

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 10th January 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chairman), Cllr R Walton, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Mr E Stevenson

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr Ms H Sharp

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 & BUNGALOWS 15 – 18 THE SQUARE

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that Cllr Mrs Sharp had confirmed that the street light by 1 Church Way was still not working. Cllr Mr Walton also advised that the street lights by bungalows 15-18 The Square had not been fixed. Cllr Mrs Pope to contact Michael Chester at KBC to resolve.

4.2 PAINTING OF BENCHES

Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that she had acknowledged the Quotation from Paul Noon and had proposed that the works should be carried out before the springtime. Cllr Mrs Pope to follow this up in due course.

5 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FORMS

Cllr Mr Stevenson to provide his completed Declaration of Interests Form asap so that they could all be returned to KBC.

6 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

The Clerk confirmed that an email for the parish council had been set up: thorpemalsorpc@gmail.com.

7 SALT BIN IN THE SQUARE

Cllr Mr Walton confirmed that the salt bin in The Square had not been moved as requested to up near the bungalows at 15 – 18 The Square and furthermore the bin was currently empty. Cllr Mrs Pope to speak to Brendan Coleman about this particularly as a dramatic change in the weather had been forecast.

8 POTHLES

Cllr Mr Walton advised that a large pot hole had appeared on the road outside The Rookery. Cllr Mrs Pope to log this on Street Doctor at NCC.

9 LONG MILE

All agreed that the corner at the bottom of the Longmile was now greatly improved however as yet there had been no progress in relation to the re-painting of the faded white lines. Cllr Mrs Pope to continue chasing this up.

10 PATHWAY TO LODDINGTON

The footpath between Thorpe Malsor and Loddington has now been cleared however in some places the tarmac now needs replacing. It was suggested that Cllr Ms Sharp take photographs of the now cleared footpath to show how poor it is in places for submission to the KBC in the hope of getting the tarmac replaced and the footpath up to an acceptable standard. The Council collectively thanked Cllr Ms Sharp for her efforts and perseverance in achieving this result.

11 THE FORMER CLERK'S PRESENT

Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that Joan Smart was very pleased with the vase she had been presented with by the Council.

12 FINANCE

12.1 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 10 JANUARY 2017

The Clerk presented an up-to-date Financial Report. The following account was passed for payment:

Cheque no: 100303; Payee: Mrs Frances Pope; Amount: £46.49

Cllr Mrs Pope asked for ideas for projects that the Council could support/fund. Cllr Mr Walton suggested that additional equipment for the children's playground could be purchased. Cllr Mr Stevenson suggested that rather than installing further equipment, consideration should be given to repairing the wooden equipment already in situ at the park, he further suggested that a picnic bench be purchased for the playground. Cllr Mr Stevenson agreed he would look into this and obtain some quotes for consideration at the next meeting.

12.2 DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FROM HMRC

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that Joan Smart had received a number of letters purportedly from HMRC demanding payment of PAYE. It was suspected that it may be a scam and Cllr Mrs Pope had been in contact with HMRC by telephone and by recorded delivery letter and was awaiting written confirmation that the Council was not liable for this onerous bill.

12.3 PRECEPT

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept for the sum of £2000 had been submitted to KBC.

13 PLANNING

13.1 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE WOODLANDS HOSPITAL – KET/2016/0801

After discussion there were no objections raised to the proposed plans.

13.2 REMOVAL OF THE PAYPHONE

Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that a request to purchase the phone box for £1.00 had been submitted to KBC. Cllr Mrs Pope asked if anyone had any suggestions as to how the empty phone box could be used and proposed that a defibrillator could be installed. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to look into the availability and potential costs for discussion at the next meeting. No other suggestions for how to use the phone box were proposed.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Town & Parish Councils notification of planning and related applications letter dated 16 December 2016

Letter confirming, having received objections from a number of Councils to the proposals to email proposed plans rather than send hard copies by post, that this will be discussed at the A6 Towns and Rural Forum on 1st and 2nd February 2017.

14.2 Letter re Holocaust Memorial Commemoration on 2.00pm on 22nd January 2017

Invitation to be acknowledged and invite to be declined on behalf of all Councillors.

14.3 Letter re Town & Parish Council Planning Training on 22nd March 2017

Letter to be acknowledged and declined on behalf of all Councillors.

15 MATTERS OF REPORT

15.1 RESIGNATION OF CARL WARD

Cllr Mrs Pope expressed disappointment at hearing that Cllr Mr Ward had resigned from his post as Chairman of Loddington Parish Council.

15.2 FLYTIPPING

Cllr Mr Walton, Cllr Mrs Powell and Cllr Mrs Pope all commented that fly tipping appeared to be increasing between the village and Gypsy Lane albeit it was acknowledged that KBC did respond promptly each time an issue was reported.

15.3 TIDY BRITAIN EVENT

Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that the Parish Council may like to consider sponsoring a clean-up event, similar to last year's "Clean for the Queen", which could be organised in conjunction

with the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Mrs Pope to speak to the Village Hall Committee about arranging a "Tidy Britain" event around Eastertime.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 PARKING IN THE SQUARE

Cllr Mr Stevenson advised that there was an issue concerning inconsiderate parking within the Square, particularly from non-residents. One area that was of particular note was the grass area outside Judy Taylor's house which was becoming churned up. It was suggested that polite notices could be erected around The Square in the first instance and if this was ineffective permit parking could be considered. Cllr Mr Stevenson agreed that he would canvas the views of residents with a view to discussing this at the next meeting.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was fixed for Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

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