

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thorpe Malsor Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2018 in the Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Z Powell and Mr E Stevenson

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None made.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th September 2018 were read, accepted and signed.

b MATTERS ARISING

i) INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that she had spoken to Dave Lane at KBC and he was waiting for confirmation that Gigaclear had finished in the village before providing signage to place in The Square. Cllr Mrs Sharp confirmed that Gigaclear had finished, Cllr Mrs Pope agreed she would follow this up with KBC.

ii) DEFIBRILLATOR FOR INSERTION INTO THE PHONE BOX

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that this project was still in progress.

iii) PLAY AREA

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that KBC had confirmed that TMPC's application had been submitted to WREN and a decision was imminent. An up-date would be provided at the next meeting. If successful, there would be no financial contribution required from TMPC.

iv) COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

In the absence of Cllr Mr Stevenson's update it was agreed that this item be postponed to the next meeting.

v) BROADBAND/FIBRE OPTIC CABLING

Cllr Mrs Sharp reported that Gigaclear had now completed installation of the fibre optic cabling in the village.

vi) ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS & POLICIES

Cllr Mrs Pope and the Clerk agreed that they would meet separately to go through the draft documents which had now been prepared.

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4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The Chairman welcomed Crispin Holborow (“CH”) and Louise Holborow (“LH”) to the meeting who wished to address the committee on the matters for discussion.

a) **Gated access to Glen Baulk**

Cllr Mr Walton raised concerns on behalf of a number of local farmers who require access to Glen Baulk, regarding the relocation of the gate at the top of Glen Baulk, which had been moved without consultation. It was felt that the gate, in its current location, was dangerous and impractical as tractors pulling large trailers, which are not permitted to drive through the village, now block the highway before accessing the lane. Cllr Mr Walton also reported that he had spoken to the Highways Agency and they were of the view that the gates should be moved back to their original location.

CH addressed the Committee, and agreed that safety was a key consideration. He explained that the decision on the position of the gate had been left with a member of the Estate staff. He explained that the decision was made weighing up the location of the gate versus the need to deter fly-tipping/litter/drug paraphernalia, which had noticeably decreased following relocation. CH therefore felt that the overall benefit to the village/community outweighed the need to reposition the gates. By way of a compromise CH agreed that initially Thorpe Malsor Estates would change the current gates to a set of double gates in order to improve ease of access, and CH would discuss the issue with the affected farmers, including procedures to mitigate the safety risks. CH agreed to keep TMPC updated regarding progress ahead of the next meeting.

b) **Overhanging Tree Branches**

The issue of overhanging trees on the pavement along Church Way was raised. CH agreed that contact would be made with the tenants concerned in order to address this.

c) **Precept/Budget Planning**

The Clerk presented the Committee with a draft budget. Discussion was had regarding the budget for filling the grit bins in light of NCC'S previously published proposed cuts and to what extent residents would be required to grit the village. Cllr Mrs Pope and the Clerk agreed to meet separately to review the proposed budget ahead of the next meeting.

5. **FINANCES**

The Clerk presented an up-to-date Financial Report, the following accounts were passed for payment:-

Payee: Mr Ben Walton (verge cutting) £50.00

Payee: Mrs A-M Walton-Miller (1/2 year salary) £250.00

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope that these be paid, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sharp.

6. **PLANNING**

KET/2018/0862– Mr & Mrs Holborow, Thorpe Malsor Hall, single storey rear extension.

LH addressed the Committee explaining the reasoning behind the recent application and the plan to update and improve the kitchen and catering area. The proposed extension would be in keeping with the rest of the property, it is not overlooked and there are no parking issues. The Committee considered the application in detail and raised no concerns. In the absence of any objections raised by local residents, the Parish Council was unanimous in its decision to register no objections to this application.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors raised no comments regarding the items of correspondence circulated ahead of the meeting.

8. **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

To be advised

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was fixed for Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 7.00pm.

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