THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 31 October 2024 at 7.15pm

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

In Attendance: Alan Draper (clerk) and three members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr G Moore and WMDC Cllrs Carrington, Garbutt and Roberts.

2. Declaration of interests and dispensation requests
Cllr A Smith declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 - "Correspondence."

3. Public Participation
No issues were raised.

4. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
Cllr M Roberts had already provided written reports on the following:

- Dog poo bin – WMDC had declined to provide one as there is already a post mounted litter bin in place.
- Grass cutting in the village – WMDC had confirmed that the grass cutting takes place up to ten times per year and the bedding and hedges are maintained annually.
- Ongoing roadworks on the A1 – WMDC advised that National Highways are responsible.

5. Police report
PCSO Kavanagh was unable to attend.

6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3 October 2024
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

7. Matters to report from the minutes
None other than those which are on today's agenda.

8. Chair's comments
None.

9. Village items
Police SAFE scheme and speeding
It was confirmed that the police had been in the village with a speed camera recently.

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

Christmas tree
It was agreed that Cllr G Moore will procure a 2 metre rooted tree to be located adjacent to the allotments.

10. Correspondence
Cllr A Smith left the meeting at this juncture due to his pecuniary interest.

Email from two residents requesting a memorial plaque (at their expense) be placed on the bench further up on Darning Lane (overlooking the field). The plaque would be in memory of their parents who were valued members of the village.

It was agreed to approve the request with the following conditions:

1) It is just one (single) plaque.
2) It should be the same size (or thereabouts) as the existing plaque on the bench.
3) In future, other plaques for other persons may be allowed by the parish council.

At this point, Cllr A Smith returned to the meeting.

11. Financial report (including approval of payments)
Current account: £479
Savings account: £6,917

The schedule of payments for October 2024 was approved.

It was agreed to grant £58.76 to the sports field trust to cover its expenditure.

12. WMDC Planning Applications
App No. 24/01627/FUL – Land to rear of 4 Wentbridge Lane, Thorpe Audlin.
Replacement of existing outbuilding with residential dwelling.
Application noted.

13. Items for future agenda
Standard items plus a dog poo bin.

15. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council – Thursday 28 November 2024 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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