

THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 14TH OF APRIL 2025 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

Cllr A Colclough

Cllr M Collingwood

Cllr J Cox

Cllr M Johnson

Cllr C Marsh

Parish Clerk – Mrs R Thompson

1. **Welcome to Public** Comments or questions from members of the public (15-30 minutes will be allowed)

Concern was raised about heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village from Shireoaks to Harthill. Concern was also raised about lack of white road markings on Back Lane, and that there does not appear to be centre markings or width markings. Cllr Colclough responded that the lack of road markings was deliberate on the part of RMBC, who had undertaken studies which indicated that on roads with fewer markings, the traffic tended to be slower. The Cllr Colclough indicated that he would ask RMBC for that evidence.

Cllr Colclough also indicated that this year there would be a continued focus on road safety and a further attempt to have 20 mph zones established in suitable areas of the Parish, along with the road humps being re-instated.

Another resident representing Thorpe in Bloom stated that they were looking at an event in the summer for families and wondered whether the Parish Council would be prepared to pay for the insurance and a toilet facility. Cllr Colclough indicated that the Parish Council had supported Parish events in the past. It was established that the Party in the Park was not going ahead this year and that there was no intention to open gardens to the public, however the group did want to do some social events. Cllr Colclough indicated that in principle the Parish Council would be amenable to supporting something of this nature. The resident stated that she would revert to the Parish Council after the next meeting of the group.

The same resident asked if the Parish Council would wish to be involved with a leaflet by the Thorpe in Bloom group essentially signposting new people in the village about the facilities available and providing information around the upkeep of the village etc. Parish Council members stated that they would be agreeable to doing that and would write something around a welcome to Thorpe Salvin.

A further question was asked about the effectiveness of the CCTV cameras as there had been a recent incident involving theft from a van. Cllr Colclough indicated that this would be a matter for the Police and that the Parish Council would not be provided information about such incidents, and did not have access to the CCTV cameras. It was stated that the cameras were there for capturing information of possible crimes as well as serving as a deterrent.

2. To receive any apologies for absence

None

3. To declare any interests necessary for this meeting and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2025.

Approved by all.

5. Matters Arising

a) Sorby Field - Play Area report, grass cutting, Hedge, etc

The Risk Assessment Report remains at low risk, this was the usual risk rating. Cllr Colclough indicated that the spring on the gate had been fixed recently, the grass had been cut recently and that he did not know of any other maintenance issues.

b) Village Maintenance – Sorby verge wooden posts, Coronation Garden, Road Sweep, etc.

Cllr Colclough advised that the wooden posts had started to rot, some at the top, some at the bottom.

In relation to Coronation Gardens Cllr Johnson had been re-imbursed for the fee to have the brown bins collected.

The date of the roadsweep had been requested and was scheduled for this month, however RMBC had not reverted to Cllr Colclough as yet. When a date is provided this will be put on Facebook and the website.

c) Notice Boards

It was confirmed that the noticeboard at Netherthorpe had been taken down due to building work. In relation to the noticeboard in Coronation Garden it had previously been agreed that the polycarbonate sheet to be replaced, and a price from Mark to undertake this work is awaited.

d) CCTV

Cllr Collingwood reported that a representative from RMBC who wanted to see the installation of the CCTV was still on leave. It was suggested that the Parish Liaison officer, Catherine Oxtoby be contacted to see if she had any idea as to who was taking on the tasks of the officer who was on leave.

e) Road Safety

This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting during the public questions. Cllr Colclough confirmed that he had one action from the previous meeting and that was to contact the Ward Councillors to try to obtain their support in asking RMBC to consider reinstating the speed humps and establishing 20 mph zones in suitable areas of the Parish and on any other Road Safety issues. Cllr Colclough confirmed that he had been in touch with the Ward Councillors seeking their support and would wish to press forward on this agenda during the year.

f) Litter Pick

The Litter Pick was arranged for the 27th April 2025. Cllr Johnson confirmed that the litter pick had been publicised on Facebook and that anyone who wish to get involved was welcome. People are to meet at the Parish Oven at 10:30 AM pickers and bags will be provided.

g) 80th Anniversary of VE Day

There was consideration of what the village might do in respect of the celebration and it was confirmed that there would be serving of cream teas in St Peter's Church between 1.30 and 4.00pm with all proceeds going to the British Legion and at 6.30pm there would be the ringing of the church bells which would coordinate with the national celebration. The clerk had contacted Harthill PC about where they had bought bunting from and they had confirmed it was the British Legion website.

h) Whitestone Solar Farm

This had been discussed in the past and it was agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with nearby Parish Councils who were affected by such applications, as the Parish itself was not directly affected. It was considered that public opinion on these types of development in general was split.

A letter had been received from a resident about a battery storage unit application outside of the Parish. Wales Parish Council had been contacted in relation to what approach they were taking and it had been confirmed that they were objecting. Councillor Cox agreed to contact the resident to confirm this.

i) Monthly meeting days/dates

Varying the day of the TSPC meetings were discussed but after considering options and availability it was agreed that the current arrangements for meetings would remain the same, namely parish Council meetings to take place on the second Monday of every month.

6. Governance Matters

a) Update on Government Website

The Clerk reported that the change of the website to a Gov.uk website had now been completed. The Clerk also reported that there were limits on the number of e-mail addresses, one of which was for the Clerk, and the other two would be for the Chair and Vice Chair. The clerk confirmed that the website will still look the same as previously, and that the Parish Council has received £100 as a result of this process. The new clerks details have now been added to the website.

7. Planning Matters

a) Planning enforcement

Nothing to report

b) Applications since last meeting

There had been an application to extend a house on Ladyfield at the rear, and it was the PC decision that they would neither object or support this application.

c) Decisions

As previously noted, the Piggery had been approved.

8. Finance

a) Current Balances

Current account £14,210.56

Reserve Account £5278.07

Note: The next Precept payment will show on next month's statement.

b) Cheques to be signed

Clerk Salary £383.08

Clerk Expenses £26.44

HMRC £9.00

Annual YLCA £233.00

Coronation Garden Brown Bin Collection fee £49.00

c) Audit

The Clerk stated that the relevant files would be delivered to Mr Haddon by Friday, 18 April, and that they would hopefully be signed off by May.

9. Report by Borough Councillors

None present

10. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received about the next CAP meeting, to the effect that there would be further confirmation as to the next meeting date which possibly was 17 May 2025.

11. Councillor items for discussion only

Cllr Cox indicated that he had managed to get the village sign down as it had been waving around and was dangerous. Cllr Cox stated that he had it at his property and would make arrangements to return it to the original supplier for repairs.

Councillor Johnson stated that it would be possible to source dog fouling signs from the internet at a cost around 8 or 9 pounds each. It was agreed that she would purchase these and then have the costs reimbursed.

A discussion ensued about enforcement of planning conditions at a premises in the Parish and it was agreed that this would best be considered at the next meeting as an item on the agenda.

12. Date of next meeting

12th May 2025 – The AGM will start at 6.45 pm, when the positions of Chair and Vice Chair would be considered.