

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 1st July 2021.

Present: Cllr E Stevenson (Chair), Cllr C Holborow, Cllr J Harrison, Cllr H Sharp (acting Clerk).
Cllr Jim Hakewill. No members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Rawson sent apologies due to prior commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Holborow declared a disclosable interest in Item 7.

3. Approval and signature of minutes of the Annual Meeting of 20th May 2021.

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

a) Internal Controls Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that former councillor Frances Pope had agreed to carry out periodic reviews of the internal controls and report back to the council.

5. Open Forum (public participation session).

No members of the public attended but members were pleased to welcome Cllr Hakewill who gave an insight into the progress of the newly formed North Northamptonshire Council and developments regarding the continuation of the Rural Forum.

6. Finance

a) To receive the Finance Report and approve the Schedule of Payments

The Clerk presented the latest financial statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that £341.90 had been received in reclaimed VAT. Cllr Stevenson verified that the Expected Balances shown on the Finance Statement matched the actual balances held in the council's Barclays accounts. It was resolved to retrospectively approve payment of the invoice for the council's annual insurance cover as detailed on the schedule (copy attached).

7. To Consider Planning Application NK/2021/0461:

Proposal: Full Planning Permission for Erection of a Timber Supplier Building

Location: Glebe Farm, Rothwell Road, Kettering.

The application was considered in detail. Cllr Sharp advised that she had viewed the current area where timber was stored and considered the proposed building, being a match to the existing adjacent building, was preferable to the current arrangements. It was resolved to raise no objection to the application.

8. To review the Internet Banking Procedure (Interim).

It was resolved to approve continued use of the interim banking procedure.

9. To consider proposals to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

- a) Frances Pope had advised that the Village Hall Committee would be considering the organisation of a village event, including food and entertainment, to take place over the extended bank holiday weekend of Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022.
- b) On a national level it is planned to light over 1500 beacons on 2nd June; Cllr Holborow indicated that the estate were happy to construct a bonfire beacon in the field bordering Eagle Lane, which would be easily accessible for all villagers wishing to attend.
- c) Cllr Sharp advised that councils were being encouraged to plant a tree to commemorate the Jubilee.

It was suggested that consideration be given to setting up a village committee to co-ordinate events. Members agreed to give further thought to proposals prior to the next council meeting and to consider supporting proposed events, including a financial contribution.

10. To receive an update on current projects:

a) Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been installed. The Clerk reported that it was intended to hold a small event at the Social Club to provide publicity for Northants First Responders but the date was yet to be set.

b) Short Lane verge improvement

Cllr Sharp reported that the newly planted trees were thriving. Trees that require repositioning will be moved in the Autumn; Cllr Holborow has marked the proposed locations.

c) Tree Bench Seat

Cllr Sharp reported that she had still not had time to make any further progress with the seat project but would continue when possible.

d) Trial planting of wild flowers on Eagle Lane verge

Cllr Sharp reported that she had cleared the weeds from the trial area of the verge on Eagle Lane but had been advised that it was quite late for Spring planting and it would be preferable to sow the seeds in the Autumn, to give the perennial varieties the best chance of establishing.

Action: Cllr Sharp to keep the area weed-free and plant later in the year.

11. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be brought forward to Thursday, 26th August 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed:(Chair)

Date:

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Accounts to be passed for payment 1st July 2021

* Denotes paid in advance of meeting.

Payee	Details	Amount	Power
CAS Ltd*	Annual Insurance	£262.15	LGA 1972, s111 (1)
Total		£262.15	

RECEIPTS SINCE: 20th May 2021:

Date	Particulars	Amount	Account Credited
07/06/21	Interest	£0.02	Premium Account
09/06/21	VAT Reclaim 20-21 Invoices	£341.90	Community Account
Total		£341.92	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balances B/F		Receipts	Expected Balances (after payment of above invoices)
Premium Account	£631.73	£0.02	£631.75
Community Account	£5374.16	£341.90	£5,453.91
Total	£6005.89	£341.92	£6,085.66