Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 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; Cllr Gardner (SBC); 1 Resident, Ian Denham and Sharon Rollins (Police Community Support Officers)

1. **Public Forum:**
   The Chair welcomed Ian and Sharon (Community Police). Ian advised no issues in the area had been reported recently, with the area being one of safest in Teesside.
   A resident advised they used to get monthly reports, Ian advised these were now on the web but will assess if they could be reported upon in future meetings.
   Prior incident of individuals trying doors was referenced, Ian advised door cameras/CCTV were a big deterrent.
   Cllr Rees asked about the private bicycles locked to the public bike rack – Ian advised the Police had no rights here.
   Speeding was identified as an issue in the Parish and Ian advised of Community speed watch; and we could make contact through Ian.
   Ian and Sharon were thanked and invited to attend 1or 2 times a year; a resident also mentioned the weekly coffee morning at which they would be welcome

   A resident asked for clarity on the AGM / Annual Meeting dates which were provided.

   Cllr Gardner advised work at Carlton was due to recommence, and advised officers were reviewing activity periodically. He had no further updates, having provided latest info on the chicanes and setting of speed limits earlier by email. He advised he would take the bike racks issues up with Stockton Council officers.

   Astral Park & planning, the clerk to re-send the email previously sent to Stockton Council officers asking for updates and copy Cllr Gardner.

2. **Ward Councillors report:** Cllr Gardner updates included in public forum agenda item.

3. **Apologies:** Cllrs Sewell (SBC)

4. **Declarations of Interest**: There were no declarations of interest received.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting held on ***Tuesday 12th March 2024*** were proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr McGee. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**: ***(i) Bank Contract***
   The clerk advised Barclays account is free for 12 months and then £6 per month. It was **resolved** to change banking arrangements to Barclays, clerk to implement.

7. **AGM May 2024:** After discussion it was **resolved** to hold on same day as the Parish Hall Trustees AGM – 7th May @ 6:30pm and not to present but respond to issues raised. Cllr Davies will arrange wine and cheese; clerk to publicise.

8. **Maintenance Committee Report: (i) Village signs.**

Cllr Gillson advised the working group had requested 3 companies to provide mockup and quotes for 3 different signs. These will be brought to a future meeting for decision.

Some primroses were available from the church which would be relocated in planters / through the village and location of 2 multi-tier planters needed deciding upon.

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

10. **Social Activities Committee report:** Cllr McGee advised the Easter Event was attended by 42 children and was well received; 48 tickets had been sold for the Pie and Pea Bingo; there was no strong interest for a summer fete so future events include wine night in June and September, Halloween events, race night in November and usual December events.

11. **Financial Reports –** the Clerk presented the statement of Financial Transactions and the Actual against Budget Report and a year-end Finance Report, which was approved. The History Group surplus was noted, it was **resolved** for the clerk to liaise with History Group to potentially earmark sums for future use.
The carry forward of defibrillator maintenance was noted and it was **resolved** for the clerk to source a sign to help individuals locate the defibrillator.

Financial Transactions 1 March – 31 March 2024

Receipts:

	£
History Group contribution	525.25
TOTAL	**525.25**

Payments:

Salary – Parish clerk -Jan – March 2024	693.60
PAYE – HMRC – Jan – March 2024	173.40
Parish Hall Hire	128.50
Easter Egg hunt prizes – reimburse N Settle	76.30
TOTAL	**1,071.80**

12. **Training Opportunities:** training had been circulated, the clerk is attending the Annual Governance and Accounting Return guidance from Mazars.

13. **Planning:**
23/2067/FUL. 25 Wynyard Road, Thorpe Thewles. Erection of two storey extension to side/rear with single storey extension to rear. It was noted this was a minor change to original plan. It was resolved that our original comments remain appropriate.

Buyers Gill Solar Farm. It was noted this was now at statutory consultation stage.

14. **Items of Concern to Councillors:**
The schedule of prior items was reviewed and noted.
Several items had been closed.
It was **resolved for** Cllr Gardner to follow up the reported cracks in the bridge as no response was received from Stockton Council officers.

The clerk provided an update on the Henley Drive footpath. Stockton Council agree the path is in the wrong place and crosses what should be number 28s garden in places. The Council can

not adopt the path until this is corrected. Stockton Council are liaising with Hones by Carlton and the resident to remedy the situation. It was also identified that the rear gardens of numbers 28 and 29 should also be extended backwards slightly as per approved plans.

Post Meeting Note: Cllr Gillson suggested asking for wood chippings from garden/landscaping companies to be placed over muddy areas at church and hell hole. **Resolved** for the clerk to contact these and the council.

15. **Communications**
    It was agreed to communicate the AGM and defibrillator (clerk to speak to individual leading on defibrillator for the right message to be issued).

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Grindon Parish Hall. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Minutes Authorised By:
Minutes Seconded By:
Date: