

# **Thornton-Le-Moors Parish Council**

**Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 7.30pm St Mary's Church**

**Present:** Cllr Wright (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Easton, Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Jakeman.

**In attendance:** none

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None were received.

## **3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.**

There being no clerk in post, no agenda was available, and the Minutes were not reviewed.

## **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one in attendance.

## **5. CLERK**

The new clerk has resigned.

**Resolved: Cllr Jakeman** to review other applications received for any applicants with previous clerk experience. **Cllr Wright** will approach Pauline, clerk at Ince, to see if she is willing to clerk for TLM also. **Cllr Wright** will contact Pippa to return

## **6. BANK ACCOUNT**

The finance information is being held by Cllr Easton until the appointment of a new clerk. Bank statements are being sent to Pippa, the former clerk, and Cllr Easton will inform bank of a new addressee when a new clerk is in post.

## **7. VILLAGE HALL**

The builder is still awaiting British Gas' agent to connect the gas (across the road). There has been no progress since last meeting. The quote given by British Gas was around £4,000. Chris from Essar is trying to negotiate a lower price. Plumbing to be completed when gas is connected – the remaining week to completion will take about 2 weeks, once started. £5,000 remains in the budget and Essar has offered to contribute £5,000, which is to cover the cost of flooring, and other costs. Cllr Wilson pointed out that the Terms of Service for British Gas should indicate the timescales customers can expect for a new connection.

Cllr Easton has applied for a grant from Awards for All for the hall kitchen. The application has been turned down. There was a discussion about applying to Protos for funding for the kitchen.

Cllr Wright worked with the Cheshire West volunteers on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to put on the first two coats of paint inside the hall. The work needs completing when the plumbing is completed.

The forming of the community association has not progressed, as the building is not yet complete.

Cllr Easton had previously obtained estimates for village hall furniture (2017 prices)

- a. Folding chairs £109.89 for 10
- b. Chair trolley £131.99
- c. 5m strap £35.18
- d. Folding table £395.96 (this is for 4)
- e. Small table trolley £239.98

**Resolved: Cllr Easton to purchase furniture from this agreed list for village hall, using precept from 2017-18.**

## **8. FINANCE REPORT**

Cllr Easton presented a finance report showing income and expenditure for 2017, and grant funding held in specific funds. See attached report.

There was a discussion about the precept for 2018-19.

**Resolved: Cllr Wright will speak with chair of Ince to discuss how the precept is set there.**

## **9. PARK**

Cllr Wilson reported that Scottish Power have not yet moved the powerline that runs across the park. Cllr Wiffen reminded the council that the village has been without play equipment now for two summers, and asked that the council look to using the £15,000 offered by Essar to install some equipment this spring. There was a discussion about the footprint required, and the powerline work that is to be completed. Cllr Wilson reminded that the final design for the playground will be brought to the council for approval.

**Resolved: All councillors to look at sycamore near bus stop to consider whether it is blocking view of church and whether it creates too much shade in play area. Decision next meeting about removing tree. Cllr Bahmra and Cllr Wilson to apply to Protos for further funding for play equipment. Cllr Wiffen to assist.**

## **10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concern about the safety of Sam Worrall parking his quarry truck by the bus stop.

Request for information on Traveller Site on A5117 – no one present knew outcome of Appeal.

Fly-tipping continues by the church and down Soldiers Lane.

Cllr Wiffen offered to contact Cllr Smith about these issues.

## **12. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at St Mary's Church 7.30pm.