

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held in Parsonage Farm Conference Centre on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Roger Scutt (Chairman)
Roger Clarke
Tim Young
Adam Jastrzebski
Frances Wilson
Jill Moore (Clerk)

Apologies: Sian Lewis, Alan Murphy, Cllr Prescott

1. **Minutes** of the council meeting on Monday 27th July 2015 were taken as read.

2. **Matters arising**

- a. Mr Scamps Hedges still need cutting – Roger Clarke to contact Mr Scamp. **Action: Roger Clarke**
- b. Repairs Electricity box – Roger Clarke has completed. No Action.
- c. Repairs to container no. 2 – Adam Jastrzebski has ordered materials, delivery is awaited. No action.
- d. Affordable housing - update from Roger Scutt that is progress but it is slow. No action.
- e. Roads update - Roger Clarke has asked Gary Gibbs at KCC to fill in more pot holes, near the caravan site and Throwley Road south of the forstal. G Gibbs has marked 2 areas for filling. Roger also asked if they could consider re-surfacing Loosedown Road. No action. Fly-tipping - Roger also reported seeing rubbish dumped down Loosedown Road, including roofing felt. This can be reported by phoning Swale BC and asking for customer services. In this instance, Frances Wilson will make the phone call. Councillors encourage all parishioners to report rubbish dumping. When calling Swale BC customer services, it is best to not mention who has dumped the rubbish because they will prosecute and then won't clear it immediately. **Action: Frances Wilson**
- f. Internet Reception - update from Adam Jastrzebski. He has been in touch with Sean Docherty from VFast. Sean quoted £900 for installing booster on the church and has been put in contact with Alison Young to get a survey of the church. Adam has suggested that if BT don't provide satisfaction in terms of internet speed then VFast be approached again. Adam contacted George Chandler who has not responded to date. The BT website doesn't have details of the next phase as yet. **Action - Adam to update next meeting.**
- g. Road Safety concerns - Frances Wilson has investigated the Quiet Lanes scheme run by CPRE, it promotes safety for all road users by, for example, putting up small 20 mph speed limit signs. TPC can ask the local council to designate certain lanes as quiet lanes, although the council is not obliged to comply. A pilot scheme was run near Tonbridge near an AONB. Frances Wilson plans to contact CPRE and the people involved in the Tonbridge pilot scheme. Adam suggested that if the speed limit is set too low, drivers will ignore it. It was also suggested that TPC put up signs reading 'Throwley Welcomes Careful Driver'. Frances is to source signs. **Action:- Frances Wilson to contact CPRE, Tonbridge pilot scheme, and source signs. Clerk to contact local land owners/farmers to ask them to ask their drivers to be more careful.**

3. **Finance**

- a. Update from clerk. The accounts have been returned. Roger Clarke is to put up the notice on the village notice board. **Action: Roger Clarke**
- b. A cheque was signed to reimburse Roger Clarke for electricity.
- c. No invoices have been received for grass cutting as yet. Tim Young reported that parishioners are unhappy with the quality and/or timing of grass mowing on the forstal. Other quotes are to be sought from Chris Taylor and Ian Holt. **Action: Tim Young to contact Chris Taylor. Frances Wilson to contact Ian Holt.**

- d. The Parish Precept for next year is to be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to re-present budget. **Action: clerk.**

4. Planning applications

- a. There are no objections to any current planning applications. Concerns were raised about follow-up after building works are completed and subsequent enforcement. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Swale BC to find out what the post-completion policy is. Also to follow-up Cllr Prescott regarding his enquiries into points raised at meeting of 27th July. **Action: clerk to contact Cllr Prescott and Swale BC.**
- b. Mr Scamp has appealed to extend the time period for parking a caravan. The deadline for objection has passed. **No action**

5. Co-ordinators for village e-notices.

Sarah and Paddy Reeves have volunteered to act as webmaster and electronic email postmaster. **Action: Adam to send their personal email address to clerk. Clerk to contact.**

6. Sink Hole in field behind Workhouse Cottages.

A letter is to be sent to the owner of the land, Mr MConaghy, to bring his attention to the potential dangers. **Action: clerk**

7. Registration of Interest Forms

All Councillors must complete registration of interest forms after election. They must be returned to Swale BC. **Clerk: to send email again. Councillors: complete and return forms to clerk or Swale BC.**

The time and date of the next meeting is Monday 30th November at 7.30 pm in Parsonage Farm Conference Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed _____ Date _____