

**MINUTES OF THE
EXTRA ORDINARY THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
8TH OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth (Chair), Mrs. A. Kelly, Mrs. P. Maddison, M. McCoy, David Smith, Davy Smith, T. Unsworth.

Meeting Commenced 7:00pm

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Resolved
Ms. J. Grant	Other business	Approved
G. Wilson	Other Business	Approved

ABSENT

Councillor Mrs. P. English

PUBLIC

Several Allotment Tenants were present.

78. Public Question and Answer Session.

The Chair stated that 15 minutes would be allowed should any member of the public wish to ask a question.

There were no questions posed by those present.

79. The policy relating to allotment clearance

The Parish Clerk reminded members that Council had resolved to serve Notice to Quit on several tenants¹¹ but had deferred implementation until it had determined what action, if any, should be taken to recover the cost of clearing allotments if it was not carried out by the outgoing tenants.

Three options were outlined for members.

At this juncture a member of the Parish Council accused the Chair of making a derogatory statement in a previous meeting. This was challenged by the Chair as blatantly untrue. Following an exchange of views the Chair withdrew from the meeting because she felt she was being bullied by particular Councillors and intimidated by members of the public.

As the Vice Chair was not present Councillor Dave Smith took the Chair who permitted members of the public to ask a number of questions and make various comments contrary to the procedure laid down for the proper conduct of Parish Council meetings.

Resolved: That a decision be deferred until January 2020.

¹¹ Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd September 2019 Minute 64 refers.

80. The re-letting process

The Parish Clerk reported that a vacancy had occurred on the Coopers Close Allotment Site.

Resolved: That the Allotment Panel be convened to interview the prospective tenant.

81. The decommissioning of vacant allotments.

As this item was not discussed and must be considered at a future meeting of the Council.¹²

Meeting Terminated: 8:30pm

¹² This item to be considered along with the policy relating to Allotment Clearance at the meeting of the Council to be held on 14th January 2020