

**MINUTES OF  
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE  
30TH OCTOBER 2014**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

*No apologies were recorded.*

**105. Request for Storage Facilities**

A request from "Sure Start" to store a small quantity of equipment in one of the Council's premises for a limited period was considered.

As it was their intention to make regular booking/use of Village Centre in the longer term they also wished to explore the possibility of entering into a more permanent arrangement for the storage of equipment onsite.

**Resolved:** *That permission to store items in Youll House be granted at their own risk and that further discussions take place if ownership of the land surrounding the Village Centre is transferred back to the Parish Council.*

**106. Thornley Village Centre**

The Chair informed members that arrangements the formal opening of the centre on Saturday 29th November 2014 were now underway.

A climbing wall for older children was to be erected on the car park and smaller children would be entertained in the main hall. A brass band would also perform and refreshments made available.

The competition winners' would open the centre and switch on the Christmas lights.

The Parish Clerk reported that initial "snagging" problems were being resolved and that income was now being received for bookings that had already taken place.

**Resolved:** *That the information be noted.*

**107. Welfare Park**

The Parish Clerk reported that in an attempt to reduce expenditure, maintenance at the facility had been reduced. Indications from the football teams were that the quality of pitch and other standards had not suffered.

**Resolved:** *That the information be noted.*

### **108. Allotments**

Members were asked to recall that Notice to Quit had been served on 3 tenants for failing to comply with their Allotment Agreements.

In accordance with Council policy the structures and other surface debris left on the gardens by the outgoing tenants been removed in order that they could be re-let to persons on the waiting list.

The cost of this work will be charged to the outgoing tenants in due course.

Despite the clearance however, people on the waiting list were declining to accept the gardens because the building foundations and other material buried by former tenants (over a number of years) remains on site, making them difficult to cultivate.

To remove all of this material and reinstate the allotments to an acceptable condition for letting may cost a substantial amount of money that would have to be charged to the Allotment Account.

**Resolved:**     *That the information be noted.*

### **109. Youll House**

The Parish Clerk reported that the water service had been disconnected from the building and it was now only being used for storage purposes.

The appointment of the architect to be commissioned to provided estimates for the alteration of the building had been delayed as he had sustained injury. On his return to fitness it was hoped negotiations could get underway.