THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.15pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs V Symons (Parish Clerk) & 3 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence
Received from Cllr P Dainty, WMDC Councillors M Ward, J Carrington & A Garbutt.

2. Public Participation
Cllr Calvert invited members of the public to ask/raise and issues: Residents commented on the overgrown grassed areas around the village. In particular the area around Darning Lane at the bottom and Hawthorn area this was overgrown so much that it was causing an obstruction. There was also comments made with regards to Oakfield Park Houses – Cllr Smith will speak to a resident on the estate. A resident advised that the path towards Wentbridge was overgrown so much that the footpath was no longer visible. A comment was made with regards to the car park at the Sports Field and who was allowed to use the area. Cllr Everitt and Smith advised that anyone can use the car park. A query was raised as to why the gate had to be padlocked. Councillor Everitt advised that this was due to security issues and people could use the area as a dumping ground.

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

4. Community Safety/policing
No representatives from the Police were available to attend the meeting. The Clerk had received a report from the Police which stated that during the period between 26/05/2016 – 30/06/2016 there had been 5 calls in total1 in relation to a RTC on Doncaster Road, 2 for audible alarms one on Thorpe Lane and one on Thorpe Drive, a call was received in relation to a neighbourhood issue and one domestic call on Thorpe Lane..

5. To receive report from WMDC Councillors
No report received.

6. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th May 2016
Approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the Minutes
None

8. Chairs comments/urgent business
Cllr Calvert had nothing further to add at this point.

9. Correspondence
YLCA – Annual Review, White Rose Update, Training & Professional Calendar& Joint Annual Meeting – All were circulated for members.
WMDC – Email received from Andrew Taylor with regards to cemeteries – Circulated
WMDC – Register of Electors Monthly Update – Circulated.
SLCC – Clerks Magazine – Circulated.

10. Financial Report

176. Financial Position

Current Account: 576.30
BS Account: 8487.65

2. Cheques to make out:

V Symons – Salary & Expenses (June)	176.68
N Power	197.28
WMDC	163.20
Yorkshire Water	39.92
V Symons _ Salary & Expenses (July)	173.50

All cheques signed and agreed.
It was agreed that the Clerk transfer £500.00 from the Business Savings Account.

11. Allotments

The Clerk reported to the council that 5 payments had now been received and that there was only 2 more that required payment.

12. WMDC Planning Applications

1 Rogerthorpe Cottages, Conversion of existing double garage to rear to ancillary residential granny flat and associated external alterations.
Blue Bell Inn – Proposed erection of 2 swellings on vacant land – Application refused.
Morning Field Farm – Proposed reuse of redundant farm buildings to create 2no. dwellings with associated external alterations.

13. Approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Following on from the internal audit the auditor had advised that the Council revise their Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The Clerk had prepared the paperwork in order to comply with the new NALC guidelines. It was proposed by Cllr Smith that the new standing orders and financial regulations were agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Everitt and unanimously agreed by Council Members.

14. Protected Trees

Cllr Everitt raised a concern over the height of a tree inside a property on Sandal Rise, this would be monitored. Cllr Smith also raised a concern over the trees that are opposite the Doctors Surgery. A short discussion was held over the trees and it was requested that the Clerk speak with WMDC to see if they can be trimmed down. While discussing trees it was also noted that there were a number if conifers on Scholesfield Lane which were leaning and looked dangerous when it was windy.

15. Village footpaths

Cllr Everitt had reported to the Clerk that a manhole cover on a footpath was rocking. The Clerk had contacted BT who would send an engineer out to inspect the cover.

17. Drains and ditches

Cllr Calvert opened the floor for discussions. A resident confirmed that Yorkshire Water had been out and replaced the meter. It was advised that dosing is making the situation better but this is not a long term solution. The situation is being monitored.

18. Village Land

a) Playground Quotation – The Clerk had received a quotation from RSS who had been to inspect the playground for the repairs that were advisable which included a repaint to the main play frame. The quotation was for £110 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Everitt and seconded by Cllr Smith that the quotation be approved and requested that the work be carried out.

b) Bowling Green Shed - The Council are still awaiting the quote for the shed. Cllr Calvert asked of there was any possibility of asbestos; Councillor Everitt and Smith were able to confirm that no asbestos was present and the building was around 26 years old. Councillor Calvert was concerned that children were able to climb on the shed and onto the roof. Cllrs Everitt and Smith confirmed that the Cricket Club are responsible for the building on site and that they have been informed that children have been playing on the Sports Field Shed. The Cricket Club have been asked to take precautions as it is unsafe.

19. Community Association Report

Cllr Everitt wanted to firstly thank Cllr Smith and his family for allowing the summer fayre to take place on their land. Cllr Everitt went onto report that the event was a huge success and everyone who attended had a good time. There were many compliments throughout the day and it worked very well having the refreshments inside of Ramsden Hall. The Air Ambulance raised £195.67 so a very successful event.

20. Matters for future Agenda

As usual

21. Date and Time of future meetings

Sports Field Trust Meeting - Thursday 25th August 2016 at 6.30pm
Ordinary Parish Meeting - Thursday 25th August 2016 at 7:15pm

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed…… Date……