THORPE AUDLIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Ramsden Hall, Darning Lane, Thorpe Audlin on Thursday 27 March 2025 at 7.15pm

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

In Attendance: WMDC Cllr M Roberts, Alan Draper (clerk) and eight members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from WMDC Cllrs 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
Concerns were raised by several residents regarding the possible loss of the Ramsden Hall as a community hub due to the increased rent charged by Badsworth St. Mary's PCC (on the advice of their property surveyor). The chair confirmed that the matter is on tonight's agenda.

Cllr L Stanley left the meeting at this juncture.

Concerns were raised regarding mud on local roads from the tractors of local famers. It was confirmed that the parish council had written to the farmer concerned but with no response. WMDC Cllr Roberts confirmed that an enforcement notice has been issued by WMDC.

Concerns were raised regarding dog fouling on the village green. The clerk confirmed that he will request warning signs from WMDC.

The matter of the lack of a cemetery for Thorpe Audlin was raised. The chair confirmed that the matter is on tonight's agenda.

4. Report from Wakefield District Councillors
WMDC Cllr Roberts reported the following matters:

- He has informed Jon Trickett MP of the current issue with the Ramsden Hall and that Thorpe Audlin Community Association can contact the WMDC ward councillors directly.
- He has circulated the WMDC funding alerts so that Thorpe Audlin Community Association can potentially apply.
- The lamp-post testing charges. It was confirmed that due to these the parish council has not had hanging baskets and small Christmas trees for the past few years.

5. Police report
PCSO Kavanagh was unable to attend.

It was confirmed that there had been a recent incident on Chariot Way whereby a man had tried to enter a property. The clerk confirmed that the details are on the parish council's website.

6. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 27 February 2025
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
The chair thanked Cllr Smith and his sister for their recent cleaning in the pavilion.

9. Village items
Police SAFE scheme and speeding
It was agreed that this will be kept under review due to budget constraints.

Ramsden Hall
It was agreed that the parish council will continue to support Thorpe Audlin Community Association in any way possible regarding the current impasse with the increased rent and lease negotiations.

Cemetery provision
It was agreed that the information regarding the cemetery at South Kirkby will be placed on the parish council's website and forwarded to the village Facebook page.

Dog foul bins
It was agreed to purchase one dog bin.

10. Correspondence
None.

11. Financial report (including approval of payments)
Current account: £640
Savings account: £4,065

The schedule of payments for March was approved.

It was agreed to grant £592 to the sports field trust to cover its expenditure.

12. WMDC Planning Applications
App No. 25/00449/FUL – 12 Chariot Way, Thorpe Audlin.
Proposed single storey extension to side and rear.
Application noted.

13. Items for future agenda
Standard items plus the Ramsden Hall and planters.

14. Confirmation of time and date of next meeting
Ordinary meeting of Thorpe Audlin Parish Council – Thursday 24 April 2025 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed…… Date……