

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs. Mr J Cox (Chair), Ms M Johnson, Mr A Colclough, Mr K Wake and Mr L Hutchinson

In Attendance: The Clerk to the Council and 9 members of the public.

210.19 Welcome to the public - Comments or questions from members of the public

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

There was discussion regarding email addresses and communicating with residents of the village. It was suggested that a letter be sent round to residents updating them on the situation. The clerk was asked about email addresses but although she had a list it is not known how old it is or what permissions were given so a new list will be prepared and residents will be asked to contact the clerk with their details.

It was pointed out that the wording relating to drilling doesn't seem to relate to Thorpe Salvin as it is down as Thorpe Common on the map, Netherfield airfield is printed but not Thorpe Salvin.

It has been confirmed that there are two drainage systems on the corner as mentioned at the last meeting.

211.19 To receive any apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

212.19 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.

There were no declarations of interest recorded and no items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

213.19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November, which had previously been circulated to members were amended to read Keith was appointed following the meeting and were then confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

214.19 Matters Arising

a) Exploratory Drilling for quarrying

The Chairman explained that at the last meeting it had been agreed to notify everyone, following the meeting he had been in touch with Rotherham who had explained that permission was not required and we can be assured however if an application is made this will become a significant issue and will be passed on for comments. The Parish Council agreed to implement the suggestion about the contact with the Parish taking the opportunity to do that in a newsletter to include drilling and other items.

b) Clerk's Contract

The Chairman and clerk have met and now agreed the contract which was made available for councillors to look at before being signed.

c) Thorpe in Bloom – Coronation Garden

Kassy attended the meeting as requested to explain the next steps if the scheme was given the go ahead explaining it was hoped to have it ready for spring making the garden more colourful. There were concerns expressed about the proposals, risk of injury and damage as well as the possible need for risk assessment. The final appearance of the Garden if it ever became neglected by Thorpe in Bloom was also discussed.

Kassy was asked if they had consulted with those who lived around the Garden and stated they had done that as requested earlier by the Parish Council. Thorpe in Bloom were asked if they had their own insurances that covered their activities, they have so were requested to provide the details to the Parish Council and in writing do two things to indemnify the Parish Council against any Claims etc. that might arise as well as giving written assurances that they would take on full responsibility for keeping the area tidy and attractive for at least the next few years. Councillor Colclough proposed the plans be supported if the suggestions listed above were put in place, seconded by Councillor Wake and agreed by the council. All agreed that the village is fortunate that they have got Thorpe in Bloom.

d) Sorby Field - Tree reduction, dead tree and hedges cutting and maintenance, Gate Security, Play Area report and equipment, Protection against unauthorised access, damaged bench and painting of gates

Councillor Colclough reported on the work to be done on the trees for which planning permission has been submitted. It was agreed that logs removed could be left for residents to collect at their own risk and this would be advertised in the newsletter.

A cost is needed for the groundworks for the gate security details of a suitable contractor will be sent to Councillor Johnson.

Councillor Johnson will also try to find a suitable contractor for the bench repairs.

e) Ladyfield Road RMBC owned house/Parking issues

The chairman reported that this is currently being dealt with by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

It was suggested we could write to Quinns regarding parking issues.

f) Welcome Letter

This has been prepared and is waiting for some final details to be confirmed.

g) Parish Councils Emergency Planning

The document was previously agreed, the clerk just needs councillors to confirm contacts.

h) Speed Humps and hedge on Ladyfield Road

This was discussed, the chairman will type the list up. It was agreed to discuss traffic calming measures further at the next meeting and to also look into the possibility of speed signs from Rotherham.

215.19 Planning

a) New Applications

2019/1784 Reserved matters for the 4 Houses off Manor Road

b) Decisions

2019/1550 Last Bungalow on the left on Common Road - PERMISSION GRANTED conditionally

2019/1519 Bungalow on Common Road – approved.

216.19 New Business

a) Parking at the station and on Manor Road

Parking problems are the same and were discussed, Councillor Hutchinson agreed to have a word with the owners of the horse sanctuary.

b) Email addresses

This had previously been discussed.

c) HGV Use Ladyfield Road

It had been suggested that a weight limit could be introduced except for buses, the council agreed to investigate and look at the options.

217.19 Finance

a) Bank account address and signatories

The letters have been taken to the bank by the Chairman.

b) Cheques to be signed

Cheques were signed for M Welch £386.21, Rotherham MBC £392.28 and J Cox £29.97.

c) Precept

This was discussed, the clerk will send out further details for the next meeting.

218.19 Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated.

Parish Council Winter Partnership 2019/2020

Councillor Wake thinks this is dangerous and that we should decline the offer, this was unanimously agreed.

Yorkshire Day

Details have been received, Councillors agreed there were a lot of events next year and the clerk was asked to put events on the next agenda.

Local Electricity Bill

Details had been circulated and councillors agreed to support this.

A suggestion was made that the Your Mag may agree to be used to distribute the newsletter, this will be looked into further.

219.19 Date of next meeting –13th January 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed