

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs. Mr J Cox (Chair), Ms M Johnson, Mr A Colclough, Mr K Wake and Mr L Hutchinson

In Attendance: The Clerk to the Council and 6 members of the public.

01.20 Welcome to the public - Comments or questions from members of the public

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman

A resident expressed concerns about the potential drilling and asked if councillors were aware that Derbyshire County Council were not notified and protocol may not have been followed.

The drill is 4.4m high and she asked if the Aero club had been contacted, it was not known. Councillors were asked how the drills water bowsers would be taken in as the letter states they will be using 4x4s. What is the implication of the right of way crossing the site?. The chair thanked the Resident for the very worthwhile information and undertook to bring these matters to the attention of Rotherham the following day.

The extension to the quarry at Whitwell was also discussed as the owners of Whitwell Works have applied for Planning Permission to allow continued use until 2043. It is understood that the operators of the Quarry have been refused permission to extend it further.

The Chairman suggested an Action Group be set up, a number of the residents attending volunteered to be on it. Councillor Johnson suggested we contact the new Rother Valley MP, Alex Stafford who it was pointed out had a background in Conservation it was believed.

02.20 To receive any apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

03.20 To Declare any interests necessary for this meeting and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

There were no declarations of interest recorded and no items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

04.20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, which had previously been circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05.20 Matters Arising

a) Newsletter

A draft has been prepared by Councillor Wake and had been circulated to members. Councillors all agreed that subject to a couple of additions this should be distributed. Councillor Johnson will ask if the school could copy this for a contribution to school funds, it will then be distributed.

b) Clerk's Contract – this has been agreed.

c) Thorpe in Bloom – Coronation Garden

There was nothing further to report.

d) Sorby Field - Tree reduction, dead tree and hedges cutting and maintenance, Gate Security, Play Area report and equipment, Protection against unauthorised access, damaged bench and painting of gates

Councillor Colclough reported that the tree application has gone in. He has spoken to a handyman and will arrange for a quote to put the sign up, clean play equipment, ask about welding the seat and installing the security post, a second quote will also be sought.

There is a problem with moles again, Councillor Johnson proposed we arrange for them to be caught again with a price cap of £150, seconded by Councillor Colclough and all agreed.

e) Ladyfield Road RMBC owned house/Parking issues

Problems with wheelie bins being left out were reported, Councillor Colclough suggested a note be put in the newsletter asking residents not to leave them out.

There are cones out which are helping the parking issues at West Thorpe.

f) Welcome Letter

There is a draft letter and an article will be added to the newsletter asking residents to tell the clerk if a new person moves in.

g) Speed Humps and hedge on Ladyfield Road

A resident had initially brought to the Parish Council the concern about the speed of traffic entering the village down Ladyfield Road. The Chairman reported the poor condition of the speed humps, these might be considered no longer satisfactory they are a disgrace there are no signs, no markings and they are not the right height. Flashing speed signs were also discussed and the Chairman suggested we request that traffic calming be looked at by Rotherham noting that they were spending money elsewhere in Parishes on Speed reduction measures, seconded by Councillor Johnson and unanimously agreed. It was reported that the hedge has now been done.

h) Parking at the station and on Manor Road

Councillors agreed that the police and highways should be asked to have a joint meeting to sort this out and that the MP could also be involved.

i) HGV Use Ladyfield Road

Concerns were raised as this is a bus route -the only one into the parish the Chairman proposed and councillors unanimously agreed to take this up with highways.

06.20 Planning

a) New Applications

There were no new applications.

b) Decisions

019/1299 The Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of the Land between the Canal and the Railway at K P Station has been granted since our last meeting by Rotherham despite the Parish Council concerns being submitted.

The current situation with regards to the following were discussed :-

The Barn on Common Road and where Rotherham had not made a decision on the latest Appeal.

07.20 New Business

a) Quarry Protest Group

There was discussion as to who would join the group, Councillor Wake was suggested but felt unable to. Councillors all agreed to include an article in the Newsletter asking residents to come forward, the resident who raised the issues at the start of this meeting agreed to join.

b) Events

A list will be published in the Newsletter.

c) Village Sign

The clerk was asked to find out if the Severn Trent grant may cover this and obtain quotes. The possibility of grants resulting from the Wind Turbine operations was again mentioned, Councillor Hutchinson was to find out more.

d) Bin

The Litter bin which is poorly located and badly fixed on the corner of Slaypit Lane however nobody could think of an alternative location to the present one. the clerk was asked to report this to be fixed.

08.20 Finance

a) Bank account

The clerk is now receiving the statements.

b) Cheques to be signed

Cheques were signed for M Welch £310.30, Business Stream £29.09, Yorkshire Local Council Association £33.75, Spectrum Futures £16.20 and Expenses £19.47.

c) Precept

The clerk had circulated figures which were discussed and the impact of the Precept on a householder in the Parish was also discussed including the amount per week, comparison with the amount going to Rotherham and with other Parishes. Councillors remain committed to keeping costs down whilst having some funds to spend on maintaining and improving the Parish, Councillors will continue to keep costs down where possible. Councillor Colclough proposed the precept be set at £11,176, seconded by Councillor Wake and unanimously agreed.

09.20 Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated.

The Chair had in conjunction with a Resident produced a List of Items that could do with attention in order to maintain or improve our local environment, many of the items were dependant on Rotherham. A copy of the list was handed to each Councillor for them to consider and comment on.

10.20 Date of next meeting –Monday 10th February 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed