

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
30TH JUNE 2016**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Resolved
Mrs. P. Maddison	Work Commitments	Approved

Meeting Commenced: 11:00am

31. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting – Copy attached

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st March 2016 were accepted as a true record.

32. Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received from the Citizens Advice County Durham for the Parish Council's recent donation.

Resolved: That the letter be received.

33. Allotment - Review of Annual Rents

The Parish Clerk reported that it was appropriate at this time to review allotment rents for 2017/18.

Resolved: That allotment rents for 2017/18 remain unchanged at £35.00 per year.

34. Cemetery - Review of Fees & Charges

The Parish Clerk reported that it was appropriate at this time to review Cemetery Fees & Charges for 2017/18.

Resolved: That Fees & Charges for 2017/18 remain unchanged.

35. Welfare Park - Review of Charges

The Parish Clerk reported that it was appropriate at this time review Fees & Charges for 2017/18.

Resolved: That Fees & Charges for 2017/18 remain unchanged.

36. 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.*

37. 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), the Chair following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that the following items of business not shown on the agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

38. Request for Donation

The New Thornley Banner Group requested for a donation of £300 toward the cost of participating in the Durham Miners Gala on 9th July 2016.

The Parish Clerk pointed out that this could not be dealt with under Any Other Business as it would contravene regulations.

Members were reminded that it was Council policy to make donations of £50.00 but this could be increased if members considered it appropriate in the interest of residents.

At the appropriate time in the future, members were mindful to make a larger donation, but to do so additional information would need to be provided by the New Thornley Banner Group.

Resolved: *That the New Thornley Banner Group be requested to provide a detailed breakdown of costs involved in order that a donation, not exceeding £300.00, could be determined by the Chair & Vice Chair before to event.*

Meeting Terminated: 11:30pm

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on Tuesday 1st September 2016 at 11:00am.