



May 2023

***MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday May 15th 2023 at Thorpe Baptist Church***

1. Chairman To convene meeting

Chairman opened the morning, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance. He then gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Parish Council for the benefit of the new Councillors.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chair

The Clerk invited councillors to nominate a Chair, Councillor Fielder proposed Councillor Land be re-elected as Chairman, Councillor Coulter seconded the motion and this was unanimously carried.

The Chairman then invited Councillors to nominate a vice chair, Councillor Ewart proposed that Councillor Cooper be re-elected, Councillor Ewart seconded the nomination and this was unanimously carried. All Councillors were then asked to sign declarations of acceptance.

3. Apologies for absence: None

4. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 17th April 2023

Having been previously circulated Councillor Fielder proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the April meeting, Councillor Coulter seconded the motion. This was unanimously agreed by all those present who were in attendance at the April meeting.

5. Declaration of Members Interests:

The Chairman gave an overview of what pecuniary interests are and declarations of interests for the benefit of new councillors. There were no interests to declare.

6. Public discussion

No members of the public in attendance. Councillor Ewart suggested leaving Far Thorpe Green to rewild as a wildflower meadow to encourage biodiversity, rather than cutting it. Councillor Moor suggested drilling a wild flower seed to encourage this further and cutting a path to the pond. Councillor Ewart then raised the point of verge cutting when ground nesting birds, such as partridges, have just laid their eggs. This led to a wider discussion. Councillor Moor stated that he would go and do further research before the next meeting.

7. Chairman's report

The Chairman started his report with wanting to publicly record his and the council's thanks to Councillor Starling, who has stepped down from her role as a Councillor, but has been an invaluable member of the council during her term with us.

The Chairman then went on to give a brief update on the outcome of the district elections, which is currently unresolved.

The Chairman then went onto provide an update to the council with regard to the Section 25 notice received from the solicitors of the owner of The lady nelson Playing field, giving us 6 month notice until our tenancy expires.

The Chairman went onto thank Councillor Coulter, Councillor Carpenter and The Clerk for doing the planters at the 4 village signs.

8. Adoption of LGA model code of conduct

Having been previously circulated, the Chairman asked if everyone was happy to adopt the model code of conduct, Councillor Ewart proposed, that the model code of conduct be adopted, the chairman seconded and all were in favour.

9. Delegated Powers

The Chairman proposed granting delegated powers to the Clerk to act on behalf of the council in matters relating to The Lady Nelson playing field, Councillor Fielder seconded. All in favour.

10. Lady Nelson Playing field

The chairman, Councillor Ewart, Councillor Coulter and Councillor Carpenter formed a working group to deal with the Lady Nelson Playing field.

11. Allotments

The chairman provided an overview of the councils allotments. Councillors Hodgson and Councillor Holland agreed to take on the allotments. This will be a rolling agenda item until they are open and an allotment committee formed.

12. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

Councillor Cooper provided an update on the mechanical cleaner, now that the storage containers are due to arrive and we have storage, this will be progressed.

13. Planning

Applications received

23/00611/TCA	3 No. Yew - fell and remove. 6 No. Sycamore - remove. 1 No. Sycamore - remove deadwood.	No comment
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Applications determined

23/00304/VOC Approval - Full	Amend wording regarding roads and footways	Land East of Henderson Road
21/00716/FUL Refusal - Full	Erection of replacement dwellinghouse with attached garage (following demolition of existing dwelling).	Lilac Bungalow Station Road
23/00302/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed extension of the residential curtilage to facilitate the erection of two double garages	Damonts Farm Damants Farm Lane

Decisions were noted.

14. Accounts for period 18th April – 15th May incl.

To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.

Cllrs to approve Cheques/on-line payments for signature/approval, agree D/Debits & S/Orders:

All cheques/on-line payments to be signed by two designated members of PC.

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	£1100.04	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
J Bradfield		£135.00	Allotment gates emergency repair
Kevin Greenscapes		1080.00	Container/allotment gates
N Power		171.44	S/Light energy
A & J lighting		96.00	S/Light maintenance/repairs
A & J lighting		178.56	S/Light maintenance/repairs
Birkett Long (Cheque)		2760	PF legal
Payments Pending			
J Ball		£329.67	Torpe in Bloom planters
Scottish Power		£19.95	Xmas lights power
Rolph School Association		£100	Coronation
National Allotment Society		£66	Affiliation

Councillor Ewart proposed the accounts be accepted, Councillor Cooper seconded, all in favour.

15. Sub Committee Reports:

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband | Cllr Ewart Nothing to report, suggested it was dropped, this was agreed. |
| b. Christmas Lights | Licences will be applied for this month. The church lighting project does not look likely due to responses from the diocese. |
| c. Highways and Pavements | Cllr Blandford |
| d. Lockyer's Wood | Cllr Coulter updated that there are now various people quoting |
| e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Nothing to report as yet as paths have not yet been cut, but they will be soon |
| f. Playing Field | Nothing further to earlier agenda point |
| g. Street Lighting | Update was given on the street lights owned by the P C for the benefit of new councillors. |
| h. Thorpe in Bloom | Waiting for the hanging baskets to be done |
| i. Allotments | Nothing further to previous agenda item |

16. Date of next meeting

12th June

17. Close of meeting