

Thornton-Le-Moors Parish Council

Minutes 28th March 2018 7.30pm St Mary's Church

Present: Cllr Wilson (Vice-chair), Cllr Easton, Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Jakeman.

In attendance: none

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wright

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None were received.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

There being no clerk in post, Cllr Wiffen agreed to take the Minutes. Minutes were reviewed for accuracy. Matters arising:

- Haulage truck parked on Thornton Green Lane: all agreed that Cllr Wiffen should contact Integrity Haulage on behalf of the council to request the driver parks safely elsewhere.
- Travellers sites: neighbouring villages are watching with interest to see outcome of Secretary of State review.
- Village hall furniture not purchased yet as no where suitable to store it yet.

4. FINANCE

Bank balance is £10,698.18, including park and ICT grants.

Precept: Cllr Easton reported that the advice from CWAC is to make no increase to the precept as last year's precept is not fully spent. All agreed.

5. CLERK

Cllr Jakeman has tried to contact a previous applicant to see if she is still interested in the position. She will arrange for councillors to meet her, if possible, before the next meeting.

6. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Easton informed the council that the £5,000 offered by Essar towards the hall is going to be used for the gas connection work, so building work can be continued. He made the decision ahead of the meeting, in the best interest of the council – council to ratify.

Resolved: All agreed Essar £5,00 to be used to pay for connecting village hall to gas mains.

7. PARK

Cllr Wiffen completed the Protos grant application form and submitted it for the March Community Fund committee and Cllr Jakeman attended to make a presentation to the committee. The result is that £3,800 has been awarded to Thornton le Moors parish council, payable against an invoice for playground equipment. (The money will not be paid to the parish council bank account.) With the £15,000 promised verbally by Essar, this brings the funding total to £18,800.

Cllr Wilson presented designs and quotations given last summer following contact with 3 playground suppliers. Each was for wooden equipment for the entire park. Cllr Wiffen presented an additional quotation from Kompan who make steel framed equipment, and have submitted a quote for £15,000 of equipment which could fit in the area not affected by the overhead cable being laid underground. There was a discussion about whether wood or steel equipment would be better, and whether spending all the funding gained might jeopardise bids for further funding for the park. Agreed by all that Working Group meeting needed in next 2 weeks, and decision will need to be ratified at the next council meeting, and it was agreed that the decision would be valid even if not every councillor was able to attend. Cllr Wiffen will circulate possible dates by email and arrange the date suitable to most members.

Resolved: All councillors to be invited to Park Working Group in week beginning 9th April. Decision about equipment to be purchased to be made at this meeting, as time is short – decision to be brought to next parish council meeting (AGM)

8. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at St Mary's Church 7.30pm.