

# THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Thorpe Malsor Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None made.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were read, accepted and signed.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 STREET LIGHTING/UPGRADING THE VINTAGE LAMP POSTS

As no other issues regarding faulty street lights had been reported it was agreed that this was no longer an issue however Cllr Mrs Sharp advised the committee that it was still her intention to contact KBC to discuss the possibility of replacing the lamp-posts albeit this would be for cosmetic reasons only at this stage.

4.2 PATHWAY TO LODDINGTON

Users of the pathway to Loddington had advised Cllrs that the pathway was now greatly improved albeit it was uncertain whether the works had been completed as a number of barriers remained along the route. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to follow this up with NCC.

4.3 KEEPING THE VILLAGE TIDY

There had been no further reports of grass cuttings being deposited by the gateway of the allotments and in the nearby ditch it was therefore agreed that there was no further action required by the Parish Council at this time.

4.4 SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Cllr Mrs Sharp advised that she was still researching the installation of flashing signs or “slow down” signage to curtail speeding traffic through the village. Cllr Mr Stevenson also raised the issue of speeding cars along the road between Thorpe Malsor and Loddington. It was suggested that this could be monitored in order to ascertain the extent of the issue. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to investigate the possibility of setting up a voluntary traffic monitoring scheme in the first instance.

4.5 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Cllr Mrs Sharp confirmed that the Council’s application for funding to purchase computer equipment had been submitted to NALC and she was hopeful of receiving a positive response by the end of September.

#### 4.6 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR INSERTION INTO THE PHONE BOX

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that she had carried out some research into purchasing a defibrillator and there were a number of things which would require consideration, for example, whether it would be situated inside or outside the telephone box, how it would be funded, what grants were available. Cllr Mrs Pope to continue with her research.

#### 4.7 PLAY AREA

Cllr Mr Stevenson reported that he had visited the play area and had taken a number of photographs, the play equipment was in a very poor condition and needed prompt attention. Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she had emailed KBC with a view to confirming whether or not it was KBC that was responsible for the upkeep of the play area but as yet had received no response. She had however noticed that KBC was responsible for the play area in Cransley. Cllr Mr Stevenson confirmed that he would chase up KBC for a response.

#### 4.8 COMPLIANCE

The Clerk confirmed that some progress had been made in order to ensure that TMPC was fully compliant however there was still work to be done. Cllr Mrs Sharp advised that all relevant documents for the year 2016/2017 had been uploaded onto the website however there were a number of documents for years ending 2015/2016 and 2014/2015 which were required but not readily available. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to speak to Joan Smart about the missing documentation.

### 5. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the Accounts as at 8 August 2017.

Account balances:	Business Premium Account	£ 628.62
	Business Current Account	£1097.49
	Business Current Account (Contingency)	£2000.00

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Cheque no: 100314;      Payee: Mr B J Walton      Amount: £ 100.00

### 6 PLANNING

6.1 The Clerk advised that there had been no new applications.

### 7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 The following items were presented to the Councillors and it was agreed no further action was require in relation to these at this time:-

Email from Jeff Stocking attaching outdoor fitness and play equipment brochures.

Email from Abacus Playgrounds regarding the surfacing and sport equipment for children's playgrounds

Email from Secure-a-Fence which supplies and erects fences, gates, railings etc

Email from the Primary Care Supplies regarding the CardiacSafe campaign.

The CALC Update July 2017 was circulated to all Cllrs for consideration

Invitation to attend Funding Question Time event which was to be held in the Council Chambers on 6 September 2017, all Cllrs declined

Invitation to attend the Kettering Town Centre Conference on Wednesday 13 September 2017 between 9am – 1pm, all Councillors declined to attend.

Invitation to attend PAT Testing Workshop on 19 September 2017, declined as TMPC has no equipment which requires PAT testing

Invitation to attend CPRE AGM at 3.30pm on 25 September 2017 at Great Houghton Village Hall, all Cllrs declined to attend

Invitation to attend Social Media Workshop which is to be held on 4 October 2014, declined as not considered applicable

Invitation to attend the Northants CALC AGM on 7 October 2017, Cllr Mrs Pope may attend

Email of 21 August 2017 listing meetings with Stephen Mold scheduled to take place between September and December was distributed

Email from East Midlands Asset Delivery detailing upcoming works on A14 between Rothwell & Kettering which was to start on 4 September 2017 for @ 1 week was shared with the members.

- 7.2 Letter from Northamptonshire Highways re damaged grit bins confirming that the grit bin located in Church Way next to TMSC was to be replaced and maintained by NCC; the other grit bin referred to was located near the junction of Northfield Road which falls under the Cransley parish. The Clerk agreed to forward this to the Clerk of Great Cransley PC.
- 7.3 Councillors views were canvassed to enable the Clerk to respond to the CPRE Planning Roadshows questionnaire.
- 7.4 The poster and a number of leaflets received from KBC entitled Promoting Voter Registration were placed in TMSC.
- 7.5 The amended timetable detailing the changes to Bus Service 35 were circulated amongst the members. Copies of the same were placed in the bus shelter and in TMSC
- 7.6 Councillors were advised that there were no crimes reported in the Parish in August.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 SPORTS DAY FUNDING**

Cllr Mrs Pope had received a request from the organisers for funding to cover the cost of equipment and prizes for the forthcoming village sports day on Sunday 10 September 2017. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that, subject to being provided with receipts, the Parish Council would be agreeable to providing funding of up to £100.00 for this year's sports day. In future years this would need to be put through the Council's budget. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Sharp.

8.2 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs Powell advised that Crispin Holborow had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that there were no vacancies at the present time however, the positions will come up for re-election in the future, and will be dealt with by way of an election as there has already been an expression of interest from another resident. Cllr Mrs Pope to respond to Crispin direct in response to his expression of interest.

8.3 BULB PLANTING

Cllr Mrs Pope raised the issue of bulb planting. As the flowers had all died off this year and it was unclear exactly where the bulbs were already planted she suggested that it might be best to wait until they flower again next year, take pictures and then work out where more bulbs could be planted. This view was shared by all Cllrs.

8.4 THE BIG BREAKFAST

The next Big Breakfast is due to be held the village hall on 30 September 2017 between 9.30am and 11.30am.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was fixed for Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 7.00pm.

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