

THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024

Mrs R Thompson Parish Clerk

- 1. Welcome to Public** Comments or questions from members of the public (15-30 minutes will be allowed)

Three members of public were in attendance. The first explained that he had attended primarily to discuss the deteriorating state of the village, potholes, parking on pavements as well as current planning matters. The second member advised that he was attending to discuss a planning application at the Moat House. The third explained he has attended as he has a planning matter he wishes to discuss. He went on to ask about the CCTV that the council had as an agenda point to discuss later in the meeting, in his opinion the burglars come across the fields he went on to say gangs of people on quad bikes are going over farmland. He added that it is a regular occurrence in Harthill. The Rural Crime team are doing well but need more resource for an increased presence. He went on to say that in his opinion CCTC will not work effectively. He added that wildlife has been shot by people on quadbikes and that there is an ongoing issue with rival groups shooting wildlife in competition with each other. The member of public went on to say he has a planning application submitted with RMBC that he would like to discuss, he added that doesn't feel he will receive support but would like to discuss it either way.

Cllr Cox asked the resident if he had an issue with him and made reference to a phone call placed by the resident to the Clerk ahead of the March meeting claiming that required procedures had not been met to hold a meeting discussion was had about what the issues could be. Cllr Cox refuted claims that he has ever had anything to do with the allegations made. Cllr Cox reiterated that there is no bias in planning applications and that each application is considered in its own merit, he added that the Parish Council do not support applications, they either do not comment or they object if they feel that is the right approach to take in the interest of the Parish. One of the other attendees from the public said that he has huge problems with quad bikes on his land and went on to say that CCTV footage was pertinent in prosecuting those involved in wildlife crime.

Cllr Colclough invited the member of public to discuss his planning application if he wanted to do so., The resident went on to explain that he wanted to put a barn on his land initially for corn and grain and possibly livestock in the future. He stated that the price of grain and corn is increasing, he stated that he could store grain for up to 2 years. Another member of public discussed that the application wants to store wheat, yet the barn is open at one elevation. Further discussion suggested that grains could only be stored for a limited period of time and for less than 2 years. Cllr Cox explained that the Parish Council has previously objected to building on green belt in the past, the barn is proposed 100ft long, 90 ft wide and 30 ft high. He asked why it is in such an isolated spot is away from the applicants dwelling and asked if the applicant was concerned about crime, wouldn't it be safer closer

to the dwelling? The resident stated that he would not have to go on the roads, Cllr Cox stated that he road also provides access to the sewerage works and another resident, are they aware? The applicant explained it will be 400m from any other dwelling and that if wanted to change the use to livestock then he would. Cllr Cox raised concerns that the size of the barn relative to the farm, if subject to vandalism will the applicant want to build another residential building? The resident said yes maybe. Cllr Johnson mentioned that she is concerned with the appearance, how will this new one look? He went on to ad about worldwide current affairs that he feels contributes to his need to store grain.

Cllr Cox agreed with Cllr Johnson that the appearance is not ideal, also that the barn would be visible from Worksop Road and is on green belt land.

It was discussed that RMBC have recently refused an application in Harthill as it on green belt. It was mentioned by a member of public that the government is offering a scheme to farmers to grow grass at £600 a hectare instead of wheat so does not see why someone would choose to grow wheat and store it? Discussion was had around the reason the applicant wishes to store grain for a couple of years, yet it can only be stored for a limited period of time.

Cllr Colclough thanked the members of public for their attendance.

2. To receive any apologies for absence

None.

3. To declare any interests necessary for this meeting and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

None.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of February 2024.

Previously circulated, approved by all as an accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

- a. **Sorby Field** - Play Area report. The most recent report illustrates items at low risk. The Clerk confirmed that the foothold piece will be replaced in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Colclough added that the picnic bench is rotting, he will ask RMBC for a quote. Cllr Colclough agreed to speak to pest control regarding the moles.
- b. **Parish Maintenance** – Coronation Garden, Lamp Post, Road Sweep and Footpath repairs.
 - i. Cllrs confirmed that the post on Common Road has been replaced by RMBC. Cllr Colclough informed that RMBC have been a driver shortage for the road sweeper, the Parish is due to have a sweep at the end of this month early April 2024

