

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on Monday, 1st December 2014 at 8 Church Way, Thorpe Malsor.

Present: Cllr N Roberts (Chairman), Cllr Mrs F Pope, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr R Walton, Clerk Mrs J Smart.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Mobbs.
2. Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
3. Matters Arising

3.1 Precept

The Clerk report that applications for Precept had to be in by January 2015. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope, seconded by Cllr Roberts, to set the precept for £2000 as last year.

3.2 Planning 5 Church Way: Nothing to report.

3.3 Junction of Gipsy Lane and Rothwell Road Kettering

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jim Hakewill had arranged a meeting at this Junction with two members of the NCC Highways Department and the Councillor for Gipsy Lane, Cllr Mick Grimshaw on 11th December 2014 at 8am to discuss the matter. Cllr Roberts Cllr Mrs Powell and Cllr Walton and the Clerk will attend. The Clerk reported that a letter of support had been received from the Clerk of Cransley Parish Council and it was agreed to invite them to send a representative. It was noted that housing development was due to start on the right of Gipsy Lane and it was thought that under Section 106 money could be available for a roundabout.

3.4 19 The Square

Cllr Walton reported he had been in touch with Kevin Sail of AWA who had not yet been able to visit the site.

4. Finance Report

The Clerk presented an up to date Financial Report including an estimate of costs for 2015/16 to assist in setting the Precept amount. Cllr Roberts reminded the Councillors that in setting the Precept amount consideration had to be given to the possibility that KBC might seek to off load some of the costs of street lighting and grass cutting which were expensive.

Accounts paid: BDO £42.00

5. Website

Cllr Roberts said it was desirable for the Council to have its own website and this was endorsed by KBC. It was agreed to make enquiries into setting this up.

6. State of the Village

Cllr Walton referred to the general untidy state of the village particularly the allotments and the ditch alongside the allotments. He proposed this should now be filled in seconded by Cllr Roberts. Cllr Mrs Powell queried why the brambles etc had been cut back. Cllr Walton said this was in order to tidy the verges up. Cllr Roberts said there had been complaints about the untidiness of the village and the work needed to be done to ensure clear visibility at the road junctions. Cllr Mrs Pope had received complaints from the Ramblers Association regarding the state of the Long Mile. Cllr Ms Powell said the grass triangle near the Eagle gates would now not be cut by KBC. The Clerk reported that this had been agreed by KBC but in the interests of safety they would cut the grass if it was seen to be too long.

7. Grant from KBC

The Clerk reported that a Grant of £1000 had been received from KBC Leisure Services to provide a Table Tennis set to be installed in the Village Hall for the older children to use and for provision of an item of equipment for the playing field for the younger children. The Clerk and the Chairman were to meet a representative of Sports Equipment on site on 28th November 2014 to discuss what was suitable. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that the Table Tennis set be obtained from John Lewis at an approximate cost of £500, seconded by Cllr Roberts.

8. Barn Adjoining Village Hall

Cllr Mrs Powell said she wished to develop this as an Art Studio and was meeting an architect to discuss this.

9. Development at Cransley Reservoir

Cllr Mrs Pope reported on the work being done on the old building near the dam.

10. New Noticeboard

The existing noticeboard was dilapidated and consideration was given to the cost of replacement.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Cllr Roberts had been approached for the Parish Council to provide financial help to village events such as Sports Day and the childrens Christmas Pary. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope, seconded by Cllr Roberts, that this could be provided after a budget had been received.

11.2 Cllr Roberts proposed holding a Village event in The Square possibly with a marquee to enable villagers to meet socially. Cllr Mrs Pope suggested May Day. The Clerk agreed to contact Tim Bellamy KBC to ask for financial help in getting a band.

11.3 Cllr Roberts reported that a street light was still not working and would report it again. He also referred to the overhanging hedge from the Hall obscuring the lights. Cllr Mrs Powell undertook to see this was remedied.

12. Date of Next Meeting was fixed for 26th January 2015

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.