

**MINUTES OF
EXTRAORDINARY THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE,
THORNLEY
18TH OCTOBER 2018**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth (Chairperson), Mrs. P. English, Ms. J. Grant, Mrs. P. Maddison, M. McCoy, T. Unsworth, G. Wilson.

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Resolved
Mrs. A. Kelly,	Holiday	Approved

ABSENT

Councillors D. Smith, P. Nuttall.

PUBLIC

No members of the public was present.

Meeting Commenced 6:30pm

84. Thornley Snow Plan

The Chair welcomed Andrew Blanckley from Durham County Council to the meeting who, with the aid of slides, explained the arrangements for clearing snow from highways and the potential improvements that can be achieved for residents if Parish Council's entered into a Service Level Agreement to clear paths in their villages.

Whilst there were some priority 1 highway routes designated in Thornley no footpaths were treated.

If the Council accepted responsibility for clearing designated footpaths, additional roadside bins would be provided and a salt/grit mix would be made freely available.

Resolved: That the Parish Council enters into a Service Level Agreement.

Action: The Parish Clerk makes arrangements to construct a salt storage area and purchase any specialist equipment required.

85. Management of Allotments

The Parish Clerk reminded members that there were a number of outstanding issues relating to allotment inspections which needed to be resolved in order that the Council's sites could be managed effectively and without bias.

A number of photographs were tabled to highlight the situation and to illustrate the condition of some allotments.

Whilst acknowledging the importance of working in partnership with all sections of the community, including allotment holders, they also recognised the necessity to manage the allotments in such a way that they did not become a financial burden to other residents in the longer term.

Resolved: That all allotment tenants be invited to attend a consultative meeting the purpose of which would be to explain the Parish Council's position and to seek their views on the enforcement procedures currently in place for the effective management of the allotments.