# THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 7.15pm

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

**In Attendance:** A Draper (parish clerk), five members of the public and two officers from National Highways.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from PSCO Kavanagh and WMDC Cllrs Carrington, Garbutt and Massey.

**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 by members of the public:

- Overhanging trees on Darning Lane:
  - The clerk confirmed that this had already been reported to WMDC so he will chase them up.
- Land encroachment on Darning Lane:
  - The clerk confirmed that this had already been reported to WMDC so he will chase them up.

**4. Report from Wakefield District Councillors**
The district councillors were unable to attend but Cllr Carrington had sent a report confirming that she is pursuing the traffic survey (for speeding) and a permanent dog fouling sign for the village green.

**5. Police report**
PCSO Kavanagh was unable to attend but had provided the crime statistics for the period 28/7/23 – 26/9/23:

Theft (other – shoplifting, make offs etc) - 1
Road related (other – bad driving/parking, ANPR etc) – 6
Anti-social behaviour / nuisance – 1
Suspicious circumstances – 1
Concern for safety – 3
Animal related – 3
Violence/harassment/domestic/drugs/sexual - 2

**6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 31 August 2023**
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

**7. Matters to report from the minutes**
The clerk confirmed that Jon Trickett MP's office have confirmed that he will attend a parish council meeting as soon as possible.
The clerk confirmed that National Highways had agreed to attend a parish council meeting regarding the A1 Wentbridge viaduct (on tonight's agenda).

**8. Chair's comments**
None.

**9. Village items**
**Wentbridge viaduct repair work**
Two officers from National Highways attended the meeting and provided the following update on the repair work:

- The southbound side is currently closed, hence the contraflow onto the northbound side.
- The work on the southbound side is due for completion in December.
- When the southbound work is completed in December, the northbound side will be closed for its repair work and the contraflow will be moved accordingly onto the southbound side.
- The northbound work will be completed in March.
- When the northbound work is completed in March, one lane on each side will be open so that work on the central reservation can be done.
- The central reservation work will be completed by the end of June.
- The viaduct will fully re-open in July (2024).
- The repairs on the viaduct will last for 50 years.

At the parish council's request, National Highways will liaise with WMDC for a possible mobile speed camera in the village as well as artificial lighting at the Fox and Hounds junction.

National Highways undertook to remind hauliers of the restrictions and to provide another general update in a few months' time.

The officers were thanked for their attendance.

**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.

**Police attendance**
It was agreed to continue to routinely invite the police to parish council meetings and to keep the matter under review.

**Memorial bench – Ramsden Hall**
It was agreed to procure the "Cranbrook" design bench from Memorial Benches UK.

**Cold calling**
It was confirmed that the cold calling leaflets have been delivered and that the advice from Trading Standards is on the parish council's website and the village Facebook page.

**D-Day commemoration 2024**
It was agreed that a commemoration will be held but with the details to be confirmed in due course and thus the matter to remain on the agenda.

**Planters**
It was agreed that the planters will remain in place throughout the autumn/winter and that the parish council will plant winter flowers/plants.

**10. Correspondence**
None.

**11. Financial report (including approval of payments)**
Current account: £4,388
Savings account: £14,273 (includes grants of £4,312 and £7,200 from WMDC).

The schedule of payments for September 2023 was approved.

**12. WMDC Planning Applications**
App No. 23/0 Thorpe1558/FUL – Land off Causeway Garth Lane, Thorpe Audlin.
Demolition of existing building and the erection of a new dwelling.
Application noted.

**13. Items for future agenda**
Standard items plus the 2024 D-Day commemoration.

**14. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting**
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council – Thursday 26 October 2023 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.



**Signed…… Date……**