

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council Held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30pm In Thorpe Village Hall

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

Public Participation

Mrs Wager pointed out that a Macmillan Charity sponsored walk passed through the Village on 2nd September. This involved 1400 walkers which did cause some congestion within the Village. Notice of such events in the future would be appreciated. The Chairman apologised as he had been made aware of the walk, but not of its magnitude and hence did not pass on the information.

1033 Apologies

Cllr D. Belton

1034 Declaration of Members Interests

C. Carr – Member of Peak Park.

1035 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2017 were approved.

1036 Ongoing Matters

- **Village Website.** The accounts have been displayed on the website as required.
- **Car Park Ownership and Potential Closure of Public Conveniences.** Derbyshire Dales District Council has recently sent a consultation paper about the costs and usage of public toilets. It was noted that Thorpe public toilets last year cost £5,452 to maintain, with £9,374 of outstanding work. No usage figures were provided for Thorpe. Derbyshire Dales District Council are looking to close such conveniences and this would appear to be the ammunition that they are circulating in anticipation of this. Thorpe Parish Council will continue to resist the closure due to the volume of visitors in the area.
- **BT Telephone Box Closure.** Thorpe Parish Council has resisted the closure. No news yet from BT.

- **Reduction in the Community Transport Scheme.** It was reported that a number of villagers have used the new service and are very happy with it.
- **Potholes and Road Maintenance.** Councillor A. Wager to notify Derbyshire County Council of potholes on Hall Lane.
- **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 Derbyshire District Council. Sue Prince has completed the draft map and has got the comments of the villagers. The map is now being finalised and should be available with the next month for further comments.
- **Defibrillator.** It was agreed that the code to the defibrillator cabinet will be displayed in the window of the Village Hall (to the right of the cabinet). The concern is that valuable time will be lost by trying to find the code either by telephoning the emergency services or finding a local resident. There is the risk of the defibrillator being stolen, but it is more important to have immediate access to the machine.

The defibrillator cabinet code is **C23579**

- **Signage on Stoney Lane.** Still to be implemented.
- **Cars Parking at the Junction of Digmire Lane.** The County Council have responded that this is not a dangerous junction according to the accident statistics and hence will not take any action. Thorpe Parish Council will erect 'No Parking' signage.
- **The National Trust, Felling Ash Trees in Dovedale.** Notice has been received that selective felling of ash trees to prevent the spread of ash dieback disease will be undertaken over the next 5 years. Further consultation is proposed by the National Trust.

1037 Finances

- **Cheques Issued.** C. Challinor - £990. Village Hall - £27.00.
- **Money received.** None.
- **Balance Sheet up to 5th September 2017.** Current account £5516 Deposit account £1052
- **Confirmation of Satisfactory Audit.** We are still awaiting Grant Thornton confirmation.
- **Future Audit Arrangements.** The new regime starts in this Financial Year.

1038 **Planning**

- **Fir Croft, Stoney Lane - Conservatory.** There were no objections to this planning application locally and this was confirmed to Peak Park.

1039 **Correspondence**

All general correspondence circulated to the Councillors.

1040 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5th December at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

1041 **Any Other Matters**

The stone wall around the grassed area on Digmire is in a poor state. Quotes to be obtained for its repair, including the re-erection of the Digmire Street sign.

It was noted that the mowing on the Village Green has not yet taken place. Unfortunately the contractor undertaking this work hit the Severn Trent Water manhole cover which has delayed matters.

Meeting Closed at 8:30pm.