THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 10TH OF MARCH 2025 AT 7PM.

PRESENT
Cllr A Colclough
Cllr M Collingwood
Cllr J Cox
Cllr M Johnson

Parish Clerk – Mrs R Thompson

1. **Welcome to Public** Comments or questions from members of the public (15-30 minutes will be allowed)
   The owners of the Piggery attended having seen the proposed works to the Piggery listed on the agenda and came along to answer any questions that the P C might have. It was explained that the P C had discussed the Application last month and had submitted comments to RMBC. They had supported the proposals because of the improved welfare to animals and the environment but expressed concern about any impact on the local air pollution. The owners stated that it was not envisaged to increase the capacity and advised the PC about the current operation and responsibility following changes that had to be made.
2. **To receive any apologies for absence**
   Cllr C Marsh.
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 13th of January 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. Cllr Colclough has spoken with RMBC who advised that the criteria for grading the risk assessment has changed, the current grade of low risk is acceptable, he added that RMBC will collate a list of repairs and improvements that have been recommended along with a cost of each one. Cllr Colclough agreed to chase this up before the next meeting.
      Cllr Colclough reported that the spring on the pedestrian gate at Sorby field needs some attention and will look at changing it himself if possible.

   b) **Village Maintenance – Sorby verge wooden posts, Coronation Garden, Road Sweep, etc.**
      Cllr Colclough agreed to look at the posts now that the weather has improved. Cllr Colclough confirmed that RMBC have sent details of the grass cutting contract, the specification of which has not changed, the price has increased by approximately £60. Cllr Colclough proposed the PC go ahead with this, all in favour. Cllr Colclough to contact RMBC to finalise this.
      The road sweep is due to take place next month, Cllr Colclough agreed to contact RMBC to obtain a date when this will be carried out.

Cllr Johnson advised that there is a meeting of Thorpe in Bloom next week where the coronation garden will be discussed.
Cllr Johnson asked if Terry could carry out weed spraying in the parish, all agreed and asked Cllr Johnson to pass on their thanks.

c) Litter Pick

Cllr Johnson agreed to arrange for the 27th April 2025.

d) Notice Boards

It was discussed that Mark had agreed to take down the noticeboard at Netherthorpe temporarily whilst there is scaffolding up on the wall where it is located.
Members discussed the noticeboard in Coronation Garden it was agreed for the Clerk to ask Mark to replace the polycarbonate sheets on the noticeboard.

e) CCTV

Cllr Collingwood reported that the CCTV in the Parish is up and running.. He added that the individual from RMBC that had agreed to meet and discuss the new CCTV has been off on leave, he agreed to contact RMBC to find out if she has returned.

f) Road Safety

Cllr Colclough expressed the Parish Council's objective to have a 20mph speed limit considered by RMBC for parts of the Parish where it may be suitable, this should be investigated along with improvements to the existing speed humps. Cllr Colclough agreed to contact the Ward Councillors and RMBC and ask for their support in this project. It was discussed whether a Community Speed Watch might be useful to be considered in the future if helpful to support the work for improved road safety.
Cllr Colclough also agreed to contact Cllr Baum-Dixon and RMBC to follow up on the information he provided last year regarding the refurbishment of the speed humps in the Parish and the works inclusion in the 25/26 road repairs budget.

g) Whitestone Solar Farm

Cllr Cox agreed to reply to the email from neighbouring Wales Parish Council regarding this item.

h) 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Cllr Collingwood recalled an email from a Parishioner received in 2024 asking if the Parish Council had plans for this event, Cllr Collingwood said that the Church Bells would be rung to mark the occasion and will reply to the resident's email. The idea of displaying flags within the parish was discussed, the Clerk agreed to contact Harthill Parish Clerk to ask where they purchased theirs from.

i) Slaypit Lane – Dog Fouling

Cllr Johnson reported that it had been brought to her attention that dog foul bags have been left repeatedly on Slay Pit Lane as well as Church Lane. Cllr Cox agreed to get some signs made up as reminders that the roads are adopted highways and as such normal rules apply. Wording and locations to be agreed before orders are placed.

6. Governance Matters

a) Update on Government Website

The Clerk reported that the forms to change the website to a Gov.uk website had been actioned and once completed she will inform members. The process is 4 weeks into a 6 week process.

b) Update on Clerk Applications

Three candidates have been interviewed for the position and an applicant selected.
An offer will be made to the selected candidate subject to provision of references and the other applicants will be informed of the outcome.

7. **Planning Matters**

2025/0001 - Works at the Piggery
No comments required.
2024/1719 - Permission granted for works to the trees at the Grange
No comments required.

8. **Finance**

a) Current Balances

Current account £14,824.
Reserve Account £5272.42

b) Cheques to be signed

Salary £388,88
HMRC £3.20
YLCA £20
Website reimbursement £11.99

c)Audit

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the auditor Mr Haddon to see if he can carry out the upcoming internal audit.

9. **Report by Borough Councillors**

None present

10. **Correspondence**

Emails received from a resident regarding the Solar Farm and more recently the application for a battery storage facility in Kiveton Park was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Cox would respond.

11. **Councillor items for discussion only**

None.

12.Date of next meeting

14th April 2025.