

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
11TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

No apologies were recorded.

103. Fencing – Thornley Village Centre

The Parish Clerk reminded members that following the acquisition of the Village Centre it had been proposed that a fence and car park barrier be erected along the front boundary line, between the public footpath and Pit Wheel and another section, at the side of the building from the entry door to the public Right of Way adjacent to the Library, to prevent unauthorised vehicles gaining access to football pitch at the rear of the premises.

The Parish Clerk informed members that some years ago East Durham Homes had demolished several of their properties at the Villas. In doing so a quantity of steel bow-top fencing that had used to enclose the gardens, had been given to the Parish Council.

In an attempt to reduce the overall project cost, members considered a quotation totaling £1,687.7 to supply a 1.5mtr gateway and erect the bow top fencing belonging to the Parish Council.

Resolved: *That a revised quotation be sought for the supply of a 3.0mtr gateway and subject to approval by the Chair and Vice Chair the works be progressed.*

104. Request for Donation (REF: 7223)

The Parish Clerk referred to the Finance Committee held on 1st September 2014¹ and informed members that Mr. Newton, having been informed of the council's earlier decision, had now indicated that the 3 members of his club were to represent Great Britain in the Championships.

As a result he asked if the Parish Council would review its decision as it was a prestigious event and could potentially bring prestige to the village.

Resolved: *That the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £300.00.*

¹ *minute 78 refers*