

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
PARISH OFFICE
26TH JUNE 2014**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth, (Chair), Mrs. P. English, Mrs. P. Maddison, M. McCoy,

APOLOGIES

No apologies were recorded.

29. Youll House

The Parish Clerk reported that following an earlier decision of the Parish Council¹ two estate agents had been contacted but neither had shown any interest in putting the property on their books.

Members considered that before progressing with a sale an alternative strategy would be to retain the premises but convert it into a storage depot. This would help minimise the requirement to incur large sums money relocating the existing depot to the new site adjacent to the Thornley Village Centre.

It was suggested that as soon as the Thornley Village Centre was opened for booking by the public, Youll House be closed and no further bookings be taken.

Resolved: *That estimates for the conversion of Youll House to a storage depot be obtained and that no further booking be taken once the Thornley Village Centre was opened to the public.*

30. Allotments – Notice to Quit

The Parish Clerk report that Notice to Quit had been served on 3 tenants who had been advised that they must remove their property (i.e. building/structures) by the due date. They had also been advised that should they fail to do so the structures and anything remaining on the allotment would be removed by the Parish Council and that they would be liable for the cost incurred.

There were currently 6 resident's names on the waiting list.

Resolved: *That the information be noted and that should it become necessary for the Parish Council to clear the allotments the costs be recovered from the tenant by initiating court proceedings.*

31. Allotments Maintenance

The Parish Clerk reported that in an attempt to keep rent increases to a minimum the Parish Council had previously accepted an offer made by the Allotment Association that they would maintain the verges at the side of the pathways and keep them clear of weeds etc.

¹ *Meeting held on 6th May 2014 minute 11 refers*

Recent inspections had shown that this maintenance was sporadic and indications were that it was being left to individual allotment tenants to carry out the work outside their particular allotment.

As a result the maintenance standard was, in some areas below that which the members considered was acceptable.

Resolved: *That a meeting be arranged with officials of the Allotment Association to discuss the situation.*

32. Revision of Allotment Agreements

The Parish Clerk reported that he was unaware of any revisions that were necessary at this time.

Resolved: *That the information be noted.*

33. Welfare Park

The Parish Clerk reported that a number of sections of the perimeter fence were missing. In accordance with council instruction this had not been repaired or replaced in line with earlier decisions of the council on costs.

Pitch renovation had taken place to prepare the playing surface in time for the commencement of the next season.

It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with representatives of the two existing teams using the facility for their "home" games to discuss the potential for developing football pitches adjacent to the Thornley Village Centre.

Resolved: *That a meeting be arranged with officials of the two football teams to discuss the potential for developing football pitches adjacent to the Thornley Village Centre.*