

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 5th September 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chairman), Cllr R Walton, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Ms H Sharp, Cllr E Stevenson
Clerk Mrs J Smart, Mrs Anne-Marie Miller

1 Apologies: None.

2 Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting and welcomed Mrs Anne-Marie Miller to the meeting as the prospective new Clerk.

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

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Street Lighting near No 1 Church Way

Cllr Mr Sharp said a new light was on order after a contractor had been to look at the damaged one but there had been no further action. Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed the need for the Parish Council to pay for lighting had to be resisted.

4.2 Light near Bungalows 15-18 The Square

Cllr Walton said the light had been out for some time. It was agreed to contact Michael Chester at KBC Depot who had taken over from Jim MacInally.

4.3 Painting of Benches

A quotation for repainting the benches had been received from Paul Noon in the sum of £160 each. Cllr Mrs Sharp proposed, seconded by Cllr Stevenson, that this be accepted. Waiting for written quotation and then work can commence.

5 Signing of Declaration of Interests Forms

These were distributed to each Councillor for completion and return to the Clerk, for transmission to KBC when completed.

6 Replacement of Clerk

Cllr Mrs Pope introduced Mrs Anne-Marie Miller to the meeting as the proposed new Clerk. The salary would be based on NALC Salary Scales plus expenses with a starting date of 1st October 2016. Cllr Mrs Pope to liaise with NALC and/or Loddington Parish Council Chair for advice on employment of new Clerk.

A new email address would be needed. The local auditor had suggested thorpemalsor@gmail.com if available.

7 Finance

7.1 Finance Report

The Clerk presented an up to date Financial report. Forms for changing of signature arrangements for the bank accounts had been submitted to Barclays Bank.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
1000301	Mrs D J Smart – Half Year Salary	£200.00
	Expenses	£74.35
		<u>£274.35</u>

7.2 New Local Auditor for Year 2016-17

The new Local Auditor for the next financial year will be Julia Tufnail
Tel: 01933 6533212 email: juliatufnail@gmail.com

7.3 Precept

The amount of Precept needed to be fixed at this meeting. Cllr Mrs Pope proposed, seconded by Cllr Walton, that this should be £2000 as in the previous year.

8 Planning

None local from KBC but Cllr Mrs Pope called attention to Cransley Reservoir Application for a Caravan site. The site of the application adjoins Thorpe Malsor parish and, as such, is of concern. It was felt the approach roads were too narrow and steep and unsuitable for caravans.

9 Correspondence: none.

10 Matters of Report

10.1 Salt Bin in The Square

Cllr Walton reported that the bin near 6 The Square had been removed and requested an additional bin at the far end of The Square.

10.2 Allocation of Bungalows

Cllr Walton reported disquiet in the village at recent allocation of two Bungalows. It was felt that village people with the necessary criteria should be considered and the Clerk was requested to contact John Conway, Head of Housing KBC setting out this concern.

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10.3 Potholes

Cllr Stevenson reported a large pothole outside 3 Church Way. Cllr Walton reported a large pothole at the junction of the back of Lancefield and the Loddington Road. Cllr Mrs Pope said she would report these to the Street Doctor at NCC.

10.4 Long Mile

Cllr Mrs Pope suggesting writing to Cransley Parish Council for co-operation regarding the dangers of speed when approaching the bend at the bottom of Long Mile. Cllr. Mrs Powell suggested painting warning signs on the road. Cllr Walton suggested cutting back the trees on the corner. Cllr Mrs Pope to write to Cransley and Loddington Parish Councils.

10.5 Pathway to Loddington

Cllr Stevenson said this was overgrown, making walking dangerous. It was agreed to contact the owner of overgrown hedges and to contact Loddington Parish Council and NCC.

10.6 Dog Fouling on Footpath to Allotments

Cllr Stevenson reported that this was an increasing problem. He agreed to send out reminder about picking up dog poo in the next newsletter.

10.7 Sports Day – September 11th 2016

Cllr Mrs Pope suggested that £25 be donated towards expenses if required. This was unanimously agreed.

10.8 Village Events

Big Breakfast in the Village Hall - Cllr Mrs Pope said the Village Hall Committee planned to hold another Big Breakfast soon as they were very popular.

Ride & Stride to Churches - Cllr Mrs Powell said this would be on Saturday 10th September 2016 and was a welcome source of income.

10.9 Benefice Calendar

Cllr Mrs Powell said these were now available at £6 each.

10.10 Flooding 19 The Square

Cllr Mrs Sharp reported this was a problem after a recent heavy storm. Cllr Mrs Pope said this was a matter for statutory authorities and Cllr Mrs Sharp said she would undertake further research as to who might be able to solve the problem.

11 Cllr Mrs Pope reminded the meeting that this was the final meeting for Mrs Smart as Clerk to the Parish Council and thanked her once again for her many years of invaluable service to the Parish Council and the village.

12 Date of next meeting: this was fixed for Tuesday 8th November 2016.