

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thorpe Malsor Parish Council Meeting held on 24th July 2018 in the Village Hall.

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

a The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th May 2018 were read, accepted and signed.

b **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **DEFIBRILLATOR FOR INSERTION INTO THE PHONE BOX**

Having received confirmation that TMPC's application for the Mick George Grant had been refused and that the PC's £1000.00 contribution towards the play area would not now be required, Cllr Mrs Pope proposed that the purchase of the defibrillator should now go ahead. All Cllrs agreed.

ii) **PLAY AREA**

Cllrs expressed disappointment that TMPC's application for the Mick George Grant had been rejected without explanation. Cllr Mrs Pope however advised that she had been in contact with David Lane of KBC who suggested that TMPC should submit its application to WREN. No additional information is required for the application however it was suggested that TMPC consider increasing its application to £25,000.00 as this would enable gym equipment to be purchased which would make the play area appealing to both older and younger children. If the PC's application for the grant is successful gym and play equipment, fencing alongside the allotment and rubber matting would all be included. There is an 11% contribution required, however this would be paid by KBC as the play area does remain KBC's responsibility. The deadline for submission of our application is September 2018.

iii) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr Mr Stevenson reported that preparation of the CEP was still in progress.

iv) **BROADBAND/FIBRE OPTIC CABLING**

Cllr Mrs Sharp reported that the cabling had been installed in the village and was ready to connect to individual properties. Cllr Mr Stevenson raised concerns that Gigaclear may not be able to access The Square as there was no authorisation in place for them to do so and they were only working in the village until Thursday. Cllr Mrs Sharp to speak to Gigaclear and Cllr Mr Stevenson to speak to KBC/NCC for update.

v) **STREET LIGHTING AT THE BUNGALOWS**

The problem had been reported to NCC some weeks ago but it was unknown whether NCC had acted. Cllr Mrs Sharp to investigate and follow up with NCC if necessary.

vi) **INCONSIDERATE PARKING**

Cllr Mr Stevenson reported that KBC have ordered wooden posts for insertion along the grass verge. In addition, Cllr Stevenson reported that there had been more incidents of inconsiderate parking to the extent that vehicles were prevented from passing through The Square. What was of particular concern to all Cllrs was that this would have prevented any emergency vehicles from accessing the top end of the Square. In an effort to prevent this continued nuisance it was proposed that the PC prepare a polite notice which could be placed on such vehicles reminding them of the need to park sensibly/considerately. All Cllrs agreed with this approach. Cllr Mr Stevenson to prepare the notice for consideration at the next meeting.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No members of the public attended.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**a. **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND POLICIES**

The following Policies were adopted by the PC and signed by the Chairman: Financial Regulations, Complaints, Code of Conduct, Expenses, Data Protection and Freedom of Information.

b. **COMMUNICATIONS/ENGAGEMENT WITH RESIDENTS**

Various suggestions for improving communications with residents were proposed: Facebook page, update in the Four Spires Magazine, newsletter, however it was felt that these would only be seen by a limited number of residents. Cllr Mrs Sharp and Cllr Mr Stevenson proposed to canvas opinion of village residents to find out if (i) they would be in favour of receiving a newsletter from time to time, and (ii) whether they would be prepared to provide their e-mail addresses for this purpose and then report back at the next meeting.

c. **RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

It was resolved that TMPC would not respond collectively to the Consultation however individuals were free to respond with their own personal views by 3rd August 2018.

6. **FINANCE**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

A-M Walton-Miller	Cq no 100330	Replacement ink cartridge	£10.99
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Proposed by Cllrs Mrs Pope, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sharp.

7 PLANNING

No new planning applications to consider.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed at the meeting :-

a. Online reporting form to alert police to any suspicious or criminal activity in the area using the following link: <https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting> or call 101. In an emergency, dial 999. Information can also be shared anonymously with Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555111. Cllr Mr Stevenson expressed concern at the length of time it had taken for him to report criminal activity by calling 101. Cllr Mrs Sharp reported that she had used the website with no issues.

b. Winter maintenance programme for 2018 and the reduction in gritting routes and provision of salt bins. All the information, along with maps of the gritting routes and grit bins is available at: <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/gritting/Pages/proposed-winter-services-changes-2018-2019.aspx>

Cllrs had considered the proposed cuts and it was noted that TMPC would be responsible for ensuring that the salt bins were filled. With regard to the reduction of gritting routes it was noted that the majority of roads linking Thorpe Malsor to surrounding villages would be affected and were concerned at the impact this may have on drivers particularly the buses and the school bus routes.

9 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

i) COMMUNITY SPEED PROGRAMME UPDATE

Cllr Mr Stevenson reported that he and his team of volunteers who had receiving training in how to use the speed gun equipment will be in situ with their speed guns shortly. Speed signs have been erected coming into the village and the speed of the vehicles entering the village will be recorded, those caught exceeding the speed limit will be sent a warning letter. This programme is being operated in partnership with Little Harrowden over a 6 week period (3 weeks each). The results will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : This was fixed for Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

