

MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
25TH AUGUST 2016

PRESENT

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

Meeting Commenced: 11:00am

60. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting – Copy attached

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th June 2016 were accepted as a true record.

61. Donation New Thornley Banner Group

As New Thornley Banner Group had provided a detailed breakdown of event costs for participating in the Durham Miners Gala on 9th July 2016.

The Parish Clerk had consulted the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council in order that they could determine the donation amount to be awarded.

Resolved: That the action of the Parish Clerk be endorsed and that in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government act 1972, it 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.

62. Application for Funding Acoustic Panels Thornley Village Centre.

It was suggested that to improve the marketability of the main hall for functions acoustic panels be installed to reduce the echo created by having hard wall and floor surfaces and a high ceiling.

Initial enquiries made to firms specialising in this work resulted in estimates in the region of £8,922.

Funding of up to £6,500 was available from the Durham County Council's Section 106 account and Thornley Village Centre Management Group had pledged £1,000 toward the project.

For the application to be considered the Parish Council would need to fund the shortfall of £1,422.

Resolved: That an application for Section 106 funding be submitted to Durham County Council and if successful the financial shortfall be provided by the Parish Council.

63. Letter of Thanks (REF: 7982)

A letter of thanks was received from the New Thornley Banner Group for the Parish Council recent donation.

Resolved: That the letter be received.

64. Finance & Budgetary Control Reports

The Finance & Budgetary Control report detailing all income and expenditure since the last meeting and the current budget position was considered.

Resolved: That the report be accepted and that the Parish Clerk makes arrangements to settle any outstanding accounts.

65. 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), to consider any item the Chair considers urgent, following consultation with the Proper Officer.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on Thursday 27th October 2016 at 11:00am.