

**THE MEETING OF
THORNLEY PARISH COUNCIL
AT
THORNLEY VILLAGE CENTRE,
THORNLEY
2ND JULY 2019
AGENDA**

COMMENCING 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of Interest

If members are aware of a personal or prejudicial interest in relation to any items on the Agenda this should be disclosed at this stage or when the interest becomes apparent during the consideration of an item in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Appointment of Councillor

The Principal Electoral Officer of Durham County Council has advised that Mr. David Smith 14, Shinwell Crescent, Thornley has been elected (unopposed) to the vacant position Parish Councillor.

Recommendation: That the information be noted

3. Chair's Opening Remarks

4. Draft Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting – Copy attached

To consider if the draft minutes should be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

5. Recommendations of the Complaints Panel- Copy to follow

To consider the recommendations of the Complaints Panel on changes required to the Cemetery Regulations to address complaints submitted by relatives of deceased in Thornley Cemetery.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 10 minutes

Decision Required

6. Police Report

To receive the verbal report of the Chief Constable in relation to incidents relating to Thornley since the previous meeting.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 15 minutes

7. Unitary County Councillor

To receive County Councillor Jude Grant's report.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 10 minutes

8. Public Question and Answer Session

Members of the public will be permitted to ask questions or raise items of concern.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 15 minutes

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

The Chair will only permit issues to be raised on items in the minutes if they are not already listed for discussion later on the agenda.

- *Wayleave & Allotment Barrier Key (REF: 9463)¹*
- *Conference report – Climate Emergency Measure – Water*
- *Storage Container/Youll House*

10. *Decommissioning of Allotments (Requested by Pat Maddison)*

Approximate time allowed for discussion 10 minutes

Decision Required

11. *RoSPA Annual Playground Inspection.*

The annual inspection report of RoSPA on play equipment will be tabled for consideration.

In the majority of cases the faults identified are very low, low or medium risk items.

Items requiring attention will be addressed as indicated in the report.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Recommendation: That the report be accepted and actioned as required.

12. *Report of the Facilities & Community Officer*

To receive the report

Decision Required

13. *Risk Assessments*

To consider if changes or additional Risk Assessments are required.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 10 minutes

14. *Training and Development*

To discuss training requests/requirements for Councillors

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

15. *Planning Application (DM/19/01559/FPA)*

Durham County Council has advised that Mr. Greg Frampton has applied for permission to construct a dwelling and garage on plot 3 (repositioning of dwelling on site) at Dunelm Stables to the rear of Dunelm Road, Thornley DH6 3BN.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

16. *Planning Application (DM/19/01843/TPO)*

Durham County Council has advised that Mr Tony YOUNG has applied for permission for Crown reduction and Crown lift due to overhanging limbs onto main road. Removal of dead and damaged branches.at 21 Ashwood Grange Thornley, Durham DH6 3ET.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

17. *Smokefree Play Area Initiative*

To consider whether the Parish Council should participate in an initiative to make their Play areas smoke free zones.

¹ Meeting held 7th May 2019 minute 24 refers

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

18. Request for Donation

The Alice House Hospice has requested a donation to help fund the work of the service in 2019.

Members will recall that a donation of £50 was awarded in 2018.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

19. Request for Donation

The Thornley (Nursery) Early Learners Group has applied for a donation toward the cost of organising a day out for mothers and toddlers later in the year.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

20. Request for Donation

Haswell & District MENCAP has applied for a donation toward the cost of operating their service in the coming year.

Members may recall that a donation of £50 was granted in October 2017²

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

21. Letters of Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the Parish Council's recent donation.

A letter of thanks has been received from the British Legion for the Parish Council's recent donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Recommendation: That the letter be received

22. Finance & Budgetary Control Reports (To Follow)

To consider the Finance & Budgetary Control report detailing all income and expenditure since the last meeting and the current budget position.

Approximate time allowed for discussion 5 minutes

Decision Required

23. Any 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), to consider any item the Chair considers urgent, following consultation with the Proper Officer.

² Meeting held 2nd October 2017 minute 127 refers

EXEMPT ITEMS NOT FOR PRESS OR PUBLICATION

In accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

24. Personnel Items

Approximate time allowed for discussion 10 minutes

Decision Required

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Thornley Village Centre, High Street, Thornley on 3rd September 2019 at 7:00 p.m.