Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 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 Davies (Chair), Paul John, Gareth Rees and Maureen Milburn (Parish Clerk)

27/20 Apologies were received from Cllrs Michael Lowson and Lynne Williams.

28/20. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
No Declarations of interest were received.

29/20 Minutes.
The minutes of the previous meeting held on the **11th August 2020** and conducted remotely using Zoom, were **agreed** as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr John and seconded by Cllr Rees.

30/20 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on **11th August 2020.**

31/20 Finance

a) **The NJC Pay award** backdated from April 2020 was **noted** and **approved**.
b) **To authorise the payment of accounts.**
The following payments were agreed:

Cheque no 000038	Mrs M Milburn	Salary £231.20 Expenses £10.00	£241.20

32/20 Correspondence
The correspondence list for August-September was **noted**.

a) The eligibility of Parish and Town Councils to apply for business grants was discussed and **noted**.
b) A request for partnership working with local Town and Parish Councils was discussed and **noted**.
c) The Christmas Lighting Programme 2020 was discussed and **noted**. The Clerk is to seek costings for replacement LED lighting and to seek the installation dates before reporting back to the Council.

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33/20 Councillors reports

- **a)** Cllr Rees queried why cheque no 000034, payable to Augean South, had not been cashed. The Clerk is to follow this up.
- **b)** Cllr Rees discussed the condition and responsibilities of the street furniture. It was noted that one of the benches is damaged and awaiting repair. Care For Your Area has been informed of the damage and Councillor Rees has taped off the bench to prevent anyone sitting on it or being injured.
- **c)** Cllr John informed the meeting that item 20/20 c) Concerns about an incident and communications between the residents of Wynyard Court and Project Manager of the nearby development has now been **resolved.**
- **d)** Cllr John gave an update on the progress of the Parish Hall refurbishment project.

34/20 Clerks Report-The Clerk informed the meeting that:

- **a)** Photographs and a letter of thanks had been sent to Councillor Gardner thanking him for funding the purchase of the village green chains. Cllr Gardner's response was relayed to the meeting.
- **b)** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted Care For Your Area and requested overgrown vegetation on the bridge be removed. Care For Your Area have contacted the landowner and requested that they cut the vegetation back to their boundary and will re-inspect the area within the next seven days.
- **c)** Item 22/20 b). The Clerk confirmed that she has raised the issue with Stockton Borough Council and as this area is not considered a high-risk area that the funding to put up signs could not be funded from their budgets

35/20 Public Discussion

No members of the public were in attendance.

36/20 Planning

The Clerk informed the meeting that Richard Turner of Lightsource BP, could not attend this evening's meeting due to other commitments but is happy to answer any questions raised or attend a meeting at a later date. Cllrs discussed the Solar Panel project and other projects in the area. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should post the information we currently have onto the web site as information for residents.

37/20 Items for the next agenda.

a) **Street furniture.** To discuss the ownership, location and the maintenance of the street furniture.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.35PM.

The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 6.30 PM. Due to the measures in place to restrict the spread of Covid 19 the meeting will be conducted remotely using 'Zoom'.

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