

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thorpe Malsor Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2017 in the Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mr Stevenson submitted apologies (illness) which were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Sharp declared an interest in item 3(b)(ii).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2017 were read, accepted and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3b(i) SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that she had spoken to police at the recent Rural Forum and was waiting for further contact. Cllr Mrs Pope to follow this up. Cllr Mrs Pope also reported that Cllr Mr Stevenson had been trying to get a village gang together for Speed Watch (need 6 members) to monitor traffic through the village. Cllr Mrs Pope had researched into funding streams for speed signs as they are very costly and TMPC would need to look into possible grants to fund this.

3b(ii) TRANSPARENCY CODE

Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that the Parish Council pays Cllr Mrs Sharp a one-off payment of £500.00 to cover her costs of setting up and maintaining the Parish website, as required by the Transparency Code and reimbursed in full by the national fund. Seconded by Cllr Mr Walton. Cllr Mrs Powell also in agreement.

3b(iii) DEFIBRILLATOR FOR INSERTION INTO THE PHONE BOX

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that Cllr Jim Hakewill had agreed to make a donation of £500.00 from his Empowering Councillors & Communities Fund to TMPC to put towards the cost of a defibrillator, the total cost being in the region of £895 +VAT. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that the TMPC should now look to purchase a defibrillator and it was agreed that quotations for discussion and approval at the next meeting would be obtained. All Cllrs agreed.

3b(iv) PLAY AREA

Nothing to report, still awaiting update from Cllr Mr Stevenson as to whether or not KBC confirms responsibility for the upkeep of the play area.

3b(v) COMPLIANCE

Positive steps to ensure TMPC's compliance with the Transparency Code have been taken. Cllr Mrs Sharp confirmed all the necessary audit documents had now been uploaded to the website. The next step is to review and adopt any appropriate policies. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this ahead of the next meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public attended.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5a BUDGET PLANNING

The possibility of having to increase the precept for next financial year was raised. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting once the budget figures were collated.

5b CRANSLEY RESERVOIR

Cransley Reservoir is being used for water sports such as jet skiing, diving and wild swimming. Cllr Mrs Pope reported that the Riparian owners are aware of this and it is being dealt with by Fisher German who will advise further in due course.

5c COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Mr Stevenson (via Cllr Mrs Pope) proposed that the PC give some thought to putting together an Emergency Plan. The Clerk advised that NCALC had scheduled 2 training dates in January 2018 for Clerks and Councillors and agreed to share these with all Cllrs for consideration.

6. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the Accounts as at 6 October 2017.

The following payments have been received:

NCALC	Transparency Grant Funding	BACS	1099.60
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It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

13/11/17	NCALC	100315	175.00	Clerk Training course
13/11/17	A-M Walton-Miller	100316	55.80	Petrol claim
13/11/17	A-M Walton-Miller (PC World)	100317	418.98	Computer/Printer.
13/11/17	H Sharp	100318	500.00	Provision of website

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope, seconded by Cllr Mrs Powell.

7. PLANNING

7(i) KET/2017/0829 – Fisher German, 22 Church Way – notification of tree works

The Committee resolved to register no objection to this application.

7(ii) KET/2017/0799 – Fisher German, 16 Church Way – notification of works to protected trees

The Committee resolved to register no objection to this application.

7(iii) KET/2015/0551 – Residential development of up to 350 dwellings, Gipsy Lane, (Appeal)

Concerns regarding the highways impact were raised specifically in relation to the junction of Gipsy Lane and Thorpe Lane which does not appear in any planning documents. In particular, regardless of whether the junction of Gipsy Lane and Warren Hill is a roundabout or traffic lighted, there is going to be “back up” from the junction which will prevent egress from and access to Thorpe Lane thereby affecting the villages of Thorpe Malsor, Loddington, Cransley, Mawsley and Rothwell. It was felt that attention needs to be given to these significant concerns. Cllr Mrs Pope resolved to submit these concerns to KBC on behalf of TMPC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were presented to the Councillors:-

8a Email from Northamptonshire Police reporting there were no reported crimes during September and October – contents noted by all;

8b Email from East Midlands Region Support dated 16/09/17 re Holocaust Memorial Day – Resolved that TMPC would not be holding an event to mark HMD;

8c Email from NCALC dated 26/09/2017 confirming that TMPC has been awarded £1099.60 via Transparency Fund to be used towards the purchase of computer equipment and maintenance of website – contents noted by all;

8d Email from Scott Little dated 29/09/17 outlining the Locally Identified Priorities for the Rural Team being speeding, parking and criminal damage for the months of October – December; - contents noted by all;

8e Email from Danny Moody dated 20/10/17 notifying of Northamptonshire County Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan which proposes a number of financial cuts to services it provides which may impact on the parish –it was agreed these would be considered and responded to if appropriate once the consultation launches.

8f Letter from KBC dated 11/10/17 re Independent Review Panel – no action to be taken as TMPC not a member.

8g Email from NCALC dated 08/11/17 re Emergency Planning – dates to be shared with Cllrs for consideration.

8h Email from Trading Standards dated 08/11/17 outlining the proposed changes to the service it provides as a result of budget cuts – agreed Clerk would forward the report to all Cllrs for their comments and would collate responses for submission by the 1st December 2017 deadline.

9. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

9a Broadband/Fibre optic cabling

9b Adoption of Standing Orders

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was fixed for Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.00pm.

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