

**THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE CENTRE
THORNLEY
29TH JUNE 2017
AGENDA**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. P. Maddison (Chair), Mrs. P. English, D. Smith, M. McCoy.

APOLOGIES

No Apologies recorded

Meeting Commenced 7:30pm

39. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2017 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

40. 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 settles any outstanding accounts.*

41. Letter of Thanks (REF: 8317)

A letter of thanks was received from the Alice House Hospice in respect of the Parish Council's recent donation.

Resolved: *That the letter be received*

42. 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.

43. Letter from Phil /Wilson M.P.

Councillor PMs. J. Grant declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the discussion or voting procedure that followed.

The Parish Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the office of Phil Wilson M.P. regarding complaint concerning the Bow Street Play area.¹

¹ *Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4th May 2017 minute 24 refers.*

Resolved: *That the Parish Clerk responds explain the Parish Council's position.*

44. Dead Tree- Rear of Church View

The Parish Clerk reported that a resident had requested that a dead/diseased tree be felled at that rear of his property.

Resolved: *That the condition of the tree be ascertained and if found to be a danger it be removed.*

Action: *The Parish Clerk.*

45. Council Tax Base

The Parish Clerk reported that Durham County Council were to provide preliminary forecast information in the near future to facilitate preliminary calculation of the 2018/19 budget.

Indications were that there would be a .5% increase in the base figure but the Localisation of Council Tax Support Grant will be effected.

Resolved: *That the information be noted*

46. Cemetery Wall

The Parish Clerk reported that only 2 of the 3 contractors approached to submit quotations for the repair of the Cemetery wall had done so.

Resolved: *That an additional quotation be obtained and the Chair of the Committee be empowered to award to the contract to the firm he considered had submitted the quotation providing the best value.*

Action: *Parish Clerk*

Meeting Terminated 7:50pm