

Minutes of Meeting for Thornbury Group Parish Council
Held Monday 11th November 2019 at
The Village Hall, Edwyn Ralph

Present:

Cllr's D Roberts (Chairman), K Edwards, H Lewis, T Edwards, P Wildig, A Pitt, J Devereux, J Farrant. 2 members of public

19/33 Apologies: Ward Member Cllr J Harrington and D Manning.

19/34 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations

19/35 Approval of minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes dated 2nd July and 13th August 2019. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

19/36 Matters Arising

19/22 Confirmation received from Bank 22/7/19 for Cllr K Edwards to be a signatory.

19/23 Cllr R contacted Mr Lynch re tree fallen on footpath. Letter dated 4th July read out confirming work completed.

19/26 Subsidence of B4214 road near entry to ER from Collington reported 15/7/19.

19/37 Correspondence

Request for agenda to be place on noticeboard – email rec'd 14/8/19 by resident. Due to lack of space or glass covering the noticeboards, agreed all future 'notice of meeting' to quote website address and detail of any planning application received.

Land adjacent to Woodhouse Farm

Request rec'd 26th Sept for Clerk to contact Western Power to ensure procedures are followed correctly if power cables are placed outside the 'red line' of the three plots. Correspondence read out between the Clerk, Western Power, John Needham and Cllr Harrington. The Chair endorsed the series of events and confirmed Western Power were made aware so not to breach any conditions.

Ralph Court

Clerk read complaint letter rec'd 26th Sept from Ralph Court. An open discussion followed but Mr M stated unable to comment on the actual complaint as received advice not to.

Main points made by Mr&Mrs Morgan

Felt that Parish Council have never supported their business but emphasised that they have 10 employees and need to advertise to maintain employment throughout the year.

All 'other' businesses in the local area are 'allowed' to put banners and advertise without permission. Confirmed that Mr M Tansley from Hfds Cncl agreed the latest sign without the need for a planning application but forced to do retrospective due to the PC complaint.

Felt that site meeting should have been held followed by a full public meeting before report sent.

Parish Council comments.

PC are only one of a number of agencies consulted when in receipt of any planning application.

Due to time constraints, on receipt of an application, Cllrs are consulted for that parish and an agreement made, followed by the application put on the next full agenda.

The sign in question was viewed as to what impact from a highways perspective and also a balance against the environmental impact.

Clerk to check legality by Hfds Cncl regarding the use of temporary banners and also if Mr Tansley agreed the sign without the requirement of planning.

Traffic Regulation Order for Collington meeting held 14th Aug at Underhill with ADL Traffic & Highways Engineers relating to speed limit requested by PC in 2015. Agreed to investigate current speed and history of accidents. Report rec'd 24th Sept recommending **not** to make any changes to existing speed limit. PC accepted decision but request a sharp bend sign from highways where cars go through the hedge. Clerk to action.

The Chair brought forward item 19/44 Planning application 192391 Ralph Court. Signage board X2 to display seasonal banners (retrospective). Chair confirmed site meeting held on 3rd September with two councillors in attendance. Report then written and circulated with the other ER councillors for approval. It was felt that the existing 'brown sign' and the corner sign were sufficient to provide general direction to Ralph Court. Therefore, the PC did not support the application. Mr Morgan

stated that at no time did the PC contact them to discuss the application. Hfd Cnl have not made a decision and therefore no further action at present regarding the application.

2 members of the public left the meeting

Other correspondence

TRO for yellow lines in the parking bay on the Crest, currently ranked 81 on Hfd Cncl waiting list.
2nd Nov. Unveiling of Hfds Official Community Flag.

13th Nov meeting at Leominster for River Wye&Lugg Natural Flood Management.

28th Nov meeting at the Falcon for 'The Great Collaboration' – zero carbon by 2030.

- 19/38 Website 3rd Oct meeting held with Chair, Clerk and Anna Wilde from Fastershire to review website. Recommended a number of improvements to the website and also an upgrade from the free website to the next level costing £7 per month and will remove all pop-up adverts. Once completed, recommend to attach to a gov.uk domain costing £120 every two years. Total cost per year £144. It was resolved to upgrade and attach to a new domain. Clerk to action.

- 19/39 Ward Members Report None.

- 19/40 Neighbourhood Plan

Application to designate Edwyn Ralph as a Neighbourhood Area now approved under regulation 7. Chair and Clerk attended meeting 6th Nov 'Core Strategy & Neighbourhood Planning Review Workshop' to which the core strategy is presently under review. Clerk to send powerpoint of the meeting to the steering group.

- 19/41 Open Forum none. Suggestion to move to beginning of meeting in future.

- 19/42 FPO Report

New style delivered to Cllr Pitt by Balfour Beatty to be placed.

- 19/43 Finance

Current Account £8244.20 Reserve Account £819.39

It was resolved to approve the following four items. Proposed KE. Seconded JD

(i) Approval of Clerks expenses for the year £158.96

(ii) Salary agreed £2627.82 for 1/9/18 – 31/8/19. Reference made to NALC salary award.

New pay scale agreed SCP 9 at £10.57 per hour @ 5hrs per week. New salary from 1/9/19 £2748.20. Cllrs insisted clerk to claim overtime due to increased workload.

(iii) Approval to renew SLCC membership 1st Jan 2020.

(iv) Resolved to increase precept to £4750.00.

- 19/44 Planning Application

193138 – Drabbington, Thornbury. 2 storey side extension.

Site visit made by Cllr W. Support the application.

Update on Previous Applications

191791 The Mill House, Collington. Refused

192624 Streetfield Granted

183247/183248 Castle Farm Granted

192119 Slater Laverda Granted

- 19/45 Reports of problems on the Highways

Road drain blocked 100yds down Butterley road from Hortons corner.

Telegraph poles still standing on Wall Hills.

- 19/46 Any Future Agenda Items

Smartwater for residents offered by West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner.

*1/10/2019
PC Chair
2nd March 2020*