

EAST STOKE WITH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 8, 2017 at the WI Hall, East Stoke, at 7.15pm

Chairman: Coun. Gordon Pickering
Couns. Mary Cherry-Downes Caroline Bilton
 Michael Lyon Val Pope

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Ivor Walker, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Coun. Mrs Sue Saddington Notts County Council and 3 residents.

- 1] ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Coun. Gordon Pickering was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously as chairman for 2017-8, and signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
- 2] APOLOGIES There were none
- 3] MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCIL MEMBERS There were none
- 5] ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Coun. Val Pope was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously as the vice chairman for 2017-8.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT
 WI hall street light reported again after a second problem and it is working again now. There are still two vacancies on the council and no-one had come forward for them. The clerk said the council can operate on five members if it wishes, there is nothing to say it has to have a full membership but of course it is best they do.
- 7] CCTV SCHEME
 The telephone system has been removed and the council will not now be receiving further accounts.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
 Battlefields Trust re annual Conference June 16 to 18. The Flower beds had been replanted by the organisation. It was agreed an approach be made to the Trust in regard to them providing information for an Interpretation board to be erected adjacent to a proposed new public seat opposite one on the Old A46 road and near to the bus shelter.
 Miles King, Midlands Rural Housing Trust survey. Newark and Sherwood District Council are aware of the survey but it is not connected to them. Results would be conveyed to them. The parish council did not approve of the survey.
 Notts County Council North Highways logged concerns on the poor condition of Main Street, Thorpe following PC report and that of Coun. Mrs Sue Saddington. It was reported the pot holes had now been filled in.
 The clerk gave details of a new Newark and Sherwood Homes Community Fund and said he would display posters advertising this.
- 9] PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
 There are no planning applications to report.

Newark and Sherwood District Council planning decisions

16/01772/ful. Hall Farm, School Lane, East Stoke. Conversion of existing redundant agricultural buildings and new build to form five dwellings. Approve.

Members expressed concerns on speeding traffic on the old A46 road through the parish and the clerk was to write to the police to seek attempts by them to reduce the dangers that exist. A request would be made for speed checks to be made.

Discussion took place in the forthcoming half-marathon and marathon event being organised from Newark and which will again involve use of the road through Thorpe. It will take place on August 13. A request was to be made to the organisers not to paint arrows on the single track road in the village as it was felt they were not required.

10] FINANCE

a] PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list.

b] TO AUTHORISE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AUDIT AND ACCOUNT REGULATIONS 2015) The council unanimously approved the signing of the annual Governance Statement.

c]- TO AUTHORISE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR 2016-7. The council unanimously approved the signing of the annual Accounts after presentation of them by the clerk who said they had been signed off by the Internal Auditor.

d] It was unanimously agreed that Mr David Dixon be appointed Internal Auditor for the coming 12 month period..

12] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017 (THE COUNCIL HAVE A POLICY OF HOLDING FOUR MEETINGS A YEAR, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-25pm.