THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.15pm

NB – The council meeting scheduled for 29 March 2018 was inquorate thus no meeting could take place. Therefore, the meeting was rescheduled to 12 April 2018.

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

In Attendance: WMDC Cllrs J Carrington and M Ward, A Draper (Locum Clerk) and three members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr P Dainty and PCSO Lee Dickinson. WMDC Cllr A Garbutt did not attend due to the current purdah period.

2. Declaration of Interests
None other than those already declared in councillors' respective register of interests.

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

A resident queried the missing horse riding signs. Cllrs Carrington and Ward confirmed that the matter had been reported to Wakefield Council but there had been some issues of poor performance with the contractor Engie.

A resident queried why the precept had been increased. Cllr Calvert replied that it was due to an increased insurance premium, potential election expenses, an extension to the playground and the potential cost of ensuring compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations.

4. Community Safety/Policing
PCSO Lee Dickinson was unable to attend but he had provided a written report confirming there had been no reported crime in the previous period.

5. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
Cllr Ward reported that potholes continue to be a problem but that all such examples should be reported to Wakefield Council for repair.

6. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2018
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the Minutes
No matters to report.

8. Chair's comments
Cllr Calvert placed on record the gratitude of the council and all those persons present to former councillor, Mr Stuart Everitt. Cllr Calvert commented on Mr Everitt's sterling service to the council and to the village over many years.

9. General Power of Competence

It was approved that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and statutory instrument 965 Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, Thorpe Audlin Parish Council hereby adopts the General Power of Competence.

10. Correspondence

West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner – newsletter – circulated.
South East Neighbourhood Police Team – newsletter - circulated.
Wakefield Council – confirmation of successful capital grant fund application – circulated.
Email from a parishioner regarding a grit bin – circulated and agreed to investigate further.
Email from 'Job Centre Near Me' regarding a possible link on the council's website - circulated and agreed to decline the request for reason of data protection.

11. Financial Report (including approval of payments)

A financial report was not available due to delays in receiving correspondence from Barclays.
The schedule of payments (as circulated) was approved and the according cheques were signed by the chair and the vice-chair.

12. WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions

18/00654/FUL
Land at Thorpe Lane, Thorpe Audlin, WF8 3HE
Partial demolition of stables and construction of one dwelling.
The application was noted.

13. Village items

A cheese and wine evening will be held on 15 June 2018 in the Ramsden Hall.

14. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The locum clerk reported that he had attended a GDPR training course that day and that he will conduct a data audit in the next few weeks. The locum clerk also reported that the council will in due course have to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

15. Casual vacancy

The locum clerk reported that Wakefield Council had confirmed that a by-election had not been called and that the council can co-opt to the casual vacancy. The locum clerk confirmed that a co-option notice had been published asking for expressions of interest.

16. Items for future agenda

Playground extension
Memory garden
Cricket club lease agreement

17. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 26 April 2018 at 6.30pm
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council - Thursday 26 April 2018 at 7.15pm

18. Exclusion of press and public

It was agreed that members of the press and the public be excluded for the consideration of business of a confidential nature, as per the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960.

19. <u>Cricket club – lease agreement</u>

A discussion was held with a representative of the cricket club regarding the lease agreement. It was agreed that a cricket club representative will attend the next meeting on 26 April 2018 to sign off the lease.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

Signed…… Date……