THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs, R Calvert (Chair) & S Everitt

In Attendance: Mrs V Symons (Parish Clerk), WMDC Councillors J Carrington and M Ward, 2 representatives from West Yorkshire Police, Representative from First Impressions and 13 Members of the Public.

1. Apologies for absence
Received from Cllrs A Smith, P Dainty and WMDC Councillor A Garbutt.

2. First Impressions
Paul from First Impressions advised that 2 lamp posts for hanging baskets had been rejected by AMEY. These would either need to be tested at the council's expense or a further 2 could be chose to replace. Cllr Everitt asked Paul what the price would be for the upcoming year. Paul advised that he would freeze the prices to keep them the same as last year. Councillor Everitt also requested that the signage on the planters would be kept the same height as the boxes. Paul advised that he would remove the existing signs and replace with new smaller ones. Cllr Calvert thanked Paul for his attendance tonight.

2. Public Participation
Cllr Calvert invited members of the public to ask/raise and issues:

All residents that attended the meeting were concerned over the current situation with the bus service. WMDC Cllr Ward spoke to all residents and gave a report on the situation as it stands at present. A new timetable had been released and the service was reduced from one every hour to now every 2 hours. Cllr Ward advised that the contract was given out to tender but unfortunately there was no take up from any other bus company.
One resident commented to advise that some of the people she had spoken to would be willing to pay a small fee towards the fare if Stagecoach would be willing to resume the service. Further residents advised that the service was no good for hospital or doctors appointments and that a taxi into Pontefract can cost as much as £9.00 one way. Cllr Calvert added that the new timetable was also no good for students as the first bus does not arrive in Thorpe Audlin until 9.26am. Other residents had also heard rumours that the new service was only lasting for 3 months. Cllr Ward would seek clarification on this matter.
A further question was raised as to why people had to hear from the bus drivers about the service discontinuing and not the Council. Councillor Ward advised that they were also unaware of the situation but acted straight away by contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority for Transport. Cllr Ward advised that if residents wish to pursue the matter then they should all contact individually the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Cllr Everitt also requested that if any residents was to do this then they need to include the Clerk to the Council so that we all are kept up to date on the situation. One resident wished to thank the Clerk for her regular updates on correspondence that had been received.
In closing Cllr Ward advised that there are strength in numbers and the more people who contact WYCA the better.

3. Declaration of Interests
Councillor S Everitt declared an interest as a member of the Community Association.

4. Community Safety/policing
The police in attendance gave a verbal report to members of the Council and residents with regards to incidents in the area. They also warned residents about a spate of shed burglaries in the area and that people should remain vigilant.

AT THIS POINT THE MEETING WAS CLOSED, NO DECISIONS COULD BE DECIDED UPON AS THE COUNCIL WAS NOT QUORATE.

18. Date and Time of future meetings
Thursday 23rd February at 7.15pm

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed…… Date……