

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
2ND MARCH 2021**

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs. J. Unsworth (Chairperson), Mrs. P. English, Ms. J. Grant, E. Ismail, Mrs. A. Kelly, Mrs. P. Maddison, David Smith, T. Unsworth.

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Resolved
M. McCoy	Illness	Approved

PUBLIC

➤ No members of the public commented.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the latest guidance provided by Central Government in the light of the Covid 19 lockdown and the issues relating to the new strain of the virus and the previous decision of the Parish Council.⁷

Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm

102. Draft Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th January 2021 were tabled approved and signed by the Chairperson as an accurate record.

103. Police Report

A report provided by CPSO Sarah Kinghorn was tabled for information

Resolved: That the report be received

104. Unitary County Councillor

That whilst the ongoing Covid pandemic is disrupting the normal operations the County Council is making every effort to maintain a quality service delivery.

Resolved: that the report be noted if received

105. Public Question and Answer Session

No members of the public were present.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

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

The Parish Clerk provided an update on the following:-

- Forthcoming Elections
- Christmas Lights – Revised Application submitted to A.A.P.

⁷ See minutes of the previous meeting.

- Quad Bike Damage - At the request of the Chairperson representatives of D.C.C. Believe Housing and the Police had been requested to attend a site meeting to discuss how this issue might be resolved.
- Youll House Refurbishment- Work commenced
- Flytipping 47 Hartlepool Street - At the request of the Chairperson representatives of D.C.C. had been requested to attend a site meeting to discuss how this issue might be resolved.
- Covid Update – End of staff Furlough ground staff

Resolved: *That the information be noted.*

107. Training & Development

No training was currently available because of Covid restrictions.

Recommendation: *That the information be noted*

108. Report of the Facilities & Community Officer

As the Centre was closed due to Covid restrictions no report had been produced.

Recommendation: *That the information be noted*

109. Planning Matters

Members were requested to visit the D.C.C. Planning Portal for additional information if required.

- DM/21/00247/RM Plot 19 Dunelm Stables Erection of dwelling and detached garage

Recommendation: *That the information be noted and no objections be raised.*

110. Finance & Budgetary Control Reports – attached for reference.

The Finance and Budgetary Control report detailing income and expenditure since the last meeting was considered.

Resolved: *That the information be noted.*

111. Durham Miners Gala

Members were asked to recall that at the Parish Meeting held on 3rd September 2019 (minute 55 refers) it was agreed to make a donation of upto £1,400 to the Thornley Banner Society to display at the Durham Miners Gala but because of the Covid Pandemic the Gala did not go ahead and was also likely that the 2021 event would be postponed or cancelled.

Resolved: *That the funds be transferred into a holding account in the Parish Council's financial system for the foreseeable future to ensure that the funds were available to the Thornley Banner Society when the event does take place.*

112. Covid Recovery Fund

Members were asked to recall that because of the Covid restrictions the Village Centre has been closed and that as a result finance allocated in the budget for events has not been expended.

Resolved: *That the budgeted amounts be is transferred to a "Covid Recovery" Capital Fund in the Parish Council's financial system so that*

finance was available after 31st March 2021 to fund community events for residents and children once lockdown restrictions ended.

113. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

Meeting Terminated: 8:30pm