

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm in Thorpe Village Hall

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

Public Participation - Nothing raised

1050. Apologies

Sir Richard Fitzherbert

1051. Declaration of Members Interests

C. Carr – member of Peak Park

1052. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017 were approved.

1053. Ongoing Matters

- Village website – Cllr A Wager confirmed that we display the accounts information required
- Closure of public conveniences – Nothing to report
- BT Telephone Box closure. BT have now sent the agreement to purchase the telephone box for £1. The consensus amongst the Councillors and villagers was that Thorpe wishes to retain the phone box and find an alternative use. Legal advice to be sought on the agreement with a view to signing it at the next meeting. £500 budgeted next year in order to redecorate.
- Derbyshire Association of Local Councils membership – It was decided to continue with the membership especially as they keep us updated on current legislation.
- Potholes/road maintenance – John Bailey has written separately to Cllr Spencer (responsible for Highways at the County Council) regarding the poor condition of the roads. Thorpe Parish Council to do likewise. Cllr Wager to inform the County Council about 3 specific pot holes.

- Flooding on Digmire Lane – No obvious resolution. The County Council to be contacted again.
- Village Local Plan signage – The budget is £1,500 of which £500 has already been obtained as a grant from DDDC. Sue Prince has completed the draft map and the comments received from villagers to be relayed back to her in order that the map is finalised and erected by the Spring.
- Defibrillator – The code to the cabinet is displayed in the village hall window
- Dog mess around the village. To be monitored and if the situation gets worse notices to be erected.
- Signage for Stoney Lane – “No Sat Nav” signs erected

1054. **Finances**

- Cheques issued: C Challinor £54.00
D Belton £6.64

Money received - nil

Balance sheet up to 30th January 2018 Current account - £3650
Deposit account – £1053

Future audit arrangements – External auditors no longer involved with parishes with a precept of less than £25,000. Therefore the accounts will be signed off by Tim Walker Sharpe who has certified the accounts for a number of years.

Precept

For 2017/18 the precept was reduced by 10%. Income down from the budget, but this is purely timing with the VAT reclaim having arrived early (falling into ‘last’ year). Expenditure will be close to budget but this comprises lower than allowed for on the village map offset by more/unexpected expenditure on the wall repairs and the satnav signs. The Bank Balance should finish at about £4000, enough to cover commitments and a sensible reserve.

Proposals for next year 2018/19. The Precept to be unchanged at £2250. Expenditure budget to allow for some increases on grounds maintenance, field cutting etc. Also to allow £800 for further/final spending on the village map. £500 to be budgeted for unplanned repairs and the old phone box. The Bank Balance will close lower, at about £2900 - enough to cover commitments and a prudent reserve.

1056. **Planning**

No applications received

1057. **Correspondence**

All general correspondence circulated to Councillors.

1058 **Date of next meeting**

7.30pm on Tuesday 1st May at the Village Hall.

1050 **Other Matters**

Road Closure – Digmire Lane in January 2018 for Electricity Substation works. Disruption to electricity supplies but it was noted that Western Power are keeping most people informed.

The finger signpost at the bottom of Hall Lane has had some of the letters rearranged. The County Council to be informed

It was agreed to continue with C Challinor for the mowing for 2018 with an increase of 5%. This has been increased after being held at the same level for 3 years.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.