

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE CENTRE
THORNLEY
31ST AUGUST 2017**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

No Apologies recorded

Meeting Commenced 7:30pm

81. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2017 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

82. Review of Cemetery Fees & Charges 2018/19

The Parish Clerk reported that the Facilities Committee had resolved to make changes to the Regulations that could potentially impact on the 2018/19 budget¹.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

83. Welfare Park – Review of Charges 2018/19

The Parish Clerk provided information on current charges and potential future use and suggested that to prepare the 2018/19 budget these should be reviewed.

Resolved: That the annual charge per team using the Welfare Park as their home ground remain at £350 per annum for 2018/19.

84. 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.

At 7:40pm Councillor D. Smith declared a pecuniary interest in this item, stepped down as Chair of the meeting and took no further part in the discussion or voting procedure that followed.

Councillor Ms. Jude Grant was elected as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

¹ Meeting of the Facilities Committee held 31st August 2017 minute 74 refers.

85. Estimate for Resurfacing of Coopers Close Allotment Paths

The Parish Clerk reported that in accordance with a decision of the Facilities Committee a cost estimate of £2,500 had been obtained for resurfacing the paths on the Coopers Close site.

In submitting the this proposal to the Finance Committee it was pointed out that the Facilities Committee had resolved to hold a site visit before determining if the works were essential.

Resolved: That the expenditure be approved subject to the decision of the Facilities Committee on whether to proceed.

86. Review of Allotment Annual Rents 2018/19

The Parish Clerk provided information on current charges and suggested that in order to prepare the 2018/19 budget these should be reviewed.

Resolved: That the annual rent per plot per annum remains at £35.00 for 2018/19

87. 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.

88. Audit of Accounts 2016/17

The Parish Clerk reported that he had been advised by BDO Stoy Hayward that the Council was to receive a Qualified Audit opinion because the Fixed Assets figure on the Annual Report had not been increased to account for the cost of building the new Depot.

This was despite the fact that the auditor had, in an earlier telephone conversation, accepted that the explanation for not doing so had been because the depot was still under construction and had not been handed over to the council. The figure would be adjusted on the 2017/18 to account for the full construction costs.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

Meeting Terminated 7:45pm