

Thorpe Salvin Parish Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council which was held at 7pm on Monday the 24th of April at St Peter's Church, Thorpe Salvin.

In Attendance.

Chairman Cllr J Cox

Vice Chairman Cllr A Colclough

Cllr Max Collingwood

Parish Clerk- Rebecca Thompson

Guest – Chris Marsh

Public Session.

A member of public introduced himself as Duncan. Duncan expressed his wish to discuss his current planning application regarding an extension / orangery at his property on Little Wood Lane, Duncan went on to say a heritage survey has been completed and added that the extension would only be visible from the rear of the property.

Chairman J Cox replied that he has no concerns and proposed that the Parish Council do not object to this application, all members agreed.

Parish Council Meeting.

1. To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

Cllr M Johnson

2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None

3. To consider any items to be discussed in the absence of the press and public.

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th of March 2023.

Approve by all as a true and accurate record.

5. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes, for information only.

a) Litter Bin for Turner Wood

Chairman J Cox said this was a matter for Ward Cllr Tim Baum Dixon as it is not actually in our Parish.

b) Sorby field- Chafer Bug treatment.

Cllr Colclough advised he has met with RMBC who advised that traps would be suitable, further arrangements are being made to install these. The traps will be at a cost of £120. Cllr Colclough advised that Nematode treatment would be approximately £2000 and to reseed the grass would come at a cost of around £500 (as per the estimate from RMBC).

It was decided to review further treatments at a later date.

c) Sorby Field - Play Area report, repairs to play equipment/safety matting, moles, hedge

Chairman Cllr Colclough explained that the Parish Council had been invoiced for new chains on the swings, but they have not been provided. The Clerk agreed to chase this up.

The Quest activity equipment also needs a new grab handle as advised in the inspection report. The Clerk agreed to obtain a price for a replacement to be fitted.

6. Introduction of the new Parish Clerk.

Chairman Cllr J Cox introduced Rebecca. He thanked Rebecca for accepting the role. Cllr J Cox went to say that Rebecca is also the Parish Clerk for three other Parish Councils, those being Bramley, Hellaby and Letwell.

7. Consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor.

Chairman Cllr J Cox introduced Chris Marsh and thanked him for his involvement in the recent community litter pick.

Cllr Colclough proposed that Chris Marsh be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council, Cllr Collingwood seconded the proposal. All members in favour.

Chairman Cllr J Cox welcomed the newly appoint Cllr C Marsh.

The Clerk agreed with Cllr C Marsh that she would bring his acceptance of office declaration to the next meeting.

8. To receive and consider any current planning applications and planning issues:

a) New Applications

RB2023/0400

Site Address: 34 Worksop Road Thorpe Salvin - Two storey side and front extension.

Members had a discussion and agreed they have no objections.

RB2023/0382

Site Address: 7 Little Wood Lane Thorpe Salvin

Description: Listed Building Consent for single storey rear extension

As discussed in the public session, members have no concerns.

b) Decisions

RB2023/0258 - Conversion of barn to holiday cottage and erection of stable block at Barn Northeast of Common Road Thorpe Salvin.

A second Application relating to the conversion of the Barn to a dwelling had been refused this year alone, RMBC are believed to have issued a Notice some years ago to the owner requiring that the building be returned to being a barn rather than as currently is the case a building that can be used as a dwelling but they have not enforced its implementation.

7. New Business

a) Coronation – Event, Portaloo

Cllr M Collingwood passed on the gratitude of the Church for the portaloo.

b) Fixing of the frame on the Sign.

Chairman Cllr J Cox advised that this is now complete.

c) Bridleways and Footpaths.

It was discussed that some of the bridleway and footpath signs are missing. Cllr Marsh agreed to look into these and was asked to consider taking on the responsibility of bridleways and footpaths within the Parish

d) Community Litter Pick.

Chairman Cllr J Cox expressed the Parish Councils gratitude to Cllr Johnson for organising the litter pick. Cllr C Marsh added that 8 members of public participated. Cllr Cox added that the date of a litter pick needed more careful consideration for future events. The Chair wished to thank those members of the Public who turned up to help with these efforts to make the area litter free.

8. Finance

a) Bank Account

Discussion was had about the Parish Council's previous resolution to open an account with Unity Trust Bank. The Clerk agreed to open the account with a balance of £50.

b) Cheques to be Signed

It was agreed to pay RMBC £270.50 for the Grounds maintenance invoice.

c) Audit- Signing off the Audit.

Chairman J Cox expressed his view that all the recoverable VAT needs to be accounted for before the approving the audit can take place. The Chair stated he had been asked to sign off the Audit but could not do that because he believed that no Vat had not been recovered in the year despite the assurances that the Council had received during the year. In addition, Vat was not even considered to be reclaimable on some invoices/receipts which he believed might well be recoverable. That Vat recovery this year is significant because of special purchases such as the sign.

The new Clerk agreed to work with the Chair to bring about a satisfactory situation at an early date such that the forms could be completed and importantly Vat reclaimed.

d) VAT Recovery.

Chairman Cllr J Cox and Cllr M Collingwood discussed the possibility of claiming the VAT on items purchased by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council and subsequently reimbursed. The Clerk agreed to investigate this and claim back retrospectively any missed claims of VAT.

9. Parish Projects

a) Road Safety

Chairman Cllr J Cox explained that road safety is an important issue in Thorpe Salvin and the Parish Council endeavour to do all they can to make the parish as safe as possible for the residents of the parish.

It was agreed for Chairman Cllr J Cox to contact RMBC officer Marc Hill in regard to the speed reduction and road safety scheme.

b) CCTV

Cllr A Colclough discussed the neighbouring Parish of Woodsetts and their success in the installation of CCTV cameras.

It was agreed that Cllr M Collingwood and Chairman Cllr J Cox would meet in the near future to take this project forward and explore possible funding. The Clerk agreed to ask RMBC what the cost would be done should the scheme be done through them.

10. Report by Borough Councillors

None present.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Councillors items for discussion only

Cllr Marsh drew attention to the fact that a road bollard had been knocked over at Pump Corner and was asked to report it to R M B C –the highway authority.

13. To confirm the date and time, and potential items, for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 22nd May 2023 and will include an Annual Meeting.