

Thornton-Le-Moors Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

16th May 2018 7.30pm at Holly Bank

Present:

Cllr Wright, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Easton, Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Jakeman, Cllr Bhamra

In attendance: Martin from Cheshire Wildlife Trust

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin from Cheshire Wildlife Trust presented CWT's outline proposal for increasing visitor numbers to the Gowy Meadows. This involves planting an orchard behind the Rectory Fields, improving access to the meadows, creating off-road parking, and working with the parish council to use the village park for education groups.

All councillors were broadly supportive, and suggested a public meeting to gauge opinions of the proposal amongst residents.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None were received.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Wright made a verbal report about progress with hall and the park through the year.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Steve Wilson proposed as Chair by Cllr Wiffen, seconded by Claire Jakeman, agreed by all.

Lizzie Wiffen proposed as Vice-Chair by Claire Jakeman, seconded by Claire Wright, agreed by all.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

There being no clerk in post, the Minutes were not available.

7. FINANCE REPORT

Attached. Accounts need to be audited. Cllr Jakeman to speak to Chair at Ince re auditor. External audit to be completed by end of July. A direct debit has been set up with British Gas for village hall. Insurance due for renewal.

RESOLVED: Standing Orders to be altered: no further separate finance committee meetings to be held.

All parish councillors to become bank signatories.

ACTIONS: Cllrs Jakeman and Wiffen to contact neighbouring councils re their insurers, and CHALC re expected costs of insurance.

Cllr Easton to locate last year's insurance certificate from previous clerk's records.

8. VILLAGE HALL

WREN have written to say the final inspection for the building is 2nd August.

RESOLVED: Cllr Easton will request the builders to complete as soon as possible and not wait for gas connection.

9. PARK

Park working group has selected a supplier from the three quotes received. Cllrs Wilson and Wiffen have met with the Kompan representative to discuss how to reduce surfacing costs and adapt standard equipment for our needs, and the equipment has been ordered. 5 weeks from order to delivery, then 2 weeks to install – the park playarea should be ready by mid-July.

10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A serious road accident occurred in the lane up to Thornton Manor nursing home, either this morning or yesterday afternoon (timing not confirmed), in which a pedestrian was alleged to suffer multiple injuries and be left at the roadside. It is alleged to have been caused by a van travelling at speed. There was a discussion of road safety in the village, with regard to Amazon delivery vehicles using the church layby, and the Integrity Haulage truck still parking in Thornton Green Lane.

12. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Elton Partnership meeting 29th May.