

**MINUTES OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE
1ST SEPTEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Resolved
T. Unsworth	Other business	Approved

PUBLIC

➤ No members of the public were present

COMMENCING 7:00 p.m.

41. Co-option of Councillor

A prospective candidate for the vacant position of Parish Councillor was interviewed in accordance with the existing policy and practice.

Resolved: That Mr. Shahril Izhar Bin Ismail be co-opted to as Parish Councillor for Thornley to serve until the next statutory election date.

42. Draft Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th July 2020 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chairperson as an accurate record.

43. Draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2020 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chairperson as an accurate record.

44. Draft Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2020 were tabled, approved and signed by the Chairperson as an accurate record.

45. Police Report

No report was available at the time of the meeting³

Resolved: That the information be noted

46. Unitary County Councillor

Councillor Grant reported that the business being conducted by the County Council was limited because of the Coronavirus Pandemic lockdown. She did however provide a verbal report on the issues relating to Thornley.

Resolved: That the report be received.

47. Public Question and Answer Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Resolved: That the information be noted

³ A report provided by PCSO Sarah Kinghorn was emailed to members following the meeting

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

Members were updated on the following:-

- Youll House Refurbishment – Tender advertised
- Christmas Lights on Village Green Trees – awaiting response from D.C.C.
- Covid Signage for Play areas & Welfare Park - posted
- Welfare Park Fencing – complete
- Additional Car Parking Welfare Park – Being progressed
- Convenience Store – Objections upheld
- Staff Review - progressing
- Plaque for Ex Councillor George Wilson

Resolved: That the information be received

49. Review of Allotment Panel Partnership

The Parish Clerk reported that because the Allotment Association had not provided details of its membership it would be difficult to comply with the Data Protection Act when discussing tenancy issues at joint meetings.

Resolved: That the Allotment Association be advised accordingly.

50. Request for Family Fun Day

The Chair reported that this application had been withdrawn in the light of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Resolved: that the information be noted

51. Training & Development

The Parish Clerk reported that no training was currently available.

Resolved: that the information be noted

52. Report of the Facilities & Community Officer

The Facilities & Community Officers report⁴ was tabled for discussion.

Resolved: That the report be received.

53. Planning Matters

Planning Applications submitted to Durham County Council were considered.

Resolved: That no objections be raised.

54. Request for Donations

Lisa Dixon Centre requested a donation to assist in the operation of the Centre during the current Covid pandemic.

Resolved: That the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £50.00.

⁴ Previously circulated

55. Finance & Budgetary Control Reports

Because of technical issues, it was not possible for members to view the Finance & Budgetary Control report detailing all income and expenditure since the last meeting.

Resolved: That the information be provided to Councillors prior to the next Council meeting.

56. 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.

57. Planning Matters

DM/20/02264/RM	Erection of Dwelling Plot 18 Dunelm Stables
DM/19/03891/FPA	Erection of Dwelling Plot 15 & 16 Dunelm Stables
DM/2000970/RM	Erection of Dwelling Plot 6 Dunelm Stables
DM/20/01005/RM	Erection of Dwelling Plot 1 Dunelm Stables
DM/19/03663/FPA	Gore Hall Farm change of use
DM/20/00131/FPA	Retention of Outbuilding 18 Hillside Crescent
DM/20/00462/RM	Erection of Dwelling Plot 11 Dunelm Stables
DM/20/00510/RM	Erection of Dwelling Plot 13 Dunelm Stables
DM/20/00619/FPA	Retention of rear extension Gore Hall Cottage
DM/20/01770/FPA	Erection of stable block East of 10 Ashford Grove
DM/20/01675/FPA	Retention of outbuilding Willow Cottage
DM/20/00379/FPA	Change of use Methodist Church
DM/20/00688/FPA	Erection of 7 Dwellings North of Gore Hall Farm

Resolved: That no objections be raised

58. Pay Negotiations

The Parish Clerk reported that pay negotiations between the Employers and the Trade Unions had concluded and new salary scales agreed for implementation on 1st April 2020.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk arranges payments to staff as appropriate.

Meeting Terminated: 8:30pm