

**MINUTES OF  
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE  
7TH JANUARY 2016**

**PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC**

*No members of the public were present.*

*Meeting Commenced: 11:00am*

**135. Draft Minutes of the previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held 29th October 2015 were approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

**136. Request for Donation**

Members were asked to recall that this item was deferred from the previous meeting because of the rules governing expenditure of items not shown on the agenda.

A request for a donation of £350.00 from the Thornley Village Centre Management Group from to provide attractions etc., to coincide with the Parish Council's switching of the Christmas tree lights ceremony on 1st December 2015 was considered.

**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 £350.00*

**137. Request for Donation (REF: 7702)**

A request from Durham Cathedral for a donation toward the cost of a major development programme and upkeep of the icon of the North East in 2016 was considered.

**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 £50.00*

**138. Request for Donation (REF: 7705)**

A request for a donation from the Great North Air Ambulance to help fund the service over the next 12 months was considered.

Members are advised that a previous donation of £300 was made in 5th November 2013.

**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 £300.00*

**139. Letter of Thanks (REF: 7706)**

A letter of thanks has been received from the Butterwick Hospice for the Parish Council's recent donation.

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

**140. 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.*

**141. 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.

***Meeting terminated: 11:15am***

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on Tuesday 25th February 2016 at 11:00am.