

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thorverton Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Silver St, Thorverton on **Tuesday 9th July 2024** at 7pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Andrew Foster (Chairman)
Cllr Andy Price (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Stuart Crang
Cllr John Hodge
Cllr Shirley Nightingale [from 7:34pm]
Cllr Bryanna Uglow
Cllr Colin Marshall
Cllr Stephanie Shelton
Cllr Graham Sims

ABSENT

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: C/Cllr Margaret Squires, Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Public Open Session

None present.

2 Co-option of New Councillor

Postponed to September.

3 Declarations of Interest

None.

4 Apologies

None.

5 Minutes

The corrected minutes will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

6 External Reports

6.1 County Cllr Squires

6.1.1 Road Warden Materials

Council is very concerned that the Road Warden (RW) is not being supported at DCC with materials. DCC had been enthusiastic about the RW training and now there's been suddenly no response to the repeated requests for materials. The RW is trained and ready to start. C/Cllr Squires suggested that the Council email the Neighbourhood Highways Officer (NHO) as the best way to unblock the system. C/Cllr Squires has arranged a meeting for the following week with the NHO to which Cllrs were invited.

6.1.2 Other DCC Matters

Council asked about the notice required to close a road as Lynch Rd had been suddenly closed with no warning. C/Cllr Squires confirmed that she had not been notified, but utilities had the right to close roads in an emergency.

Council asked about grass cutting at the entrances to side roads and closes. C/Cllr Squires said that some of the grass cutting due to be

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done by Highways is actually completed by MDDC.

Council asked who would be repairing the fencing and bollard knocked down between the mill and the river bridge. It is expected that the insurance company of the van driver responsible will be liable as the vehicle has been identified.

6.2 District Cllr Roberts

D/Cllr Roberts sent apologies as he had to attend a MDDC Cabinet meeting this evening.

6.3 Saturday Market

No market since the previous meeting.

7 Projects

7.1 Affordable Housing

The Chairman reported the following:

The flurry of news last month, in that the Community Land Trust (CLT) has been inaugurated with the Financial Conduct Authority and the Memorandum of Understanding has been exchanged with the Church Commissioners, was followed by a quieter month in June. The topographical surveys have been carried out on both the north and south sites in Silver St, but the findings have yet to be presented to the CLT Board. The search for funding was all but suspended during the General Election as the CLT was unable to approach government officials during this time, but will now be picked up again in earnest

8 Recreation Ground

8.1 Financial Report

No expenditure in June.

8.2 New Dugouts for the Football Club

Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the permission for the proposed new brick dugouts which would become the property of the Council on completion and the Football Club would research all necessary planning permissions etc. Council asked that a scale drawing be provided. Cllr Shelton voted against this proposal.

Council asked the clerk to seek completion of the hedgehog run prior to construction of the dugouts.

9 Grounds Maintenance

9.1 Contractor

The contractor will be grass cutting this month including the bus shelter area.

9.2 Village Tidy-Up Day

This was successful and Council was very grateful to all volunteers.

10 Planning & Consultations

10.1 24/00549/FULL Traymill Farm Building over silage clamp & cattle yard
Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

10.2 24/00961/CAT Eden House, Jericho St Fell Conifer & Apple Trees
Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

10.3 24/00949/FULL Rull Orchard, EX5 5LN Self-build dwelling & infrastructure
Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

11 Correspondence

None this month. *[C/Cllr Squires left the meeting at 7:52pm]*

12 .gov.uk Domain for Website

Council will discuss further in October.

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13 Finance

13.1 Bank balance

Council noted the bank balance £ 68,491.56.

13.2 Payments:

Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

13.2.1 Benchmark (Exeter) Ltd	CLT Topographic Survey inv 8094	£ 600.00
13.2.2 BRN Fitch	Grounds Maintenance for March (inv BF20240054)	£ 315.79
13.2.3 GX Accountancy & Bookkeeping Services	Payroll services	£ 63.00
13.2.4	The insurance was paid in April.	
13.2.5 HMRC	PAYE for clerk Apr-Jun 2024	£ 332.40
13.2.6 J P Roberts	- clerk pay (June)	£ 456.89
	Reimbursement for CLT Insurance	£ 165.00
13.2.7 Donation	to Lad's Wall project – June minutes para 6.1	£ 150.00
13.2.8 Donation	to Parochial Church Council – June minutes para 6.2	£ 650.00
13.2.9 Donation	to Royal British Legion – June minutes para 6.3	£ 100.00

14 Business at the Chairman's Discretion

14.1 Christmas Trees

Cllr Hodge asked that the purchase is on the agenda for September.

14.2 NHO Meeting

Councillors will attend as available.

14.3 Barliabins

Documents have been submitted and awaiting requests for any more.

14.4 Memorial Hall & Affordable Housing

Cllr Uglow will report back from meetings in liaison with the Chairman.

14.5 Graveyard

Cllr Shelton asked if there was any progress on the purchase of the new cemetery.

Council understands the issue is still with the vendor's solicitors.

14.6 Hedge between Court Barton & Silver St Houses

The owner will be notified that the hedge was cut on the Village Tidy-Up day.

15 Next Meeting

Council will consider moving the meeting from 10th September due to Cllr availability.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:22pm.

Signed

Cllr Andrew Foster, Chairman

Date