

Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

Present: Cllrs. Davies (Chair), Hamblett, Moffatt and Rees

In Attendance: Cllr Gardner (Stockton Council); C. Chapman, Clerk; 2 Residents

1. Public Forum:

A resident asked for an update on the proposed traffic survey. The clerk advised Stockton Council had advised the natural 'calming' features of the road layout would lead to surveys not being conclusive. Further options are being assessed and will be reported upon.

An update was provided to residents on sourcing a defibrillator. Several organisations/funders have been approached. A solar defibrillator would cost £3595+VAT, of which funding of £400 has already been identified. An article has been included in Newsletter to ask for ideas for funding and a position statement will be provided at next Parish Council.

Cllr Gardner advised he had approved the traffic calming at both ends of the village and these would proceed. Cllr Gardner advised he had asked legal and environmental services to ensure the movement of soil at Carlton was appropriate and in order.

2. Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Gardner advised there were no further updates and continues to chase progress on behalf of residents.

3. **Apologies:** Cllrs Gillson and McGee had submitted their apologies which were accepted. Cllr Gardner submitted Cllr Sewell's apologies as many Parish Councils were held on same date and they were splitting duties to attend as many as possible.

4. Declarations of Interest: None

5. **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on **Tuesday 12th December** were proposed by Cllr Hamblett and seconded by Cllr Rees. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. Matters Arising: (i) 2024/25 Budget

The clerk advised he had approached other local Parish Councils to ascertain their precept increases. Most are still going through process but were considering similar increases.

It was **resolved** to apply a 4% increase to meet rising costs from suppliers. This would be £1 per annum for a Band D Council Taxpayer.

(ii) Defibrillator – Grindon

An update was provided under the public forum.

(iii) Choir – Charitable Donation

It was **resolved** to provide a donation of £250 of the proceeds from the choir event to a charity of the choir's choosing. The clerk to progress.

7. Maintenance Committee Report: No issues to report.

8. **Personnel Committee Report:** No issues to report.
9. **Social Activities Committee report:** No issues to report. The Committee meets next week.
10. **Financial Reports** – the Clerk presented the statement of Financial Transactions and the Actual against Budget Report and advised all transactions were as expected, with most being related to recent events. The clerk advised intent to review the bank contract and provide an update at next meeting. Transactions in the period are noted below.

Financial Transactions 6 December to 31 December 2023

Receipts:

	£
Halloween Party income	62.50
Christmas Fayre proceeds (net of Echo Dot prize)	442.03
Choir Proceeds	541.00
TOTAL	1,045.53

Payments:

Halloween party – food – reimburse K Wnek	38.23
Mince pies for Xmas Fayre and Choir – N Settle	30.17
Wine and Mince Pies for Choir – J Gillson	143.75
ICO Annual Fee	35.00
Norton Dark Web Monitor	11.99
Food for Choir and Santa Events – N Settle	45.78
Clerk Salary – Nov & Dec and backdated national pay award	574.40
PAYE - HMRC	143.60
TOTAL	1,022.92

11. **Training Opportunities:** No new opportunities identified.
12. **Planning:**
Planning Appeal 23/1003/FUL. Stable Block, South West of North Meadow, Calf Fallow Lane. It was noted Parish Council comments on the planning would be considered as part of the appeal.
13. **Items of Concern to Councillors:**
The issues log was reviewed. It was agreed for Clerk to seek an update on Vane Arms planning.
14. **Newsletter**
The draft was approved. It was agreed to see if it could be distributed with the Parish News; to place some in the Church. And to put on Facebook site. The newsletter is already put in the noticeboards, the Hall and on the Parish Council website. We will also to email a copy to residents where requested and also post some as needed.
15. **Date of Next Meeting:** 6.30pm Tuesday 13th February 2024 at Grindon Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Minutes Authorised By:

Minutes Seconded By:

Date: