

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 14th

March 2017 in the Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting.

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

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 STREET LIGHTING NEAR NO 1 CHURCH WAY & BUNGALOWS 15 – 18 THE SQUARE

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that Cllr Mrs Sharp is now the contact concerning the street lighting issues. Cllr Mrs Sharp produced a copy of KBC's plan of the village upon which the street lights were marked, Cllr Sharp confirmed that she had been round the village to check whether those that were reported as not working at the last meeting were now working. It appeared that the street lights by bungalows 15-18 The Square had now been fixed however, the map was incomplete as there were extra street lamps and bollard lights which were not marked. Cllr Mrs Sharp agreed she would report this to KBC to resolve.

3.2 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FORMS

The Clerk confirmed that all completed Declaration of Interest Forms had now been submitted to KBC.

3.3 SALT BIN IN THE SQUARE

Although Cllr Mr Walton was unable to confirm whether the salt bin in The Square had been moved, due to the fact that the weather was now improving, it was agreed that no further action was required in relation to this issue at this time.

3.4 POTHoles

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that, following the last meeting, she had been in contact with KBC as the pot hole in the road outside The Rookery had not been filled. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to follow this up again with KBC.

3.5 PATHWAY TO LODDINGTON

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she had applied online to the 2017 Community Enhancement Gangs for refurbishment of the footpath between Thorpe Malsor and Loddington and was waiting to hear back from Northamptonshire Highways. Cllr Mrs Sharp and Cllr Mr Stevenson also raised concerns about the roadside verges which appeared to be encroaching on the road making it narrower and more hazardous because of speeding drivers, it was suggested that the Council may be apply for a speed restriction along that

road. It was agreed that this is something that should be considered at the next meeting when the new budget for KBC is in place.

3.6 PARKING IN THE SQUARE

Cllr Mr Stevenson advised that inconsiderate parking within the Square was becoming a regular problem and the grass area outside Judy Taylor's house was now badly churned up and ruined. Cllr Mr Stevenson was of the opinion that permit parking within The Square would not be a viable option and instead proposed that he would approach those who were parking inconsiderately direct. Other suggestions for tackling this issue were the erection of signs, fencing off the area, planting flowers. Cllr Mr Stevenson to look into this in readiness for the next meeting.

4 FINANCE

4.1 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 10 JANUARY 2017

The Clerk presented an up-to-date Financial Report (attached). The following accounts were passed for payment:

Cheque no: 100303; Payee: LCM Holborows Childrens Settlement; Amount: £15.00

Cheque no: 100304; Payee: British Telecommunications plc; Amount: £ 1.00

Cllr Mr Stevenson presented a quotation he had obtained from Marmax Benches for heavy duty recycled plastic picnic benches. Following consideration by all Councillors it was agreed that Cllr Mr Stevenson would order a green bench for £389.00 plus £40.00 delivery.

4.2 DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FROM HMRC

Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that there had been no further demands received from HMRC.

5 PLANNING

5.1 No local planning applications have been submitted.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 E-mail from Stephen Mold, PCC for Northamptonshire inviting Councillors to meet with him at Wootton Hall on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 1900hrs

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that this had been discussed at the Rural Forum and the general consensus was that the police focus was on issues of child protection and cybercrime rather than on the increasing burglaries in the area which was concerning. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed that she would find out more about the issues raised at the meeting held on 7 March 2017 at the next Rural Forum meeting.

6.2 Email from Anne Kirkland dated 7 March 2017 re Transparency Code request to complete online questionnaire

Clerk to complete the online survey and consideration to be given to whether the Council wishes to apply for a grant from the Transparency Fund.

7 MATTERS OF REPORT

7.1 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN – 9TH APRIL 2017 BETWEEN 10.00AM & 12.00PM

Littering around the Parish is a problem. Cllr Mrs Pope presented a flyer which had been prepared by Cllr Mr Stevenson for distribution around the village advertising the Great British Spring Clean event which has been arranged in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee for 9th April 2017 between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she had already received an event information pack and agreed to arrange the purchase of the necessary equipment for the event, ie: gloves, bin bags, etc. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the event this year. It was also proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope that because littering around the Cransley Reservoir area was also a problem, she would email Cransley PC to see if they would like to join in with the clean-up event.

7.2 FLYTIPPING

Councillors had noticed a burnt out car part way down the Long Mile. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed she would email KBC to ascertain if they would be able to dispose of it.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Big Breakfast to be held at the Village Hall on 29 April 2017 from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Yarn Bombing to be held on 12 & 13 August 2017.

Cllr Mrs Sharp to advertise these events on the Village website, Cllr Mrs Pope to contact local radio, Cllr Mr Stevenson to arrange distribution of leaflets.

8.2 Cllr Mrs Sharp requested that the Council consider planting more flowers along the now cleared verges opposite the allotments. Cllr Mr Walton suggested daffodils and snowdrops. Cllr Mrs Pope suggested that this was something that should be considered in September time with a view to a bulb planting event being organised.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : This was fixed for Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.00pm and will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed.....

Dated.....

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 14 MARCH 2017

At Bank as at 8th February 2017

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£ 628.46
BUSINESS CURRENT ACCOUNT	<u>£2852.25</u>
	£3480.71

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

British Telecommunications Plc	Purchase of payphone	£ 1.00
LCM Holborows Childrens Settlement	Bus Shelter Rents 25/3/17-24/3/18	£ 15.00

No immediate other expenses.

Precept for 2017/18 has been submitted to KBC for the sum of £2000.00