Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

Present: Cllrs. Davies (Chair); Gillson; Hamblett; McGee; Moffatt and Rees
In Attendance: C. Chapman, Clerk; 3 residents

1. **Public Forum:** A resident raised an issue about the Christmas Tree lights installed by Stockton Council and whether these could be set so they did not flash on and off due to causing migraines for those overlooking the tree. **Resolved** for the Clerk to raise with Stockton Council

   A resident raised an issue about the increased dog fouling. After discussion it was **Resolved** for the Clerk to ask Stockton Council if any action can be taken and to ask the Youth Club if they would kindly post on Facebook a request from the children for owners to pick up after their dogs.

   A resident asked if there were any news on the land sale in the village. No news had been received and a planning request would be consulted upon before any development,

   A resident asked if the Parish Council had seen any update on Stockton Council Local Plan. The Chair advised we hadn't and such would be widely consulted upon.

   A resident raised dangerous parking on Middle Bank opposite Vane Arms. The advice remains to take pictures and send to Stockton Council enforcement team.

   It was **resolved** for the Clerk to follow up all issues and email Councillor John Garnder seeking his support in closing out actions.

2. **Ward Councillors report:** Cllr Gardner not in attendance, so no update

3. **Apologies:** No apologies received.

4. **Declarations of Interest**: No declarations of interest were received.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting held on ***Tuesday 8th October 2024*** were proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Hamblett, It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**: There were no matters arising other than the issues log.

7. **Maintenance Committee Report:** Cllr Gillson provided an update on the village signs and planter signs that had been received (one of each was in the hall to view). All thought they were excellent. Stockton Council have been requested to install the village signs.

   Cllr Gillson and the Clerk outlined the option for the salt bin at Henley Drive and it was **resolved** for the clerk to procure a salt bin of same size as others in the village.

8. **Personnel Committee Report:** No issues to report.

9. **Social Activities Committee report:** Cllr McGee outlined the success of the last wine night; the success of the Halloween party and best dressed house competition; and the coming race night.

A programme of events is scheduled to the end of the year including the Christmas fayre (all tables booked); The Choir Night on 11 December and Santa day on the 21st December, noting a villager had offered a garden room to be used as Santa grotto.

Cllr McGee advised due to external work commitments she was currently unable to best support the Social Committee, although she would continue to provide as much support as possible. The Chair asked if another Councillor would be willing to chair the Social Activities Committee. It was **resolved** for Cllr Gillson to be designated Chair of the Social Activities Committee.

10. **Financial Reports.** The financial reports were noted.

Financial Transactions 1 Oct 2024 – 4 Nov 2024

Receipts:	**£**
SA Wine Night & Race Night Sales	269.00
TOTAL	**269.00**

Payments:

Village Signs	7,368.00
TOTAL	**7,368.00**

The clerk advised the receipt of a letter from Lloyds confirming changes to the account and transactions charges being introduced. This was expected and we have a new Unity Trust Account and the full bank transfer is in progress, to conclude asap. The clerk outlined a need for replacement laptop, which is budgeted, which was agreed.

The Chair presented a proposal to provide a Christmas Donation for the children in the children's home, which was **agreed.** The chair will progress with the home.

Cllr Gillson proposed a donation for the Choir and asked if Councillors would be amenable to such. It was confirmed a proposal would be well received and it was **agreed** for Cllr Gillson to present a proposal for the next meeting.

11. **Training Opportunities:** No new opportunities identified.

12. **Planning:** No new applications were received.

13. **Items of Concern to Councillors:** Cllr Moffat advised several residents had raised the issue of Stockton Council charging for Green Waste. It was noted this was consulted upon by Stockton Council last year. It was **resolved** for the clerk to query how Stockton Council will ensure charges are not levied where the Parish clear leaves from footpaths / roadways as it was felt charges should not be levied for this.

    The schedule of prior items was reviewed and noted. It was **resolved** for the clerk to continue to seek resolution from Stockton Council.

14. **Communications** It was agreed to post info on how to report parking infringements and to post upcoming social activities on a regular basis.

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Grindon Parish Hall.

    Meeting closed at 7.25pm

    Minutes Authorised By:

    Minutes Seconded By:

Date: