

THORPE MORIEUX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chair Cllr Louisa Pepper, Cllrs John Squirrell, Keith Lee, Ashley Simpson, Jules O'Brien and Garry Russell. No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence:
 - i. It was recorded that the Clerk was unable to be in attendance at the meeting. The Parish Council wish her well for a speedy recovery. District and County Cllr Robert Lindsay was not in attendance.
 - ii. Consents – not applicable.
2. Members' Declaration of Interest:
 - i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion. Cllr Garry Russell declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 (ii) planning application in relation to Tye Barn. He would remove himself from the meeting when that matter was being discussed and not be part of any decision making for that agenda item;
 - ii. To receive declarations of gifts of hospitality received – none;
 - iii. To consider requests for dispensation for pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – none.
3. Minutes to consider an approve Minutes of meetings:
 - 1 July 2021 - proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Gagen;
 - 31 July 2021 – proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Russell;
 - 24 August 2021 – proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Pepper and seconded by Cllr Simpson.
4. Matters Arising: none
5. District and County Cllr Robert Lindsay report: none
6. Public Forum: no members of the public present
7. Correspondence:
 - i. Email received from resident of Whitethorn Ley enquiring if whether there was a possibility of a little play park in the village. Cllrs raised the issue of cost both the initial outlay and the ongoing maintenance costs, and concerns re: health and safety issues and public liability insurance and felt that these would be prohibitive. Cllr Squirrell suggested a potential compromise recognising that the needs of the children in the village need to be considered. Suggested that consideration be made

to cutting some of the meadow area short to allow an open play space on Whitethorn Ley side of the road.

It was agreed that Clerk will ascertain in the first instance as to whether there is anything within the Transfer Deed with BDC that would prohibit any play equipment being put on the land, and then matter be reviewed at next meeting. Clerk will update personal who sent the correspondence and advise of the concerns regarding finances etc.

8. Clerk's Report:

i. Schedule of items awaiting approval:

Income (since last meeting)

Precept (2 nd of 2 payments)	1654.00
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Items awaiting approval:

N Sturgeon clerks salary	chq415569.20
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569.20

Cllrs present approved the schedule.

ii. Schedule of Income and Expenditure for the period 01/04/21 to 04/11/21

INCOME

Precept (1st of 2 payments)	1654.00
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Parish Grant Payment 2021/2022	110.00
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Precept (2 nd of 2 payments)	1654.00
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3418.00

EXPENDITURE

Clerk Salary	292.00
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HMRC	21.60
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SALC annual subscription	145.27
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BHIB annual insurance	354.26
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SCC contribution to 2 x chevron signs	489.69
PCC annual grant for grass cutting	200.00
Thorpe Times annual grant	100.00
Clerk salary	128.60
HMRC	18.40
Clerk salary	569.20

	2319.02

Cllrs present approved the Schedule.

9. Cllrs reports:

Cllr Squirrell – Thanks to Keith Lee for cutting the meadow and hedges at Whitethorn Ley. Noted that there are some trees that are blocking Sunnysides view, suggestion of removal of one of the trees and planting of others to replace this.

Police report – there has been 1 reported crime since the last meeting meaning that there have been 6 crimes reported in the last rolling 12 months. Concern raised that there has been a white van driving around the village in the early hours of the morning.

Verges – these are now back on the councils schedule for cutting.

Road side nature reserve Green Lane – concern that the posts may have been put too close to the corner. Cllr Squirrell raised the concern that the hedges in Green Lane have not been cut by S&P. Cllr Squirrell agreed to draft a letter asking if this could be done.

The issue of muck spreading with human waste in the village was raised. Concerns that it is not being ploughed in in a timely way. Cllr Squirrell agreed to research the requirements for ploughing human waste.

Cllr Squirrell informed the PC that the Babergh draft local plan has been rejected by the government and there will be a delay in the draft local plan being adopted.

Agreed to request Cllr Lindsay get an update on this.

Cllr Lee informed the PC of the proposed water main being put in by Anglia Water from Colchester to Bury which will significantly impact on Cllr Lee's farmland causing a great deal of disruption. The PC request that Cllr Lee keep them informed regarding the progress of this.

Cllr Gagen will survey the signposts in the village and note the state of these.

Cllr Pepper comment on how well the churchyard clear up had gone.

10. Planning

- (i) Application DC/21/05413 – Windrush, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux.
Householder application – erection of two storey side extension. No concerns raised.
- (ii) Application DC/21/05550 – Tye Barn, Almshouse Green, Thorpe Morieux.
Full planning application – change of use of ground floor stables to provide additional living accommodation to all residential use. Concerns raised that the original planning was agreed in order to attract potential small business to the village and that the request of change of use goes against this. It was agreed that the PC needs to have a consistent approach when considering planning application and voted to object to the change of use request.

11. Date of next meeting: 6 January 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall.