

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on Monday, 26th January 2015 at 8 Church Way, Thorpe Malsor.

Present: Cllr N. Roberts (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Mrs F Pope, 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

A Budget Consultation Meeting was held on 22nd January 2015 at KBC offices when precept amounts would be approved. Cllr Roberts had requested a copy of the minutes.

3.2 Planning: 5 Church Way. Nothing to report.

3.3 Junction of Gipsy Lane and Rothwell Road:

Cllr Mrs Powell asked if there was an update but nothing further had been received. Cllr Roberts said the yellow lines could not be painted until the drier weather.

3.4 The Square: Nothing to report although an AWA van had been seen in The Square.

4. Finance Report

The Clerk presented an up to date Financial Report with an estimate of payments to be made up to the end of the Financial year on 31st March 2015.

A cheque for £1000 had been received on 23rd January from KBC to finance the purchase of a table tennis set and playing field equipment.

The following cheque was presented for payment:

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	
100281	Cllr N.Roberts	£24.00	Cost of materials to refurbish notice board.

Cllr Mrs Pope proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Roberts for his excellent work in refurbishing the noticeboard and also removing the obsolete bus timetable, this was unanimously agreed.

5. Website

Cllr Mrs Pope proposed, seconded by Cllr Roberts, that Helen Sharp be asked to set up a website as she had experience of the work involved. Cllr Mrs Pope volunteered to contact her.

6. State of the village

6.1 Cllr Walton referred to the general untidy state of the village particularly the allotments and the ditch alongside the allotments. After discussion Cllr Walton agreed to fill the ditch in.

6.2 Long Mile: Cllr Roberts had been in touch with the Street Doctor who said it was no longer blocked. Cllr Mrs Pope had not received any further contact from the Ramblers Association.

6.3 Hedge at junction of Church Way with Loddington Road: Cllr Roberts reported on the narrowing of this junction due to the overgrown hedge narrowing the road at this point making it difficult to turn into the Loddington Road with insufficient space if two cars meet on the corner. He agreed to speak to Mrs Baker as the owner of the hedge.

7. Development at Cransley Reservoir

Cllr Roberts reported that a retaining wall had now been built and work started on the old filter beds.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Bungalows: 5-18 The Square

Cllr Roberts had been contacted regarding the lack of public lighting to the front of the bungalows which were in total darkness. The slabs leading to the bungalows were steep and slippery in wet weather. After discussion in which it was felt the cost of a lighting column could be prohibitive, the installation of a light to the front of each bungalow was suggested. The Clerk was asked to contact John Conway, Head of Housing at KBC stressing that the tenants were all elderly and in some cases disabled.

8.2 Tea and coffee at The Club, Wednesday, January 21ST 2015

Cllr Mrs Pope reported this had been a success with 15 people there, including some new to the village, and expressed thanks to the Club for providing this facility. The next meeting would be on 18th February 2015 at the revised time of 10.30 am.

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8.3 Village Event in The Square

The Clerk reported she had been unable to contact Tim Bellamy but his department had advised applying for help in financing a band etc for the event and she undertook to do this.

8.4 Financing of Sports Day and Childrens Christmas Party

Cllr Mrs Pope suggested using the remainder of the Prologis money to finance these events in the sum of £100, and for the remaining £47 to be used for the Tea and Coffee mornings, thus effectively closing the account as it was never intended for the Prologis money to be ongoing.

9. Date of next meeting: this was fixed for 16th March, 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.