Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 6.30 pm. Due to the measures in place to restrict the spread of Covid 19 the meeting was conducted remotely using 'Zoom'.

Present:
Cllrs Paul John, Gareth Rees and Lynne Williams (Chair). Also Present Richard Turner Lightsource BP
Maureen Milburn – Parish Clerk

14/20 Appointment of Chair.
In the absence of Cllr Davies, Cllr Williams was appointed as to chair the meeting.

15/20 Apologies were received from Cllrs Michelle Davies, Michael Lowson and Richard Mudd.

16/20. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
No Declarations of interest were received.

17/20.Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 14th July 2020** and conducted remotely using Zoom, were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Paul.

18/20. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting – There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings held **on Tuesday 14th July 2020**.

19/20. Finance

a. **To consider and authorise the payment of accounts**

The following payments were agreed:

Cheque no 000036	Mrs M Milburn	Salary - £215.38 Expenses - £10.00	£225.80

b. **Annual Governance and Accountabilty Return 2019 (AGAR)**

1) The completion of the Internal Auditors Report was noted.
2) The Agar section 1. The annual governance statement was approved
3) The Agar section 2. The accounting statement was approved
4) The documents to be submitted for a limited assurance review by Mazars were agreed.

20/20 Cowley House Farm- Richard Turner (RT) of Lightsource BP gave an update of the project and responded to various questions including confirming of access and egress locations, the location of other site within the Borough and confirmation of the

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statutory planning consultation between Durham County Council and Stockton Borough Council. Cllr Rees expressed concerns about the location of the site being in close proximity to a historic railway line. His concerns were noted. Updated information is to be circulated to Councillors

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21/20 Correspondence

The correspondence list for July-August 2020 was noted.

22/20 Councillors report-

a. Cllr Rees raised the subject of the chains on the village green. It was originally intended that Cllr John Gardner should be invited along to a small ceremony to mark the donation from the Ward Cllrs funding for the purchase of the chains, however due to Covid19 restrictions this was never arranged. The Clerk was instructed to send Cllr Gardner photos of the chains in situ along with a thank you letter from the Parish Councillors. **Agreed.**

b. Cllr Williams raised a concern about a near miss incident reported to her via a Facebook post. The post stated *" I was doing a double loop out and back of Blakeston Lane yesterday around 5pm. On my way back I was passing the point where the cut in the fence is from the A177 when I saw two young lads riding through onto the lane. The one in front was looking at his phone as he rode through and seemed to be riding straight into the road. A big van was hurtling down the road towards him. It was one of those slow motion moments and I could see a horrific outcome. I managed to let out a warning and the lad just managed to stop as the van passed. The driver pulled up and gave a few choice words but luckily no harm done. With the bushes in the way he couldn't have seen and he was going fast but I wouldn't say speeding. Maybe 50 mph. I'm thinking maybe a little warning sign at the cut on the fence maybe? I felt sick at the thought of what might have happened if I'd either not done a return loop or even been ten/twenty second ahead or behind where I was* 😬*."* The access was from a spot where an old bus stop had originally been located. The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton Borough Council to raise concerns about the incident and to supply Cllr Rees' contact details for location information. **Agreed.**

c. Cllr Paul raised concerns about an incident which occurred between residents of Wynyard Court and the project manager of the near by development. Cllr Paul felt the Parish Councillors role had been misrepresented. This was discussed further and will be monitored **deferred** to the next meeting.

d. Cllr. Paul gave an update on the Parish Hall refurbishment project and Cllr Rees gave an update on funding for the Parish Hall. **Noted.**

23/20 Clerks Report

a. Item 10/20 Painting of the village playground gate and football posts. The Clerk confirmed that this was behind schedule due to the Covid19 situation.

b. Item 12/20 a) Conditions of the stile and a request for landowners to be made aware of their responsibility to ensure that stiles are maintained as safe for use. The Clerk confirmed that Rob Morrow SBC ROW officer, had contacted the landowners and reminder them of their duty of care.

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b. Item 12/20 b) The Clerk confirmed that the memorial bench has now been installed.

e. Item 12/20 e) Fly tipping and licencing restrictions associated with commercial waste passes for the Haverton HIlll refuse disposal centre. The Clerk confirmed this has been addressed and the response from the Ward Cllr was circulated.

24/20 Public Discussion – There were no members of the public present

25/20 Planning – No new or on-going planning applications were discussed

26/20 Items for information. No items for information and consideration for the next agenda were received:

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The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 6.30PM. The location and format of the meeting will be agreed nearer to the time depending upon the Covid 19 measures in place.

There being no further business the meeting closed as 19.35pm

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