



**THORNTON-LE-MOORS**  
PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council**

on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Wilding, Cllr Siddley, Cllr Littler

**In Attendance:** 15+ residents, Ward Cllr Heatley, Elton Speed Watch Co-ordinator

**MINUTES**

<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
7:30pm	<p>Matters raised by members of the public.</p> <p><b>Ward Cllr Graham Heatley advised PC to suspend standing orders to let the members of the public raise their issues.</b></p> <p><b>A large number of residents raised concern regarding the cutting of the cherry tree in the park during the volunteers' park tidy-up and failure to follow the correct procedure for pruning the tree.</b></p> <p><b>The Clerk stated that this action had not been sanctioned by the parish council and advice had been sought from both CHALC and the Senior tree officer for CWAC (Advice was read out to the public).</b></p> <p><b>Concerns raised about the damage to the cherry tree itself leaving it open to disease. A resident requested that a qualified arborist be used to treat it to reduce the risk of disease to the tree.</b></p> <p><b>The Parish council assured the public that advice from CWAC Senior Tree Officer would be followed.</b></p> <p><b>The PC was asked who would pay for this work to be done. CHALC advised to speak to insurance.</b></p> <p><b>Concerns raised concerning ivy, holly bushes and shrubs removal. One resident commented that he had offered his assistance in the comments section of the park questionnaire but had no response. Request that the PC invite CWAC council arborist to survey the park. Cllr Wiffen apologised and stated it was done with the best of intentions.</b></p> <p><b>The Clerk asked the Ward councillor for advice. It was stated that the Chair could be given a vote of no confidence and if all agreed the chairperson can then be asked to stand down before the next AGM.</b></p>
<b>Part 1</b>	
617	<p><u>Apologies</u> <b>PCSO Neil Flannagan</b></p>
618	<p><u>Declaration of Interest</u> <b>None received</b></p>
619	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Agreed and confirmed as a true record.</b></p>
620	<p><u>Response to residents' issues from last meeting.</u> <b>Speeding through village - PCSO Neil Flannagan and Speed Watch Co-ordinator Margaret Lockhart conducted a speed check on Thornton Green Lane on 10<sup>th</sup></b></p>

	<p><b>February. All motorists were found to be travelling within the 30mph speed limit during this time.</b></p> <p><b>Potholes throughout village – report on CWAC website</b></p> <p><b>Publishing of minutes – Minutes have been uploaded to TLMPC website.</b></p>
621	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><b>AGAR will soon be due. Accounts for year-end will follow.</b></p>
622	<p><u>Grants</u></p> <p><b>None presently</b></p>
623	<p><u>Planning Issues</u></p> <p><b>None received</b></p>
624	<p><u>Village Hall</u></p> <p><b>Possible cancelation of future VH events as Cllr Wilding has now resigned.</b></p>
625	<p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p><b>Poole Lane - Potholes repaired at the bottom of Yew Tree Close and the surround on the grid has also been repaired.</b></p> <p><b>Park Road – Sanctuary cleared gully, altered grid so the water will flow straight into it.</b></p>
626	<p><u>Park: To Do List</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play equipment – further meeting required.</li> <li>• Trees - LW contacted ESSAR they do not have their own tree surgeon so they cannot assist us. CWAC council Senior Tree Officer advised the PC to have the cuts on the tree tidied up by a reputable, qualified arborist in order to reduce the risk of disease to the tree. LW to arrange an appointment. LW contacted 3 arborists who will send quotes after they have been to view site. LW to contact PC insurance regarding payment.</li> </ul>
627	<p><u>ESSAR</u></p> <p>Pedestrian crossing across A5117.</p> <p><b>LW has again emailed ESSAR to see if this could be included in the development plan.</b></p>
628	<p><u>Residents' complaints/requests</u></p> <p><b>None received</b></p>
629	<p><u>Member's Reports</u></p> <p><b>Cllr Wilding handed her resignation letter to the Clerk.</b></p> <p><b>See Part 2</b></p>
630	<p><u>Agenda requests for next meeting</u></p> <p><b>None received</b></p>
631	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</u></b></p>
<b>Part 2</b>	
<p><b>Cllr Wilding has resigned from the Parish Council but has agreed to continue to volunteer her time to help with the running of TLM Village Hall and co-ordinate community events.</b></p> <p><b>Following the meeting, Cllr Wiffen decided to stand down as Chairperson but will remain as a councillor and Cllr Siddley agreed to take on the role of Chair until the AGM.</b></p>	