

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council

held on 7th November 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chairman), Cllr R Walton, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Ms H Sharp,

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mr E Stevenson.

2 Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 STREET LIGHTING NEAR NO 1 CHURCH WAY

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that there had been no progress in resolving the Street Lighting issue with KBC, efforts on this issue continue.

4.2 LIGHT NEAR BUNGALOWS 15-18 THE SQUARE

Cllr Mr Walton advised that he was unaware that the issue had been addressed. Cllr Mrs Pope to double check and follow up with KBC.

4.3 PAINTING OF BENCHES

Cllr Mrs Pope read out the written quotation from Paul Noon. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Pope would acknowledge the Quotation and ask for a proposed completion date before going ahead with the work.

5 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FORMS

The majority of the Declaration of Interests Forms had been completed and returned, once all collated these can be returned to KBC.

6 REPLACEMENT OF CLERK

Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller agreed to set up a new email address: thorpemalsor@gmail.com.

7 FINANCE

7.1 The signature arrangements for the Barclays Bank had now been changed.

7.2 PRECEPT

The amount of Precept was agreed at £2000 and Cllr Mrs Pope signed off the necessary Form for submission to KBC.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Cllr Mrs Pope advised that the application for a Caravan site at Cransley Reservoir had been refused by the Caravan Club.

8.2 Cllr Mrs Pope brought attention to an emerging proposal from Thorpe Malsor Estates to build 81, 2 storey properties close to the A14. An exhibition is to be held on Thursday 10 November 2016 for anyone to attend. A leaflet had already been displayed in the Club and Cllr Mrs Sharp agreed to post one on the Thorpe Malsor website. Cllr Mrs Sharp raised concerns about the varying speed limits around the area. Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that this concern had already been raised with Jim Hakewell.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10 MATTERS OF REPORT

10.1 SALT BIN IN THE SQUARE

Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that she had emailed Brenda Coleman to look into this issue to assess whether another bin could be provided and was awaiting a response.

10.2 ALLOCATION OF BUNGALOWS

Cllr Mrs Pope had raised the Councillors concerns with John Conway of KBC. He had responded enclosing a copy of the Council Policy and confirmed that allocation of the bungalows is on a points based scheme.

10.3 POTHoles

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she had not been able to find the pot holes referred to in the previous meetings but would find the holes and report these on Street Doctor at NCC.

10.4 LONG MILE

The overgrown hedges on the corner continue to obscure motorists' view. Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she has recently paid for the cutting back of the hedges on the Northfield Road side. Mr Don Ward has paid for the cutting back of the hedges on his side of the road. The Landowner, Mr Crispin Holborough, has advised that he has approached his tenant about cutting back the hedges and has agreed to update Cllr Mrs Pope on progress. Cllr Mr Walton was of the view that there were too many overgrown trees in the small area which were causing the view to be obscured.

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that the faded white lines also needed to be reviewed and repainted. This has been registered on Street Doctor and Cllr Mrs Pope has also emailed Loddington and Cransley Parish Councils and Jim Hakewell for their assistance as it is suspected that the Junction does probably now come under the jurisdiction of the Cransley Parish.

10.5 PATHWAY TO LODDINGTON

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that NCC had advised that the footpath between Thorpe Malsor and Loddington was the responsibility of Thorpe Malsor Estates. To date some on the hedges had been trimmed back but there was still more to be done.

Cllr Ms Sharp read out a letter that she had drafted on behalf of the Parish Council to Sheila Gilder requesting a review of their assessment as it was evident from her own investigations that the tarmac beneath the undergrowth was 1 metre wide but in most places this was over 50% covered. The letter was to be copied in to Loddington Parish Council.

10.6 VILLAGE EVENTS

The Big Breakfast event raised £242.00 which had been used to purchase the new screens for use in the Village Hall.

10.7 FLOODING 19 THE SQUARE

Cllr Mrs Sharp, having looked into the issue, reported that there was nothing further that the Parish Council could effectively do on this issue.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Cllr Mrs Pope reported on the following issues that were raised at Rural Forum meeting that was held in Cransley on 15 September 2016:

A. CRIME REPORTING

If reporting a crime insist on a crime number to ensure the crime gets logged otherwise it will not be recorded in the stats and will “disappear”.

B. SECURITY

The use of drones is increasing and it has been suggested that their use may be compromising security and may be linked to burglaries. If anyone does notice an increase in the use of drones in the area they should report this to Cllr Mrs Pope.

Cllr Mrs Sharp was concerned that a white van she had seen driving around the area may pose a security risk, she would keep an eye out and obtain more details.

C. CAR PARKING AT KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES

If attending KBC on Parish Council business, Councillors can get up to 2 hours free parking by obtaining a scratchcard from reception on arrival.

11.2 GIFT FOR JOAN SMART

It was agreed that between £50 - £60 would be spent on a gift for Joan Smart in recognition of her years of service to the Parish Council and the village

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was fixed for Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.00pm.