

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Thorpe Village Hall

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair)
Councillors A. Wager, C. Carr, D Belton
3 Parishioners

Public Participation

Cllr Belton raised the issue of extra external lighting at The Peveril of The Peak. It would appear that even more flood lights and lights within the car park have been installed causing considerable glare. Whilst it is accepted that there is little that TPC can do it was decided that it would be worth pointing out the unnecessary light pollution to the hotel.

1009. Apologies

Cllr W Smith, Sir Richard Fitzherbert and J Bailey

1010. Declaration of Members Interests

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

1011. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 were approved.

1012. Ongoing Matters

- Village website – Cllr A Wager to establish how many “hits” the website achieves.
- Car Park ownership – Derbyshire Dales District Council claim for Possessory Title of the car park outside the public toilets. The objection now removed as there has been an exchange of letters that gives permission for temporary toilets for the Dovedale Dash each year and also recognises that the land is Village Green thereby preventing development.
- BT Telephone Box closure. TPC completed forms to adopt the telephone box for £1. Volunteers to be sought for repainting. A suitable use to be found ie tourist information, library
- Reduction in the community transport scheme – A trail of an on demand / taxi type services is expected soon
- Potholes/road maintenance – Nothing further to report

- 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. Sue Prince appointed to do the artwork, is to commence in March with completion and erection due for Spring/Summer 2017. 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 – This has been erected on The Village Hall. Training organised for villagers on 7th February at 6.30pm in The Village Hall.
- Signage on Stoney Lane – Still to be implemented
- Village broadband – As part of their survey Derbyshire Dales District Council were informed of the poor broadband and they will hopefully encourage BT to improve the service

The tree feller instructed to prune the tree on The Village Green that is interfering with telephone lines.

1013 **Finances**

- Cheques issued:
None

Money received:
None

Balance sheet up to 24th January 2017
Current account – £4170
Deposit account – £1,054

- Audit – A risk assessment has been undertaken as Grant Thornton 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. Therefore TPC is appealing for a volunteer to perform these duties. In the meantime the risk assessment will bolster the procedures.
- Precept – After considerable discussion it was agreed to reduce the precept from £2500 to £2250 for 2017/2018. The precept was £3900 in 2015/2016 so this is a considerable reduction. This has been achieved by performing the duties of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer within the Council.

1014 **Planning**

Nothing to report

1015 **Correspondence**

All general correspondence circulated to Councillors.

1016 **Date of next meeting**

7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at the Village Hall.

1017 **Other Matters**

The mowing / strimming to be undertaken again in 2017 / 2018 by C Challinor at the same cost as the 2 previous years ie £1650

The fly tipping on Narlows Lane has been pointed out to Derbyshire Dales

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.