

# Draft Minutes - Thornton Steward Parish Meeting – Thursday 17th November 2016

## *Matters arising from the meeting 03.11.16*

### **Goose Park**

Chair confirmed she had sent PM observations to the planning department.

Chair had received an email from Richard Ormston who had spoken to the planning officer since the last meeting - confirming that Goose Park would become 'freehold' if the planning application regarding the Certificate of Lawfulness was granted. He also stated that he had been told that this would not pave the way for infill development between the southern boundary of the conservation area and Goose Park.

### **Tree Management**

The sub-committee presented proposals for tree management in relation to the information from the tree inspection. The meeting discussed each of the trees on the draft schedule of works and agreed actions, which were noted by the sub-committee. PT will contact a minimum of 3 suitably qualified contractors to get quotations for any works which require a skilled tree surgeon. **Action: PT**

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting wishes to engage a tree surgeon that can work sympathetically with the arboriculturalist, Ian Barnes, and the Parish Meeting.

### **Finance**

JB reported that the Parish Meeting will need to spend a further £44 before the end of the financial year to avoid carrying over a balance of more than twice the precept. It was felt that expenditure on tree management would reduce the surplus.

Grass cutting contract for 2017: The Parish Meeting agreed to accept the quotation from Farm & Land Services of £76.00 + VAT for fourteen cuts, which is only a small increase on 2016. **Action: MA**

Precept for next year:

Although we have accumulated a large surplus again this year, the Parish meeting agreed that the Precept should remain at £2,200 due to the impending expenditure on tree management. **Action: MA**

### **Chairperson's role:**

MA briefly outlined the chairperson's role. MA has consulted with the YLCA. To remain active and be able to make decisions about matters such as renewing grass cutting contracts etc., the Parish Meeting needs to have an elected chairperson.

Other business on the agenda will be carried forward to a future meeting. **Action: MA**

The meeting was closed.