

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on Monday, 11th May 2015 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. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

1.1 The Clerk stated that the Meeting had to be called within 7 days of the General Election in order that Councillors could sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and elect a Chairman. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed, seconded by Cllr Walton, that Cllr Roberts be re-elected.

1.2 Cllr Roberts then welcomed Mrs Helen Sharp to the meeting and she was then Co-opted on to the Parish Council.

1.3 The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by the Councillors.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Precept

The Clerk reported that the Precept for 2015/16 had been paid on 12th April 2015.

3.2 Junction of Gipsy Lane and Rothwell Road Kettering

No further information received. It was noted that exploratory digging work had commenced in the fields to the right of the Thorpe Road junction. Cllr Mrs Pope said this was despite the fact that the land was cropped, still tenanted and not yet sold to a Developer. Cllr Roberts proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pope, that Cllr Hakewill be contacted to see what the present situation was.

3.3 Bungalows 15-18 The Square

3.3.1 Lighting

Cllr Roberts reported that a bollard had been erected and now waiting for slabs to cover the cable ducting to arrive. 4 metre columns to be erected between bollards.

3.3.2 Tree at 15 The Square

Cllr Roberts reported this had been trimmed but was still a hazard and

needed to be felled. He had been in touch with KBC whose policy was to only do the work if the property became vacant as it was the tenant's responsibility.

4. Village Seats

Cllr Walton reported that he had received a quotation of £75 per seat to renew the slats. Cllr Pope proposed, seconded by Cllr Roberts, that the quotation be accepted. Cllr Walton was thanked for his work.

5. Village Hall Windows – Planning Application

Cllr Mrs Pope said she had met the Planning Officer from KBC at the site and was awaiting further development.

6. Finance Report

6.1 The Clerk presented an up to date Financial Report

The following cheques were presented for payment:

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
100286	Northants CALC (Subscription and Audit Fee)	265.42
100287	AON Insurance	293.45*

*Reduced amount after Agreement signed to continue with AON for next three years.

6.2 Annual Accounts for year ending 31st March 2015

The Clerk presented the finalised accounts for acceptance. Cllr Roberts proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Powell, that they were accepted. Cllr Roberts then signed the Accounts.

6.3 KBC Grant Money

Cllr Roberts had purchased the Table Tennis set; the remainder of the £500 allocated would be used to purchase additional play equipment. Arrangements were in hand to start a Club for older children to use the equipment in the Village Hall on the second Sunday in the month and to look into purchasing a suitable piece of equipment for younger children for the playing field, also for £500.

The Clerk reported there was a meeting at KBC offices on 2nd June to show how Grant money had been spent.

7. Website

Cllr Mrs Sharp agreed to undertake this work and a provisional budget of £100 was agreed as it was considered there would not be much traffic. Cllr Roberts said

it could be used to benefit the Church, Village Hall, Social Club and the village as a whole.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Grass around the Water Trough area

Cllr Mrs Powell said that, although the right hand side was mowed regularly by Colin Thompson, KBC mowed the left hand side and it became overgrown due to the infrequency that they came. Cllr Walton proposed seconded by Cllr Roberts that John Penn be asked to mow it and Cllr Mrs Powell agreed to arrange this.

8.2 Dog Waste Bins

Cllr Roberts reported that he had been in touch with KBC and they had agreed to site one near the footpath sign in Short Lane and the other at the corner of Hall Lane near the footpath sign at the corner of the Church wall.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Clerk confirmed that this would be the Annual General Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting and would be held on Monday, 1st June 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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