

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 7th March 2016 at 8 Church Way, Thorpe Malsor

Present: Cllr N. Roberts (Chairman), Cllr Mrs F Pope, Cllr Ms H Sharp, Cllr R Walton, Clerk Mrs J Smart.
Cllr Jim Hakewill (Borough Councillor)

Cllr Roberts welcomed Cllr Hakewill to the meeting. Cllr Hakewill said he had three items to bring to the attention of the Parish Council; items which had impact on this area.

1. Cohen's Yard Development

An amendment to the original Planning Application had been received from the developers in which the number of warehouses had been substantially increased. Cllr Hakewill said as this site was an entrance to the town it needed to be an attractive development not consisting just of warehouses and he intended to press for a road through there for the nearby cottages to access the A14 and town as originally proposed.

2. Gipsy Lane Planning Application

It was essential to ensure proper access from Thorpe Road onto Gipsy Lane and to continue to press for a roundabout at the Gipsy Lane/Rothwell Road junction.

3. Lorries through Broughton & Cransley to Cransley Loam premises

Complaints had been received from residents to both Broughton and Cransley Parish Councils regarding disruption caused particularly at School times by these lorries. Alternative routes were suggested via Rothwell Gipsy Lane and Northfield Road Cransley to these Councils. Cllr Hakewill said Northfield Road Cransley was too narrow to accommodate such lorries and he proposed the installation of weight restrictions with access only.

Cllr Hakewill then left the meeting and Cllr Roberts opened the Parish Council meeting.

1. Apologies: Cllr Mrs Z Powell

2. Minutes of the last Meeting were read, accepted and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Bungalows 15-18 The Square

The Chairman said the lighting work has now been completed.

3.2 Street Lighting

The questionnaire sent by NCC has been completed. It was noted that Jim McNally has now left KBC. Cllr Roberts said it was likely that in the future Parish Councils would have to fund street lighting.

3.3 Item to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Cllr Mrs Pope produced details of a suitably engraved 3 seater teak bench to be placed in the Churchyard and firmly secured. Cllr Roberts proposed seconded by Cllr Walton that the bench be ordered ready for 23rd April 2016.

4 Street Signs

Cllr Mrs Pope said there was graffiti on one, which she was trying to get removed, together with cleaning all the signs.

5 Finance

5.1 Finance Statement

The Clerk presented an up to date Financial Report.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
100292	Mrs L C M Holborow Child Settlement Bus Shelter Rent	£15.00
100293	B J Walton Clearing grass verges and trimming	£300.00
100294	Mrs D J Smart	½ year salary £200.00 Expenses <u>£ 29.84</u>
		£229.84

5.2 Appointment of External Auditor

The Clerk asked for confirmation that BDO should be appointed the external auditor. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed seconded by Cllr Roberts.

6. Website

Cllr Mrs Sharp said it was now almost ready and asked that contacts for the various village organisations send news to her for inclusion on the site. There would be a quarterly hosting charge.

7. Planning: nothing to report.

8. Correspondence: none.

9. Matters of report: none.

10. Date of next meeting was fixed for Monday, April 25th 2016.

11. Date of Annual General Meeting/ Parish meeting was fixed for Monday, 23rd May 2016

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