

**THE MEETING OF  
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE,  
1ST NOVEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

*No apologies were recorded*

**GUESTS**

**County Councillors Mrs. L. Hovells, M. Nicholls**

**PUBLIC**

***One member of the public was present.***

***Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm***

**94. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September 2016 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

**95. Police Report**

On behalf of PCSO Kelly Hyde the Parish Clerk the following incidents had been reported to the police since the last meeting: -

Anti-Social Behaviour    6

Criminal Damage            1

Many reports had been received concerning horses running loose between Wheatley Hill and Thornley. The owner of the horses was not currently known but police were continuing to work with Durham County Council toward finding a resolution to the problem.

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

**96. Unitary County Councillor**

County Councillors Morris Nichols and Mrs. Lucy Hovells provided an update on the current finance measures being taken to produce the 2017/18 budget for consideration by Cabinet in December.

Measures were being taken to address residents' concerns over dog fouling and the development of a scrap yard in the Bow Street Area.

The overgrown hedges on the roadside between Thornley and Ludworth were to be cut back as part of the winter maintenance program of works.

The new bus service timetable was now being made available to residents. This would be revised if necessary to meet the needs of the public.

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

**97. Public Question and Answer Session**

No questions were asked.

**Resolved: that the information be noted**

**98. Draft Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on 25th October 2016**

The minutes of the meeting were tabled for information.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**99. Draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 25th October 2016**

The minutes of the meeting were tabled for information.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**100. Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 25th October 2016 & Income and Expenditure report**

The minutes of the meeting were tabled for information.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**101. Matters Arising - Progress Report of the Parish Clerk & Councillors**

The Parish Clerk reported that the Woodland Trust and Durham County Council had been advised of the alternative access route to the Jubilee Wood proposed by the Parish Council. As yet no response had been received.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**102. Risk Assessments**

The Parish Clerk reported that no alterations or amendments were required.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**103. Delegates Report on CDALC Medium & Small Councils Forum**

The Parish Clerk reported that it had not been possible for representatives to attend the previous meeting of the association.

**Resolved: That the information be noted.**

**104. Delegates Report on Thornley Village Centre Management Group**

Councillor Mrs. Unsworth gave a comprehensive report on the status of operations and events that had taken place or planned for the future.<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> **Development Workers Report filed for reference.**

**105. Planning Permission (REF:DM/16/00598/FPA)**

Durham County Council advised that planning permission had been granted to Mr G Miller to construct a detached house at The Rookery Ashwood Grange Thornley. Members pointed out that a number of individual properties had now been built on land in the immediate vicinity and questioned whether all had been recorded for the purposes of Council Tax.

**Resolved:** *That the information be noted and the Parish Clerk obtained clarification from Durham County Council.*

**Action:** *The Parish Clerk.*

**106. Capital Works Program 2017/18**

The report of the Parish Clerk was tabled for consideration in order that the amounts determined could be incorporated into the 2017/2018 budget.

**Resolved:** *That the financial resources detailed in the report be incorporated in the 2017/18 budget.*

**107. 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.

**108. CDALC Meeting with MP's**

Councillor Smith reported on his attendance and informed members that interactive discussions on transport, housing and bus services had taken place. He had found it interesting and very informative.

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

**109. Local Council Charter**

A copy of the newly drafted charter was tabled for discussion.

**Resolved:** *That the information be noted.*

**110. CDALC AGM - Diversity**

Details of motions carried at the recently held AGM were tabled for discussion.

**Resolved:** *That the content on "diversity" be adopted and a statement to that effect be posted on village noticeboards and included in appropriate documents.*

**111. CDALC AGM - Tax Referendum Principles**

**Resolved:** *That the Parish Council support the motion of NALC and will forward a letter of support to its Member of Parliament.*

**112. Planning Application (REF: DM/16/03187/FPA)**

Durham County Council advised that Planning Permission had been granted to Miss Dawn Iddon to erect a single story rear extension at 42, Gore Hill Thornley, Co. Durham DH6 3DU

***Resolved: That the information be noted***

**113. Uncultivated Allotments**

The Parish Clerk referred to the Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 25th October 2016<sup>2</sup> and reported that one of the tenants had now voluntarily terminated his agreement.

Photographs taken of the other allotment were tabled to aid members in their deliberations.

***Resolved: That Notice to Quit be served on the tenant of the other uncultivated allotment on the Library Site.***

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on 10th January 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

*Meeting Terminated: 09:30pm*

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<sup>2</sup> *Minute 84 refers*