

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton Le Moors Parish Council
held on January 12th, 2017 in the Village Church

Meeting started at 7.50pm

Present Steve Easton (Chairman), Claire Wright (Vice Chairman), Angela Kelbrick, Clare Jakeman and Lizzie Wiffen.

Apologies received from Claire Wright

There were no Declarations of Interest by Councillors.

1. **Minutes of Last meeting..** Approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising....** Claire Wright was looking into setting up new signatories for account, but as she cannot make it will be carried over to next meeting.
3. **Ward Councillor Steve Smith** Has offered from his Member's Budget Funds to cover cost of:
 - A] Bus Shelter £2540
 - B] Bench for Village
 - C] Contribution to Park Funds £300.

Claire Jakeman proposed, Steve Easton seconded that the PC should ask for the Bus Shelter As people on A5117 waiting for bus to Elton/Helsby suffer greatly from Rain and Wind..unanimously agreed.

4. **Speed limit** on A5117 should be requested as the new crossing is of great benefit but cars do speed along road and people using crossing have expressed concern.
Lizzie Wiffen proposed hat a letter should be written to show PC concerns.

5 **Chairman's Statement.**

A] Santander Bank. Clerk explained problems with Bank Account with RBS and difficulty in setting up new account. Santander appeared best bet. Were approached and account set up but problems straight away.

Steve Easton contacted Bank they assured him all was sorted....two years later they started firing out threatening letters! Now all sorted..

B] Thornton Science Park..

Steve Easton is PC representative. Reports the expansion plans to include physical expansion, more students, apprenticeships, managerial jobs, etc. Possible new station Gym, Restaurant (all to be open to local residents).

- 6 **Church Rooms Refurbishment.** Hoped that work will restart before end of this month.

- 7 **Church rooms....**Now getting very urgent that villagers be approached with view to forming Management Committee. Only one member of PC to serve on this committee.

8 Parish Precept... Clerk recommended that precept is set at £1700.. This will be more than enough to cover all foreseen expenses for the coming year 2017-2018).

At the end of this time the effect of the refurbished parish rooms and its income and expenses will be able to be fully assessed.. and further adjustments may be made.. proposed by Steve Wilson and unanimously agreed.

9 Park Plans

Lizzie Wiffen presented her awaited report.. She has plans for the Park, and proposes to raise money to cover the costs involved..grant from CWAC Rural Fund to pay for initial equipment for volunteers to do the initial work. She also proposes to apply from grants from other organisations. The first of these will be from Igas, not the most popular choice because of their fracking connections. By vote of 3-2 it was decided to approach Igas..

(Councillors who voted against were Clare Jakeman and Angella Kelbrick)

This should be worth another £7000.. In total a starting fund of £8700

To ensure best practice for the Park....in spending, planning and work undertaken for the Park....Steve Easton proposed that a working party (to consist of all Parish Councillors and only Pariish Councillors) be established. Clare Jakeman seconded this. It was agreed unanimously agreed.

10 Concern (to say least) at removal of old benches.

Clarification needed on this.

Meeting closed 9.25pm