THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 7.15pm

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

In Attendance: A Draper (parish clerk) and nine members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Calvert and WMDC Cllrs Carrington, Garbutt and Massey.

2. Declaration of interests and dispensation requests

Cllrs Fogg, Smith and Stanley each declared a pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 11 – approval of payments.

A dispensation was approved for Cllrs Fogg, Smith and Stanley in respect of agenda item 11 in order for the item to be quorate and thus transact council business.

3. Public Participation

The chair brought forward his comments to include them in this item. The chair commented as follows:

- The parish council is not on social media and as such it is not a method by which to contact the parish council and/or comment on the parish council, but there is a website and there are several ways to contact the parish council:
  - Via the website - Contact Us – Thorpe Audlin Parish Council (thorpeaudlinpc.org.uk)
  - Via email – council@thorpeaudlinpc.org.uk
  - Via letter to the Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin.
  - Via telephone to the parish clerk – 07474 328310.
  - In person by attending a parish council meeting at the Ramsden Hall on the last Thursday of each month (7.15pm).
- Parish councillors are volunteers and do not get paid.
- The parish councillors unlock/lock the gate on Bridge Lane every day of the year to ensure the security of the sports field.
- The issue of overgrown vegetation on Scholes Field Lane has been reported to WMDC who have confirmed that their Public Rights of Way team will deal with it.

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Overgrown vegetation on Scholes Field Lane:
  - As per above, this has been reported to WMDC.
- Dog fouling on the village green:
  - The clerk will contact WMDC along with a request for a physical sign.
- Overhanging trees on Darning Lane:
  - The clerk will contact WMDC.
- Land encroachment on Darning Lane:
  - The clerk will contact WMDC.
- MP attendance at a parish council meeting:
  - The clerk will contact Jon Trickett's office.

4. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
The district councillors were unable to attend but Cllr Carrington had sent a report confirming that the traffic survey (for speeding) will go ahead when the WMDC staff have been trained to use a new system.

5. Police report
PCSO Kavanagh was unable to attend.

6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 27 July 2023
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the minutes
The clerk confirmed that new cold calling signs have been placed at the respective entrances to the Thorpe Gate estate and the Hall Garth Road / Went View estate. Also, cold calling leaflets and stickers have been delivered to every household on the two estates.

The clerk also confirmed that National Highways have been asked to attend a parish council meeting regarding the roadworks on the Wentbridge viaduct. National Highways have confirmed that they will be in touch in September.

8. Chair's comments
This item was covered in item 3.

9. Village items
Police SAFE scheme and speeding
It was agreed to keep this as a standard item until such time that the council has funds to progress the scheme.

Memorial bench – Ramsden Hall
It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

Book exchange
It was confirmed that Metro / West Yorkshire Combined Authority have given permission for the book exchange to be held/stored in the bus shelter.

D-Day celebration 2024
It was agreed that the celebration will likely be held on the village green in the evening (around 9pm) with some music and that fuller details will be confirmed in due course.

10. Correspondence
None.

11. Financial report (including approval of payments)
Current account: £6,491
Savings account: £14,237 (includes grants of £4,312 and £7,200 from WMDC).

The schedule of payments for August 2023 was approved.

12. WMDC Planning Applications
None.

13. Items for future agenda

Standard items plus the memorial bench, cold calling, police attendance and the 2024 D-Day celebration.

14. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council – Thursday 28 September 2023 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed…… Date……