

**MINUTES OF
EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
18TH JULY 2017**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth (Chair), Mrs. P. English, Mrs. A. Kelly, M. McCoy, Mrs. P. Maddison, P. Nuttall, D. Smith, T. Unsworth, G. Wilson.

APOLOGIES

<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Reason for Absence</i>	<i>Resolved</i>
<i>Ms. J. Grant</i>	<i>Personal Commitments</i>	<i>Approved</i>

Meeting Commenced 7:00pm

69. Financial arrangement for barrier fencing – Village Centre

The Parish Clerk reported that before the Village Centre Charitable Group was formally dissolved it had proposed installing a gate across the car park entrance and a low fence at the front of the building at an estimated cost of £2,354.25. This was to prevent use of the car park when the centre was closed and trespass across the grassed areas.

It was noted that in accordance with the Charities Constitution all their financial balances would, on being transferred to the Parish Council, be “ring-fenced” to be used solely for charitable purposes with the confines of the village centre and adjacent grounds.

Resolved: *That as there was no direct financial cost to the Parish Council the fencing be installed as soon as practicable.*

70. Allotment issues.

The Parish Clerk referred to an earlier decision of the Parish Council¹ relating to one of its tenants and tabled a photograph of the allotment in question.

Members were not only concerned at the lack of cultivation and its overall condition but also the excessive amounts of combustible materials being stored. This could be clearly be seen in the aerial photograph.

The allotment was considered to be a potential fire hazard and that if ignited could result in the death of livestock or the destruction of property on other allotments.

Resolved: *That the tenant be given 3 months to make a concerted effort to remove surplus materials and significantly improve the standard of maintenance otherwise his tenancy may be terminated.*

¹ *Parish Council Meeting 4th July Minute 62 refers*

Action: Parish Clerk

Meeting Terminated 7:45pm