

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

**In Attendance:** The Clerk to the Council and 15 members of the public.

## **200.19 Welcome to the public - Comments or questions from members of the public**

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

There was discussion regarding concerns and uncertainty with the drilling of boreholes for limestone and quarrying. The Chairman read out details from a letter he had received from SLR (the applicant) explaining that the drill rig is less than 4m high this means the development will fall within Part 17 (mining and mineral exploration), Class K (use of land etc for mineral exploration) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. Councillor Cox has also spoken to Rotherham who explained that it was considered that this is permitted development and as such there was little or nothing that they could do at this time. Councillor Cox will send a letter from the council and asked residents also to write expressing their concerns.

A resident explained he had knocked on some doors some people did not know about it or were mistaking it for fracking. It was suggested that councillors get a leaflet out through letterboxes as this will affect everyone if a future application is submitted and also to suggest how they go about objecting to Rotherham.

A resident recommended notifying the archaeological society and wildlife trusts explaining that this can also affect water courses. It was suggested landowners be asked if they know of wildlife on the land which is believed to be land of outstanding natural beauty, the prior notification reference is RB 2019/1596.

A resident pointed out that he had mentioned at the last meeting the possibility of introducing a further traffic "hump" but that it had not been recorded. His concern being that vehicles still enter the Village at well above the 30mph limit. It was accepted that it had been raised and would now be taken on by the parish council. The resident was asked to also take this up with Rotherham pointing out that all residents approaches to the Borough Council are ranked similarly to those from the parish council. The Chair said that with assistance of a resident an inspection of the roads had taken place and once made into a schedule it would be submitted to Rotherham listing all the items requiring attention.

Hedges reported previously have been done on one side.

Drainage at the junction of Lady field Road, Harthill Road and Worksop Road remained a problem with flooding to houses there narrowly avoided. The council were asked to contact Rotherham to request details of the drainage and ideally obtain a Drawing. It was said that there was more than one drainage system from a local residents knowledge.

Leaves are a problem and the clerk was asked to write to Street Pride requesting a sweep early in December.

## **201.19 To receive any apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

## **202.19 Declarations of interests and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded and Councillors proposed to exclude the public when the issue of appointing a new Councillor was being considered with interviews having taken place earlier

### **203.19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October, which had previously been circulated to members were amended to read speed humps on Ladyfield Road and Hedge on Common Road changed to hedge on Ladyfield Road. The minutes were then confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **204.19 Matters Arising**

#### **a) Vacancy**

There were three candidates who were interviewed this evening. Councillors unanimously agreed to appoint Keith and the clerk was asked to write thanking the other candidates for their interest suggesting they reapply in April when the council come up for election.

#### **b) Clerk's Contract**

Both parties wish to get this in place however some clarification on matters needed to take place, the clerk and the Chair to meet to finalise this.

#### **c) Thorpe in Bloom**

The hawthorn and beech tree on the bank were reported as being on private land. It was noted that the garden has not been planted this winter with pansies, Councillor Johnson will chase this up with Thorpe in Bloom.

#### **d) Sorby Field - Tree reduction, dead tree and hedges cutting and maintenance**

##### **Gate Security, Play Area report and equipment Protection against unauthorised access, moles, damaged bench and painting of gates.**

Councillor Colclough reported that he had received two quotes one for £1000 and one for £1060. Councillors agreed that the work needs doing and Councillor Johnson proposed we accept the quote from Haywood asking them to proceed in getting approval, seconded by Councillor Colclough and all agreed.

Gate security was discussed and it was agreed to get quotes for this and also the Sorby Field sign which is rotten at the base and the damaged bench which needs welding

The Play Area report was discussed.

The moles have been dealt with.

The Chairman will arrange the painting of the gates.

#### **e) Ladyfield Road RMBC owned house/Parking issues**

The Chairman reported that there had been progress on this ongoing issue.

Councillors asked the clerk to put parking at the station and on Manor Road on the next agenda.

#### **f) Welcome Letter**

Councillors are hoping to reintroduce the welcome letter, the newsletter referred to still needs sorting.

#### **g) Bonfire night at Parish Oven**

It was reported that this event had proceeded satisfactorily and that Parking had not been an issue for the Owners of the Pub had addressed the matters the parish council was concerned about.

#### **h) Parish Councils Emergency Planning Template**

This had been circulated, Councillor Johnson proposed we accept this, seconded by Councillor Colclough and all agreed the clerk was asked to finalise this.

### **205.19 Planning**

### **a) New Applications**

There were Applications in for Approval by Rotherham in respect of two Bungalows on Common Road, the parish council had not made any comments on these.

The Appeal in respect of Change of use from a Barn to a house on Common Road had been refused by Rotherham sitting appearance and various other factors.

### **b) Decisions**

Change of use from barn to dwelling has been refused as has the request for appeal.

## **206.19 New Business**

### **a) Whitwell Works**

This had been discussed previously, the Chairman proposed we notify residents and prepare a draft letter for Rotherham if residents did not want to send their own along with the contact details. It was also agreed to invite SLR to the next meeting, seconded by Councillor Johnson and unanimously agreed.

### **b) Christmas Tree Lights**

Councillor Johnson asked where the lights were, she offered to supply the electric to them again this year if the parish wanted them, it was agreed to make further enquiries.

### **c) Hedge on Ladyfield Road**

This has already been discussed one side has been done, councillors agreed to monitor this.

### **d) Woodland Trust Charter Day free trees**

The offer was discussed and it was agreed not to accept this.

## **207.19 Finance**

### **a) Bank account address and signatories**

The change of address form has been submitted and will be chased up by the Chairman.

### **b) Cheques to be signed**

Cheques were signed for M Welch £247.61, M Nicholls £120, St Peter's PCC £500, SLCC £52 and HMRC £62.00.

### **c) SLCC**

The annual subscription is due, the clerk has split it between the three parish councils she works for so payment is reduced to £52.

### **d) Precept**

This was discussed, the clerk will send out further details for the next meeting.

## **208.19 Correspondence**

Correspondence has been circulated.

### **a) Bus changes**

Details have been received and passed on to councillors but will not affect Thorpe Salvin.

## **209.19 Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed