

THORNBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7:00pm, at Edwyn Ralph Village Hall

Members Present: D Manning, A Ede, J Farrant and A Pitt.

In Attendance: J Eva (Parish Clerk) and Ward Cllr. B Baker.

Members of the Public: 2 (Edwyn Ralph)

1. To receive, consider and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. K Edwards, T Edwards, H Lewis and P Wildig.

2. To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation.

None.

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th July 2023.

4. Public participation

4.1 Herefordshire Council (HC) Ward Councillor, Bruce Baker provided a verbal report, as follows.

- Investigations are underway to ascertain if RAAC concrete was used in the construction of schools in Herefordshire.
- A new cycle track has been created near Herefordshire Racecourse.
- HC are considering locations for a new library and resource area in Hereford.
- Proposals to lift building restrictions in the River Lugg catchment area have recently been blocked by the House of Lords.

4.2 To receive the views of local residents on parish matters.

Two residents expressed their concern about the following issues affecting Edwyn Ralph.

- Scruffy appearance of some areas of the village, particularly The Crest, which are starting to look scruffy due to the number of vehicles parked on roadside verges.

Members noted this information and advised the residents to report parking issues to the Police if the vehicles cause an obstruction or pose a danger to road safety. Alternatively, for other issues with verges, report these to HC as the Highways Authority for Herefordshire.

- Speeding along the B4214.

The Clerk will request an Enforcement Inspection by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team for Bromyard and the surrounding areas.

5. Planning

Members considered the following application for determination by HC.

5.1 P232214/F ... Beecroft, Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4LY
Proposed replacement dwelling.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

6. Parish Defibrillators

6.1 The Clerk reported that the original machine, returned to the manufacturer in the USA for repair, has been lost in transit. The Parish Council accepted the offer of a replacement machine, which is of similar specification.

It was RESOLVED to install this machine in Collington.

6.2 Provision of two more machines for residents of Collington and Thornbury.

Following the above decision (6.1) the Parish Council reaffirmed the commitment to providing a new machine for Thornbury. Cllr. Ede is helping to raise additional funds for this and the Village Hall, with a talk on Racehorse Breeding, on 26th September at 7pm.

It was RESOLVED to consider this matter further at the next meeting.

6.3 To write receipts for latest donations to the defibrillator appeal.

In the absence of Cllr. K Edwards this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Community Noticeboards

7.1 Members considered options for the replacement and position of a new board for residents of Collington.

It was RESOLVED to purchase an A2 aluminium wall mounted noticeboard (dark green) from The Parish Noticeboard Company, at a cost of £195+vat.

8. Finance

8.1 Members noted bank statement balance for the Current & Reserves Account (AC)

- Current AC: £8,026.11 (19th September)
- Reserves AC £828.45 (31st August 2023)

8.2 Members noted receipt of the second instalment of the Parish Precept payment from HC at £2,750.00.

8.3 Members **RESOLVED to** approve the following invoices for payment.

Reference	Payee	Amount £	VAT	Goods/Service
367	J. Eva	-	-	Clerk's salary Aug & Sept
368	HMRC	195.60		Q2 PAYE

8.4 Members noted the following payments made between meetings.

Reference	Payee	Amount £	VAT	Goods/Service
362	HALC	220.00	44.00	Internal audit
363	HMRC	195.60		Q1 PAYE
364	J. Eva	-	-	Clerk's salary May & June
365	Autela	43.21	11.37	Payroll
366	J. Eva	-	-	Clerk's salary July

8.5 Members noted that the Council's online banking application process is still ongoing. Unnecessary delays have occurred due to the difficulty in contacting the bank and problems when they issue the required login details etc.

9. Highways / Footpaths / Greenspaces / Environment

9.1 To consider local issues to report to Herefordshire Council. If issues are urgent or occur between meetings report them online or by phone. None.

9.2 To receive a verbal update from the Footpaths Officer. Cllr. Pitt confirmed there were no new issues to report.

9.3 Members noted an email from Bromyard Walkers offering to renew missing or damaged waymarking signs in the parish. They are also prepared to report any serious issues relating to walking routes to the appropriate body.

Cllr. Pitt will contact the Bromyard Walkers if he needs any assistance in the future.

10. Village Hall Update

Cllr. Ede, Village Hall Committee Representative, provided the following update.

- A smart new fence has been installed along the roadside boundary at the front.
- The committee are planning different social events – bingo nights, talks, Psychic Evening etc.

11. Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure fund

Members noted a proposal from Herefordshire Council regarding the provision of electric vehicle charging provision.

12. Items for information only

Members noted an email from Lynda Wilcox, HALC CEO, regarding Declarations of Interest.

13. Items for the next Agenda

The following will be added to the usual agenda items for the next meeting.

- Budget 2024/25
- Collington defibrillator installation requirements.
- Thornbury defibrillator funding/planning.

14. Date of the next scheduled meeting ... Monday 27th November 2023

With no further business the meeting closed at 8:02pm.

Signed Dated