

## **Thorpe Salvin Parish Council.**

Minutes of the meeting of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council which was held at 7pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St Peter's Church, Thorpe Salvin.

### **In Attendance.**

Chair Cllr A Colclough

Vice Chair Cllr J Cox

Cllr Max Collingwood

Cllr M Johnson

Cllr C Marsh

Parish Clerk- Mrs Rebecca Thompson

### **Public Session.**

A resident (Terry) introduced himself and explained he is here to discuss the concerns raised around the trees that surround the Coronation Garden. He added that the trees are in fact situated in his property and he is happy for the overhanging lower branches to be cut back. Cllr Colclough added that as the trees are in a resident's property it is not a matter for the Parish Council. Terry went on to discuss the general appearance of the Parish and stated that in his opinion the appearance seems to be deteriorating. Cllr Cox advised that Thorpe in bloom are addressing this issue. Cllr Collingwood advised that this feedback will be given at tomorrow night's Thorpe in bloom meeting. Cllr Colclough suggested that similar to the community litter pick a clean-up / weeding session could be arranged.

### **Parish Council Meeting.**

- 1. To receive and approve any apologies for absence.**
  - a. None
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**
  - a. None
- 3. To consider any items to be discussed in the absence of the press and public.**
  - a. None
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 9th of October 2023.**
  - a. Approved by all as a true and accurate record.
- 5. Matters Arising**
  - a. Sorby Field - Play Area report**
    - The Clerk agreed to chase up the play area report.
    - Cllr Colclough asked the Clerk to go ahead with the purchase of the foothold for the quest at £28.99.
    - It was decided to review the grass cutting contracts in January with both the clerk and Cllr Johnson obtaining quotes in the meantime.

**b. Parish Maintenance – Coronation Garden, Pump Corner Post, etc.**

- It was confirmed that the missing post at the pump corner has now been replaced and this item can be removed from the agenda.
- Cllr Cox stated that the footpaths across from little wood Lane need looking at by R.M.B.C
- Cllr Colclough confirmed that the hedges have been cut, Cllr Collingwood added that although they have been cut, they have perhaps not been cut enough. Cllr Marsh added that the although the hedges have been cut back the verges have not. Cllr Colclough to follow up with RMBC to request the verges cut back.

**c. CCTV Update**

- Cllr Colclough advised that despite his efforts he has not managed to speak to the staff member required at R.M.B.C about this. Cllr Colclough suggested that the Parish Council obtain further quotes. Cllr Johnson suggested that the Parish Council focus on the issue of Road Safety instead.

**d. Litter pick debrief.**

- Cllr Johnson advised that 14 people volunteered for the community litter pick and that lots of litter was collected. A. not of thanks has been posted on the website and Facebook page.
- It was decided to hold the next litter pick on March.
- Cllr Colclough mentioned that the Parish normally have a road sweep before Christmas. The clerk agreed to contact Andy Roddis at R.M.B.C and request this.

**e. Road Safety Update.**

- Cllr's Johnson and Collingwood gave a report on the recently attend Parish Council Network meeting which they attended along with the Clerk, they explained that first half of the meeting focused on Planning matters, in particularly 5g phone masts. The second half focussed on Road Safety schemes; it was noted that there are currently 220 20mph schemes throughout the borough. Cllr Johnson explained that Marc Hill informed the meeting that for a basic 20mph scheme of signs and road markings it would cost around £25,000 and that there are funds available through the road safety scheme. Cllr's Collingwood and Johnson also reported that Marc Hill had confirmed that Thorpe Salvin had never been forward by the Ward Cllrs for such scheme and it was only ever Woodsetts that was proposed for the funding.
- Cllr Colclough asked the Clerk to contact Marc Hill and formally request the 20mph scheme for Thorpe Salvin.

**f. Village Sign**

- Cllr Cox that he has spoken to the company that installed the sign and, on their advice, and arrange for the sign to be rubbed down and then coated with yacht varnish.

## 6. Planning

### a. Kiveton Steel site Public Enquiry

- Following the Parish Council's submission of objection to the planning inspector, Chris Wilkins would like a representative from the Parish Council to attend the Public Enquiry on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December (This will be held at Clifton Park Museum). It was decided that both Cllr Cox and Cllr Collingwood would attend.

### b. New Applications

- None.

### c. Decisions

- Cllr Cox discussed a recent incident where contractors seemingly damaged trees at a property in the Parish. These trees are subject to a TPO. It is understood that R.M.B.C have visited and support the TPO in place.

## 7. Network Meeting Debrief.

- **This was discussed in item 5, point e.**

## 8. Christmas Tree / decorations

- a. It was agreed to meet at 10 am on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to put up the tree and lights in the churchyard.

## 9. Finance

### a. Current Balances

- Cllrs Colclough and Cox advised that the relevant forms to update signatories and change the address on the bank account have now been completed, this should remedy the issue of statements not been received.
- **It was discussed to look at upgrading the account to business account to give the online facilities.**
- **Cllr Colclough agreed to speak with NatWest to discuss.**

### b. Cheques to be signed.

- **£11.99 website reimbursement.**
- **£264.99 Salary**
- **£500 St Peter's Church Rental**
- **£48 PKF Little John (auditor)**
- **Spectrum futures £63.30**

## 10. Councillors' items for discussion only

- a. Cllr Colclough advised that the website is currently inactive as it needs to be paid for at £11.99 per month. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask if it can be paid annually and by way of a proforma and invoice, if not then the Clerk is happy to pay it and be reimbursed.

- b. Cllr Johnson confirmed that the Parish Litter pick is on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 10 am.
- c. Cllr Cox discussed the recent emails from Andy Lancashire regarding the objection lodged by the owner of Kiveton Industrial Estate.
- d. He explained that RMBC had failed to give adequate notice to comment to residents, The Parish Council and well as the local MP.
- e. A 2-week extension has now been given. Cllr Cox agreed to draft the Parish Council's comments for the Clerk to post onto the planning portal.

**11. Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024