

# THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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. Apologies: None
2. Minutes of the last Meeting were read, accepted and signed.
3. Matters Arising

### 3.1 Precept

The Chairman said this would be dealt with in the Financial report.

### 3.2 Junction of Gipsy Lane/Rothwell Road Kettering

Cllr Mrs Pope said she had been informed by Cllr Hakewell that there was now an application in the planning system. It would appear the electricity company had 'put the cart before the horse' in starting work for the site as the tenant had not yet been given notice to quit. There was concern over the construction of a bund which, rather than reducing traffic noise, could actually make it worse.

### 3.3 Bungalows 15-18 The Square

Cllr Roberts said the work to connect the lights had still not been done. He would contact Jim McNally KBC again as a matter of urgency.

### 3.4 Website

Cllr Mrs Sharp was not present but Cllr Roberts said it was progressing. Cllr Mrs Pope said details of Email contacts for village organisations needed to be forwarded to Cllr Mrs Sharp for inclusion on the website.

## 4 Finance

### 4.1 Finance Statement

The Clerk presented an up to date Financial Report and stated that KBC required a letter setting out the amount of Precept required for year 2016/17. The amount had already been set at £2000 at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Minute 2.1 refers). Cllr Walton proposed seconded by Cllr Mrs Pope that a request for a precept of £2000 be sent to KBC.

The following account was presented for payment:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100291	BDO Audit Fee	£36.00

## **4.2 Street Lighting**

Cllr Mrs Pope had attended the last meeting of the Rural Forum when this had been discussed. Apparently when NCC had prepared the schedule for renewing street lighting which is now being done only Kettering Borough had been included in the costing, completely ignoring all the villages in KBC area and also Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell. Jim McNally KBC said there were no arrangements to maintain public lighting.

Martin Hammond, KBC also said that KBC would not force Parish Councils to take over the cost of maintenance of public lighting.

## **4.3 Grant Money**

The Financial Statement showed there was a balance of £687 which needed to be spent. Of this, £500 was allocated to provide an item of playground equipment for younger children. Cllr Roberts undertook to contact parents to ascertain their views. Cllr Mrs Pope suggested the balance of £187 could be used to provide items for the older children at their TM United Club which meets at the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month and utilises the table tennis set provided by the bulk of their share of the grant.

**5. Planning: Nothing to report**

**6. Correspondence: None**

**7. Matters of Report**

### **7.1 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Clerk reported that KBC had not yet made any plans but would do so in the New Year. They needed to ascertain on which day her birthday would be celebrated.

### **7.2 Item to Commemorate the Birthday**

The purchase of a suitable item was discussed either a clock or seat and suitable locations.

### **7.3 Queen's Jubilee Oak Tree**

Cllr Mrs. Pope proposed that this should be sited opposite the Allotment Gates and said it would need a guard fitted to protect it. This was agreed unanimously.

### **7.4 Trees Along Short Lane**

Cllr Mrs Powell proposed seconded by Cllr Walton that the Horse Chestnut trees be trimmed.

**8. Date of Next Meeting was fixed for Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

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