THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs, R Calvert (Chair), S Everitt and A Smith

In Attendance: Mrs V Symons (Parish Clerk), WMDC Councillor M Ward and 3 Members of the Public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Dickinson, P Dainty and WMDC Councillors J Carrington and A Garbutt.

2. Public Participation

Cllr Calvert invited members of the public to ask/raise and issues:

A resident asked for an update on the horse signs. This had been chased up by the Clerk but had not received a response from WMDC. Councillor M Ward commented that he believes that WMDC will not place any further street signs as there is still a drive to reduce street clutter. The Clerk will report back to the next meeting.

A resident enquired about the possibility of football training for the young children who live in the village. He advised that he has a current DBS, child safeguarding and insurance to provide such training. Members requested that the documents are emailed to the Parish Clerk and that a deposit for a key for the car park is taken.

Members of the cricket club were in attendance and advised Members on the work which has been carried out at the fields. Cllr Everitt advised that the work they have carried out is a credit to the village.

3. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Everitt declared an interest as a member of the Community Association.

4. Community Safety/policing

There is to be a meeting held on Thursday 18th May with regards to setting up a neighbourhood watch area.

5. To receive report from the Wakefield District Councillors

WMDC Councillor Ward read out an email that had been received from Neale Wallace Head of Transport Operations for West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The email was in regards to M Travel who currently provide the bus service having their Operators Licence revoked. In the email Mr Wallace was confident that an alternative supplier would be found. Cllr Ward would keep the Clerk updated on any further correspondence.

Cllr Ward advised that the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund had restarted again on 1st April and that if any organisation within the village would like to apply then they need a bank account and a constitution.

Cllr Everitt asked that Cllr Ward report lamp post 38 to WMDC as at the moment that was no longer working.

Cllr Calvert thanked Cllr Ward for his attendance this evening.

6. Village Bus
This matter had been brought forward and dealt with at Agenda Item 5.

7. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th March 2017
Approved and signed as a correct record.

8. Matters to report from the Minutes
Nothing to report.

9. Chairs comments/urgent business
Cllr Calvert proposed that a letter was sent to the relatives of Dorothy Stevens following her recent passing. All members were in agreement. The Clerk will arrange for the letter to be sent.

10. Correspondence
West Yorkshire Police – Neighbourhood Watch monthly newsletter.
WMDC – Updated Parish Clerk contact list.
WMDC – Remittance advice for the Parish Precept.
Email from resident – This was read out to Members and it was requested that the clerk contact t highways with regards to the new road that had been laid.

11. Financial Report

1. Financial Position	Current Account:	581.44
	BS Account:	12956.15

2. Cheques to make out:

V Symons – Salary & Expenses	175.72
Aon Insurance	900.88

All cheques signed and agreed.
It was agreed that the Clerk transfer £1,000.00 from the Business Savings Account.

2. Income Received
The Parish Percept of £9,000.00 had been received. The Clerk reported that 3 lots of allotment rent had been received.

12. WMDC Planning
a) 17/00282/FUL
The Fishing Ponds, Thorpe Lane, Thorpe Audlin – Application for extension of fishing ponds and ancillary car parking area (including landscaping) – Application Withdrawn
b) 16/02985/FUL
Blue Bell Inn, Great North Road, Wentbridge – Proposal for two dwelling on vacant land formerly part of the Blue Bell PH car park – Application approved.

13. Protected Trees
Nothing to report

14. Village footpaths
Nothing to report.

15. Drains and ditches
Nothing to report.

16. Village Land
There had been a request for an allotment from a resident who lived outside of the village. The Parish Policy on allotments states that to hold an allotment in Thorpe Audlin you must be a resident of the village.

17. Community Association Report
Councillor Everitt wanted to place on record his thanks for the commitment and hard work of Dorothy Stevens. Dorothy was a founder member of the Community Association and without her help Ramsden Hall would have been turned into a house many years ago.

18. Matters for future Agenda
Summer Fayre to add.

19. Date and Time of future meetings
Annual Meeting of Thorpe Audlin – Thursday 25th May at 7.15pm

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Signed…… Date……