

**MINUTES OF  
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PARISH OFFICE  
26TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

*No apologies were recorded.*

**173. 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.*

**174. Request for Donation**

Thornhill Primary School, Shildon requested a donation on behalf of the County Durham School Benevolent Fund.

**Resolved:** *That the request be received.*

**175. Funding - Winter Warmers**

The Thornley Village Centre Management Group who were currently operating a "Winter Warmers" event each Friday over a ten week period to provide a hot meal for vulnerable O.A.P. residents requested a donation to cover the cost of prizes (comprising two small food hampers of essential items) for a bingo session provided as a social activity.

**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 £200.00.*

**176. Apprenticeship Scheme**

Members considered a request from the Personnel Committee to provide funding to employ an apprentice in business studies through the Durham County Council Apprenticeship Program.

**Resolved:** *That expenditure of up to £1,500 be approved.*