- ii. The lamppost that was knocked down on Common Road is due to be replaced before the end of April 2024.
 - iii. Cllr Collingwood asked if a response had been received from RMBC in relation to the deterioration of speed humps and the potholes in the pavement. The Clerk agreed to send the reply she received from Marc Hill regarding the speed humps and conformed that she has received a generic reply stating that following a site visit RMBC have deemed the potholes as not needing repair at present. Cllr Collingwood to follow up with Marc Hill.
 - iv. It was reported that the Packman Lane / Harthill Road junction when approaching from Bond hay does not have a 'Give Way' or 'Stop' sign. Clerk to provide contact details and Cllr Colclough agreed to write to the relevant person at RMBC.
 - v. **Coronation Garden** – Cllr Johnson advised that Thorpe in Bloom are low on funds and have advertised a crowd funding scheme for the hanging baskets. They have agreed to look at the cart and gravel in the garden. It was noted that Thorpe in Bloom appear to have a plan of activities now spring is closer. Cllr Johnson conformed that there is public meeting in April.
- c. **Great British Spring Clean.** Cllr Johnson agreed to organise a date for a weekend in April to carry out a community litter pick.
 - d. **CCTV update** Cllr Collingwood advised that he has been speaking with Rachel Fletcher at RMBC regarding 4 CCTV cameras to potentially be installed in the Parish, he added that they are only ever used if a crime has been committed, not continually monitored. The quote received was £6720 installed. There would be a SIM cost of £144 per year x 4 per year. Cllr Collingwood advised that at a recent CAP meeting Cllr Tarmey said that he is happy to contribute next year and regardless of the outcome of the upcoming election this could be logged with an expense with RMBC going forward. Cllr Cox said that as it is one of the 2 projects that the Parish Council decided on and we have the funds, we should go ahead, Cllrs discussed this at length. Cllr Colclough proposed that the Council agree in principle to the proposal subject to funding this seconded by Cllr Marsh and agreed by all. The Clerk agreed to forward the devolved budget application form to Cllr Collingwood. Cllrs thanked Cllr Collingwood for his effort in this project. A member of the public asked if the council have asked the local wind farm if they have any community funding available. The Clerk was asked to find out if Harthill Parish Council have received such funding.
 - e. **Road Safety Update** Cllr Cox reported that there has been no particular progress in the 20-mph scheme. The Parish council will continue to push this scheme in the new financial year.
 - f. **Village Sign.** Cllr Cox is waiting for dry weather to complete the repair work on the sign.
 - g. **Village Litter Pick** This was discussed at item 5c. Cllr Johnson will contact RMBC to see if they will complete a Parish litter pick ahead of any community arranged litter pick.
 - h. **Grass cutting** Cllr Colclough advised RMBC had proposed that the current contract was extended by one year with an increase of £85 to include cutting the

Sorby Field verge at the same frequency as the main field. Cllr Colclough proposed to go ahead, seconded by Cllr Cox, and agreed by all.

6. Planning

a. New Applications

- i. 2024/0240 Application -Solar Panels proposed on the roof of the Garage at the Grange. The Parish Council agreed to make no comment.
- ii. 2024/0179 Application -The Erection of an Agricultural Building in Green Belt off Back Lane/Worksop Road. Cllr Cox suggested an objection on the basis of building on green belt, the Parish Council do not feel the size of the proposed building is justified, Cllr Collingwood added that it is extraordinarily large with speculation on future uses and the concern that the building would invite crime. Cllr Johnson raised concerns over the general appearance taking into account what the farm currently looks like. Cllr Cox proposed that the Council object to the planning application, Cllr Collingwood seconded this, agreed by all. Cllr Cox will prepare a statement for the Clerk to submit.
- iii. 2023/0975 Application - The proposal to fill a Quarry and create a Fishing Pond off Common Road , Harthill The P C Objected to this Application. The Parish Council have objected due to traffic concerns.
- iv. 2024/0053 Application - Extension to Moat House, Nether Thorpe. The Parish Council agreed to make no comment.

7. Finance

a. Current balances

- i. Current account = £14,902
- ii. Reserve Account= £5000

b. Forecast

- i. A daft forecast will be circulated to Councillors.

c. RMBC Direct Debit

- i. Cllr Colclough confirmed that it is the last one this month. Payment method for the extended contact to be agreed with RMBC.

d. Online Banking Account Update

- i. Not yet progressed, Cllr Colclough will follow up.

e. Cheques to be signed

- i. Salary £300.70
- ii. HMRC £75
- iii. Website reimbursement £11.99

8. Report by Borough Councillors

- a. None

9. Correspondence

- a. None

10. Councillors items for discussion only

- a. Cllr Collingwood conformed he would attend the next CAP meeting.

11. Date of next meeting

16th April 2024 (a change to the previously published date)