matter of good practice it would be preferable for Councillors not to also have a role as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. By not employing a Clerk we are saving £1500 per annum and this is passed on as a lower precept. It was agreed to reflect on the best procedure for the future.
- Future audit arrangements – as previously discussed

996 **Planning**

The alterations proposed to Church House ref NP/DDD/0716/0617 were circulated to Councillors and a notice put on the notice board. No objections received and Peak Park informed of Thorpe Parish Council's support for the application. Peak Park has since granted consent.

997 **Correspondence**

All general correspondence circulated to Councillors.

998 **Date of next meeting**

7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at the Village Hall.

999 **Other Matters**

Village Green - a tree was trimmed prior to the meeting that was interfering with telephone lines for Thorpe Cottage. This will be trimmed again properly later in the year.

"Access Only" signage to Stoney Lane. A quote of £114 plus VAT received for 2 signs for "No SAT NAV traffic". It was agreed to proceed subject to agreement with immediate residents on location of the signage

New notice cabinets for the Village Hall were discussed. As the cabinet on the village hall has been repainted this is no longer an urgent issue.

One of the benches nearest to the church is in disrepair and potentially dangerous. The family of the benefactor to be contacted to establish if they wish to renew or repair. In the meantime it is to be removed.

Stile on Stoney Lane – the repairs have been undertaken

Annual village clear up took place on Saturday 24 September with a successful turn out and the village looking better

Peak Parishes Forum – Membership was discussed at a figure of £12 per annum which was not an issue. However it was agreed that none of the Councillors had the time to attend the annual meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.