THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 12TH OF MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM.

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

Parish Clerk – Mr S Fletcher

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

   Reference was made by a member of the public to concerns raised at the previous meeting as to the lack of white line markings on Back Lane. Cllr Colclough stated that this issue had been reported to A Lee at RMBC, then as A Lee was away from the office it had been reported to the Transportation unit. Councillor Colclough stated that he had not received a response therefore had written to both Mr Lee and the Transportation unit again. Councillor Colclough stated that he was now aware that Mr Lee was back at work and will chase up this issue again.

   The member of the public who raised this issue stated that he had been part of the litter pick and stated that it was clear there was a distinct lack of road markings, and that there was no indication that the road narrows and with the increase in the volume of traffic he was concerned there may be a serious accident. The lack of a double bend sign was also discussed.

   Councillor Colclough stated that he was trying to obtain the evidence which RMBC relied on when they stated that it was preferable for there not to be any road markings in situations like this. It was discussed that it should be requested that an engineer come out to see the road in question and Councillor Colclough stated that he would make that request.

   A suggestion was made that a request be made to parishioners to report any incidents relating to road safety in order that the Parish Councils requests for safety measures may be treated with more priority.

   It was agreed that Cllr Johnson would put a request on to the Facebook page that any incidents are reported to RMBC and the Parish Council.

   Another member of the public asked about a property in Netherthorpe, and in particular an entrance opening currently under construction that they considered to be too close on a bad bend on the road, and whether the Parish Council was aware if anyone had applied for Planning Permission. Councillor Cox stated that this property was not within the Parish boundaries and therefore the Parish Council would not be made aware of this. Councillor Cox also pointed out that this project had been going on now for a number of years and that any planning approval would therefore have been submitted several years earlier. The

member of the public stated that there was farm traffic using that road which would be affected by the new entrance. Councillor Collingwood stated that he would spend one hour looking for the application/permission on the Bassetlaw Planning website.

The same member of the public was asked about the access to the new barn recently constructed off Worksop Road/Back Lane. It was believed a condition of the granting of planning permission was the access from the highway had to be amended to give improved sight lines including setting back of the gate and taking the hedges down to 600mm before the barn could be brought into use. These conditions being necessary to reduce the possibility of an accident. The owner of the barn stated that it had not yet been brought into use.

The issue of dog fouling on Slay Pit Lane was then raised by the same member of public, stating that the bin there had been removed and that the Parish Council is now considering putting signs up. The member of the public stated that if there was a bin at this point it would help the situation and it was pointed out to the member of the public that there were four bins in the village with one just across the road from the area he was talking about. It was agreed that this as well as buying signs for the village the Parish Council would put notices in respect of dog fouling on its website.

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 14th April 2025.**
   Approved by all.

5. **Matters Arising**
   a) **Sorby Field - Play Area report, grass cutting, Hedge, etc**
      Cllr Colclough stated that the Play Area Risk Assessment Report remains at low risk, this was the usual risk rating. Cllr Colclough also stated that there was nothing new of concern arising. RMBC have stated that quick wins for improvements could be to remove mildew and repaint some of the play equipment.

   b) **Village Maintenance – Sorby verge wooden posts, Coronation Garden, Road Sweep, etc.**
      Cllr Cox stated that he had attempted to get the painting jobs that were required done, and had asked three painters but they did not want to do it. A discussion ensued as to the best way to approach this and it was decided that a list of jobs which needed to be done would be prepared by the Parish Council to include the telephone box, village sign, gate, benches. Councillor Cox stated that he would start this list and circulate the same and it would then be possible to see if anyone in the village wished to carry out this maintenance work. It was agreed that once the list was finalised then the Parish Council would look to use the services of a handyman or similar for these jobs.

Councillor Colclough stated that he did not know what the intentions of Thorpe in Bloom were as far as the planting etc. He felt that things such as the hanging baskets could have been undertaken by Thorpe in Bloom with the Council being amenable to providing funding to them if requested. Councillor Johnson stated that she would speak to Mrs Collingwood about this issue.

In relation to the Sorby verge posts, Councillor Colclough stated that he had asked for quotes for the posts to be replaced on a like-for-like basis. It was agreed that this costing would be obtained as well as costs for all of the posts to be replaced with wood or composite material.

In relation to Coronation Gardens Thorpe in Bloom had been getting volunteers for various tasks to be undertaken such as weeding. It was discussed that RMBC may have grants available and Councillor Johnson agreed to speak to Councillor Baum Dixon in relation to this.

In respect of the village sign this had deteriorated and had been taken down. Councillor Cox stated that he had had a quote for a replacement in aluminium with a black powder coating which would mean there would be reduced maintenance going forward. The quote provided is at cost price and the product would be preferable to wood as this would not last. It was discussed that the Parish Council had still saved money when compared to other village signs. It was agreed by all Councillors that Councillor Cox arrange for this work to be done at a cost of £780.

c) Road Sweep

Councillor Colclough stated that this had been confirmed to be happening during the week commencing Tuesday, 27th May. It was agreed that Councillor Johnson would put a notice about this onto the Council's Facebook page.

d) Notice Boards

In respect of the Notice Boards, Mark was replacing the Perspex sheet on the board in the village and a price was awaited from him for this work.

e) CCTV

Cllr Collingwood reported that he had spoken to a representative from RMBC who had indicated that there would not be no further inspection of the CCTV installation. The system was operating as required with no technical issue. It was agreed that Councillor Colclough would inform the resident who raised concerns the decision of RMBC. It was decided that CCTV could now be taken off the agenda going forward.

f) Road Safety

This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting during the public questions

6. **Governance Matters**

a) Update on Government Website

This was now complete save for the transition of the email addresses. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair email would not be activated, and that the Clerk's email address would be the point of contact for the Parish Council, which would be transitioned to the new .gov address as soon as possible.

7. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning enforcement

There are three outstanding enforcement matters within the Parish and Councillor Cox agreed that he would ask for a general update on these matters from the RMBC Planning Service.

b) Applications since last meeting

There were no relevant applications since the last meeting.
Councillor Cox stated there had been some correspondence from a resident about the Whitestone application, and it was agreed that he would write to the resident to inform them that say that Hartill Parish Council were objecting to the application as that Parish was directly affected by the proposal.

c) Decisions

None

8. **Finance**

a) Current Balances

Current account £21,391.49
Reserve Account £5,283.36

b) Cheques to be signed

Clerk salary £354.09
Clerk expenses £23.98
HMRC £1.80

c)Audit

The clerk stated that the audit had been completed by Mr Haddon. A Certificate of Exemption in respect of the Parish Council annual income being less than £25,000 was approved. It was agreed that the AGAR would be scanned and placed on the website.

9. **Report by Borough Councillors**

None present

10. **Correspondence**

Councillor Cox stated that there had been correspondence from a resident about cutting a hedge. This was not a matter in which the Parish Council had any influence as it was not on the highway, however believing that the Parish Council should assist when appropriate, Councillor Cox agreed to contact the resident and offer advice on the matter.

11. Councillor items for discussion only

Councillor Cox stated that the Parish Council had built up reasonable level of funds. It was stated that road safety and maintaining the Parish would be the priorities. It was agreed that a spend forecast for the next 12 months would be prepared by the clerk to establish how much funding might be available for these two issues.

12. Date of next meeting

9th June 2025 – 7.00pm