

**MINUTES OF  
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE  
17TH AUGUST 2016**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth (Chair), Mrs. P. English, Mrs. K. Huntington, Mrs. A. Kelly,  
Mrs. P. Maddison, M. McCoy, T. Unsworth, G. Wilson.**

**PUBLIC**

**No members of the public was present.**

**Meeting Commenced: 10:00am**

**59. Coopers Close Allotments**

Members convened at the Village centre before visiting Coopers Close allotments to acquaint themselves with the layout of the site and inspect the gardens.

Members expressed concern at the lack of cultivation undertaken by some tenants and the number and condition of some buildings (possibly erected in contravention of the tenancy agreements) on particular allotments.

The Parish Clerk explained that in accordance with an existing policy vacant gardens were cleared and maintained by council staff until such time as the council determined if they should be re-let to persons on the waiting list.

It was pointed out that the Council did not have the manpower to clear the vacant allotments of all building etc., and as a result this would have to be contracted out at an anticipated cost of several thousand pounds.

The Parish Clerk also reported that two tenants had previously agreed to be re-located in order that the strategy being considered by the Parish Council, for the future management of allotments, could be implemented.

**Resolved: That (1) Notice to Quit be served on the tenant of A3 (2) a contractor be employed to clear all vacant allotments after which they be withdrawn from occupation (3) tenants be notified of the Council's proposals and reminded of their obligations under their agreements and (4) prospective tenants be vetted before being issued with an agreement.**

**Meeting Terminated: 11:30am**