THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 30 September 2021 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs R Calvert (chair), S Fogg, G Moore, A Smith and L Stanley.

In Attendance: Cllr S Pollard (vice-chair, YLCA Wakefield branch), A Draper (parish clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from WMDC councillors Carrington and Garbutt.

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

3. Public Participation
The following matters were raised:

- Some road repairs are needed on Forum View. It was agreed that the clerk would report the matter to WMDC.
- There are overhanging hedges on the lower part of Darning Lane. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to WMDC.
- There will be Christmas singing on the green on 22 December 2021.

4. YLCA Wakefield branch vice-chair
The YLCA Wakefield branch vice-chair, Cllr Susan Pollard, made a presentation on the work of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

5. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
The WMDC councillors were unable to attend.

6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 26 August 2021
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the minutes
The clerk reported on WMDC's response to the request to move the weight restriction warning sign on the southern entry to Wentbridge. WMDC's (verbatim) response was as follows:

Unfortunately it is not a simple as simply moving the sign as these must be placed at the point at which the weight limit starts and ends. As this aspect is governed by the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that covers the restriction, the TRO must be changed to reflect the new position.

Although a relatively simple change, the process for doing so is exactly the same as introducing any type of traffic restriction and involves the lengthy process of consultation, legal documentation as the recording, consideration and responding to any objections.

This limits the number of TRO's we can progress as any one time which in turn requires a priority system to determine the most important.

Weight limits are only considered/altered if there is significant evidence of the need and at this time, changes to the Wentbridge limit is not felt to be a priority.

8. Chair's comments

The chair commented on the sad passing of two parishioners – Mr Stuart Everitt and Mrs Beryl Smith. Stuart did a lot of work for the community association and the parish council and Beryl was long standing resident of the village who was loved and cherished by everyone who knew her. They will both be sadly missed. The chair passed on the parish council's sympathy and condolences to the respective families.

9. Village items

a) **'Welcome to' signs**
It was agreed that this item be deferred.

b) **Speeding**
It was agreed to accept WMDC's offer for an officer to meet with the parish council after the traffic survey is completed, which is likely to be late November.

c) **Horse manure on roads**
It was confirmed that it is lawful for horse manure to be left on roads.

d) **Yorkshire air ambulance collection point**
It was agreed that Cllr Smith will contact the Fox and Hounds to enquire if they would be willing to have a collection point in their car park.

10. Correspondence

Estimate for column mounted Christmas trees for £928.80 from First Impressions. It was agreed to accept the estimate.

Information from First Impressions regarding charges from WMDC/Amey in respect of the removal of brackets from lamp-posts. It was agreed that the clerk will seek clarification from WMDC.

11. Financial report (including approval of payments)

Current account: £467
Savings account: £13,347

The schedule of payments for September was approved.

12. WMDC Planning Applications

App No. 21/02247/FUL – 1 Went View, Thorpe Audlin.
Garden fence to the north and east boundaries.
It was agreed that the parish council does not object to the application per se, but it does have concerns about the height of the fence as it causes vehicles from Went View to pull out onto Thorpe Lane to see oncoming traffic as the view is restricted. The parish council feels that the height of the fence should be reduced sufficiently to avoid the restricted view.

13. Swains Acre

The clerk confirmed that the Charity Commission had supplied further information regarding the Swains Acre but unfortunately it is not the governing document. It was agreed to take advice from YLCA.

14. Items for future agenda
Standard items plus air ambulance collection point and lamp-post bracket removal.

15. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council in the Ramsden Hall – Thursday 28 October 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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