

## THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 9TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7PM.

#### **Present**

Cllr A Colclough (Chair)

Cllr M Collingwood (Vice Chair)

Cllr M Johnson

Cllr C Marsh

Cllr J Cox

Parish Clerk Mrs R Thompson

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

One member of public present. The member of public advised that she has given a letter to the chairman to outline her gratitude to the Parish Council for their support with the recent Party at the Park.

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, thanked the member of public for her letter.

The member of public explained that she has attended this evening to discuss the issue of rats in the Parish, she went on to say at this morning's Community Natter group it was brought up the number of rats seen in the Parish seems to be on the increase, discussion was had on whether there was a correlation between the increase in rat population and the presence of livestock in the Parish. The conversation moved onto what the regulations were regarding the keeping of livestock on a residential property. It was decided that the Clerk would contact DEFRA to see if there is a CPH (County Parish Holding Number) in place for any livestock. Cllr Colclough agreed to contact RMBC to ascertain if they can assist with the increase in rat population. Cllr Johnson agreed to put a post on the Parish Council website and the Community Facebook page giving details of who to contact at RMBC to report an issue.

#### **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 8th of July 2024.**

Previously circulated. Approved by all as a true and accurate record.

**5. Matters Arising**

**a. Sorby Field - Play Area report, grass cutting, picnic bench, etc**

The playground safety Report is now back to low risk.

Councillors thanked Cllr Marsh for his work in organising and installing the new picnic bench. He added that members ought to consider replacing the other bench at Sorby Field. It was decided to defer the consideration until Spring.

Cllr Colclough advised that he has contacted Andy Roddis at RMBC who has confirmed that the hedge will be cut early October and February each year.

It was noted that there are Moles present at Sorby Field, the clerk agreed to contact the mole contractor.

**b. Sorby Filed Verge wooden posts.**

Cllr Colclough advised that whilst he was repairing the reflectors on the posts it became evident that some are rotten and need replacing. There was discussion about the type of posts that could be used as replacements and a decision was made to seek quotations to replace like with like. It was decided that Cllr Colclough will see how many needs replacing and then look at obtaining quotes.

**c. Village Maintenance – Coronation Garden, Lamp Post, Road Sweep, Speed Hump and Footpath repairs, etc.**

Cllr Colclough commented that Thorpe in Bloom have done a great job in the Coronation Garden. Cllr Johnson added that Terry will spray the area with weed killer, she added that she will contact Thorpe in Bloom to see that their plans regarding maintenance are.

Cllr Colclough advised that the road sweeps are usually scheduled for September and December, after a short discussion it was decided to leave the September sweep until mid-

October. It was noted by the member of public present that the last road sweep was not initially done sufficiently particularly on Worksop Road but the sweeper returned the next day. Cllr Colclough advised that he has contacted RMBC on numerous occasions giving feedback on the quality of the sweeps and has been told that the road sweeper cannot be used effectively unless the road has kerb stones. He added that he will have a look at what other road sweep companies are available.

**Speed humps-** Cllr Colclough reported that RMBC advise that the patch up work they have carried out is a temporary measure and that any further work will be carried out as part of the resurfacing scheme.

**Public Footpaths –** Cllr Cox explained that this item refers to the footpaths across the fields within the Parish, they are in very poor condition and many of them are no longer there. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Right of Way Officer at RMBC and direct them to Cllr Cox to take up the matter further.

**It was also noted that RMBC had patched some of the potholes at the end of Little Wood Lane between the pavements on each side of the lane following an inspection request from TSPC.**

**d. Litter Pick**

Cllr Johnson reported that the recent litter pick was very well attended. She gave thanks to those that volunteered and added that she would like to arrange another just before Christmas.

**e. CCTV update**

Cllr Collingwood advised that the lamppost in Joy's Garden has now been replaced, the £3000 funding from RMBC has now been received. He is chasing for an installation date and will keep members updated.

Cllr Collingwood added that residents have kindly agreed to allow the RMBC to park their vehicles on their property when carrying out the works, this allows for the avoidance of a road closure. He also added that no hanging baskets or other equipment can be on the same post as the CCTV.

**f. Road Safety Update**

The Give Way sign on Packman Road has been installed. The faded 30 mph signs have been replaced. Cllr Colclough agreed to contact RMBC Cllr Tim Baum-Dixon to ask for support with the 20mph speed limit scheme.

#### **g. Village Sign**

Cllr Cox advised that the post needs removing to then paint, treat and replace, he is happy to complete the task but require some assistance. Cllr Marsh agreed to help ,Cllr Cox will make arrangements and move the task forward.

#### **h. Ladyfield Road Traffic**

Cllr Johnson advised that she has been contacted by a resident regarding buses on Ladyfield Road, it is reported that they met a bus on the Road and could not get passed, as buses are not allowed to reverse down the road it caused an issue. Councillors discussed the issue, noting that the bus service to the village is used by some residents and it was suggested that due to the hedge encroaching the road, it is much narrower than it should be which is part of the issue. Cllr Colclough agreed to contact RMBC to discuss the hedge. Cllr Johnson agreed to put a note on the website giving the bus timetable and agreed to report back to the resident that raised the concern.

### **6. Planning Matters**

#### **Descisions**

2024/0701 Extension to the Hangers at the Airfield . Approved by RMBC

2024/0903 Application to create TWO houses in the building we know as Bonsalls Barn -refused by RMBC

2024/1158 Application to carry out works to trees at the Grange

2024/0651 Application to create in the Barn we know as Bonsalls Barn a Holiday Home and the erection of a further stable such that a Pony Trekking business could be established. Refused by RMBC

#### **Outstanding matters**

The building in the park at Springfield Cottage

Bonsalls Barn being restored to being an Agricultural building

### **7. Finance**

#### **a. Current Balances**

Reserve Account £5236.95

Current Account £18,3283

Statements received by Cllr Colclough and circulated to all Councillors.

**b. Review of Assets register**

The Clerk agreed to resend to all Cllrs to be reviewed at the October meeting.

**c. Cheques to be signed.**

HMRC £75 - to replace the returned cheque.

Spectrum futures £16.25

Salary £375.20

Rebecca Thompson £11.99 (website fee)

RMBC £460.74

**d. VAT Reclaim**

The Clerk advised that the next reclaim will be carried out in November.

**e. Update on the Audit**

This has been completed and all relevant paperwork posted onto the website.

**8. Report by Borough Councillors**

None Present

**9. Correspondence**

None received.

**10. Councillors' items for discussion only**

None

**11. Date of next meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> October - Cllr Collingwood has given his apologies in advance as he cannot attend