THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 7.15pm

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

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr L Stanley and WMDC Cllrs Carrington, Garbutt and Massey.

2. Declaration of interests and dispensation requests
Cllr S Fogg declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – "Village items – Allotment terms and conditions'.

3. Public Participation
No matters were raised by members of the public.

4. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
The WMDC councillors were unable to attend. It was agreed to ask them if they can attend a meeting in the next few months.

5. Police report
PCSO Kavanagh was unable to attend.

6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 25 January 2024
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the minutes
The clerk reported that having contacted WMDC regarding Scholes Field Lane, WMDC have confirmed that the lane is a footpath (not a bridleway) and as such, horses should not be ridden on the lane.

8. Chair's comments
None.

9. Village items
Police SAFE scheme and speeding
WMDC Cllr J Carrington is pursuing the speed survey. It was agreed to ask for a copy of the speed survey report.

It was agreed to keep this as a standard item until such time that the council has funds to progress the scheme.

D-Day commemoration 2024
It was confirmed that:

- A flagpole has been arranged.
- A fish and chips van might attend.
- A trumpet player has been arranged.
- Cllr S Fogg will continue to make the arrangements for the commemoration.

Christmas lights
It was agreed:

- Not to have Christmas trees/lights on the street-lamp columns this year due to WMDC's decision to pass on the lamp column testing charges (approximately £2,000) to parish councils.
- That an alternative Christmas tree / decorations be pursued and that Cllr G Moore will obtain a quote for a tree.

Haning baskets / planters
It was agreed:

- Not to have hanging baskets on the street-lamp columns this year due to WMDC's decision to pass on the lamp column testing charges (approximately £2,000) to parish councils.
- That planters will be used instead.

Allotments
Due to her pecuniary interest Cllr S Fogg took no part in the decision on this matter.

It was agreed:

- To update the terms and conditions of the allotment agreement regarding structures for 2025-26.
- That all structures can only be greenhouses (Perspex/plastic - no glass) or transparent structures (i.e. no sheds).
- The maximum size of any structure is 200 cubic metres and no more than four metres high.
- That all structures are not permanent.
- Upon vacating the plot, the structure must be removed.
- Prior written agreement from the parish council is still required for all structures.
- That 12 months' notice of the updated terms and conditions be issued to all allotment holders.

10. Correspondence
A request had been received from Thorpe Audlin Community Association to use the sports field for this year's summer fair on 30 June 2024. It was agreed to approve the request.

11. Financial report (including approval of payments)
Current account: £322
Savings account: £13,123 (includes grants of £4,312 and £7,200 from WMDC).

The schedule of payments for February 2024 was approved.

It was agreed to grant funds of £1,200 to Thorpe Audlin Sports Field Trust to cover its expenditure.

12. WMDC Planning Applications
App No. 12/02430/NMC – Manor Barn, Watchit Hole Lane, Thorpe Audlin.
Non material change to approved application 12/02430/FUL to alter windows to create full height glazing serving the kitchen of building 3.
Application noted.

13. Items for future agenda
Standard items plus the 2024 D-Day commemoration and the laurel bush on Darning Lane.

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

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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