

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
30TH JUNE 2016**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Reason for Absence</i>	<i>Resolved</i>
<i>Mrs. P. Maddison</i>	<i>Work Commitments</i>	<i>Approved</i>

Meeting Commenced: 10:00am

21. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st March 2016 were accepted as a true record.

22. Depot Site – Lease of Land (REF: 7909)

The terms of the Lease proposed by Durham County Council were considered.

Resolved: That the Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement.

23. Allotments - Sub-letting

The Parish Clerk highlighted difficulties being created when tenants sub-let their allotments.

Resolved: That tenants be reminded that the practice was not permitted.

24. Allotment Clearance/Relocations

The Parish Clerk reported that 3 allotments on the Coopers Close site had recently become vacant but a number of structures had been left on the gardens by the outgoing tenants. In addition one tenant had agreed to be relocated.

Resolved: That arrangements be made to clear the allotments at the first available opportunity in order that they could be re-let.

25. Cemetery - Unauthorised Items

The Parish Clerk explained that despite notices being posted, relatives and visitors to the cemetery were placing unauthorised items on graves making maintenance operations difficult and more time consuming for staff.

Resolved: That appropriate arrangements be made to remove the unauthorised items at the first available opportunity.

26. Cemetery - Review of Regulations

The Parish Clerk reported that it was appropriate at this time to if any changes were required to the Cemetery Rules & Regulations.

Resolved: *That no amendments were required.*

27. Cemetery - Path Resurfacing

The Parish Clerk reported that the tarmacadam surface at the entrance and some of the paths in the cemetery were deteriorating and in need of repair.

Resolved: *That in accordance with Standing Orders for Contracts 37 (a) comparable quotations be obtained for consideration.*

28. Welfare Park – Staus Report & Redevelopment

The Parish Clerk reported that there had been a spate of vandalism in recent weeks resulting in damage to the buildings and floodlights.

Members were reminded that consideration had been given to relocating the facility adjacent to the Thornley Village Centre. Because the project outline did not now comply with the criteria used by potential funding agencies it was highly unlikely the relocation could be achieved.

Members were conscious however of the need for the perimeter fence to be replaced and for the changing facilities to be refurbished.

Resolved: *That estimates be obtained for replacing the perimeter fence and refurbishment of the changing facilities and that applications be submitted to appropriate agencies to determine if funding could be obtained.*

29. Any Additional Urgent Items of Business

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) Act, 1985, section 100B (4)(b), the Chair following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that the following items of business not shown on the agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

30. Request for Additional Litter Bin Ellerby Mews Play area.

Residents requested that an additional litter bin be positioned inside the playground as the existing one was, on occasion, full to over-capacity.

Resolved: *That in the first instance the frequency for emptying the bin be increased/monitored.*

Meeting Terminated: 11:00am

The next meeting of the Facilities Committee will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on Thursday 1st September 2016 at 10:00a.m.