

## MINUTES OF THORNTON STEWARD PARISH MEETING

Held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in the Village Institute.

Present: Sandra Nix, Julia Waterman, Vanessa leak, Stuart Harle, Carol Brierley, Jim Brierley, Guy Wilman, Yvonne Wilman, Sue Hird, Chris Leak (in the Chair), Wendy Hoare.

Apologies: John Nix, Carol Calder, Cllr. Ormston

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were proposed by Julia Waterman and seconded by Carol Brierley as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

1. It was agreed that the silver birch in front of Mark's drive be trimmed, and that the Parish would pay the cost of approx. £60.
2. It was agreed that following the removal of the willow tree and hawthorn bush on the village green, they be replaced by a smaller tree (possibly a white berried Rowan) and a different bush in a different place. The places to be agreed by Chris and Stuart, but the tree to be no higher than 15 ft. Money has been ring-fenced from the wayleave for 1 tree and 1 bush. Chris and Stuart to liaise with Jo, Neal, Dorothy, and other adjacent households to agree siting of trees.
3. Finding someone to correct the damage to the village pump has proved non productive. It was suggested that either tin or lead could be placed around the base of the posts to protect them. Dave the builder was to be asked if this would be adequate, and if so not too expensive.
4. The plan of the village green showed an orange area that has not been registered as part of the village green. It was unanimously agreed that this would be done asap, proposed by Chris and seconded by Carol.
5. The Clerk had received notification of a one day event on Village Greens and Common Land, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, to be held at the Bridge Hotel and Spa at Walshford near Wetherby. Whilst this is primarily for Parish Councils, it is specifically designed to help clerks and councillors of rural parish and town councils to ensure that they are better placed to deal effectively with the management of the Village Green and Common Land. It was unanimously agreed that this would be most useful, and Sue agreed that she would be prepared to attend. The

fee of £115.00 would be paid from the village precept, and that Sue would be reimbursed for her expenses.

6. It was agreed that all the Parish records would be organised and sorted, and that when that was completed the Meeting would buy lockable cabinets to store all the records in The Institute and any historical matter archived.
7. Jim reported that he had handed over the financial duties to Chris and that Chris now had the authority to sign cheques. It was also agreed that Sue replace Maureen as a signatory. The wayleave money was to be used for the purchase of the tree and bush, and also possibly broadband.
8. Julia reported that contact had been made with broadband companies and also Rishi Sunak about Thornton Steward being surrounded by superfast broadband, but the big companies were not interested as the village was too small. However, Boundless would get back to her in about 2 months, and there was also Crabtree who the parish approached in the past but prices were very high. However, it is possible now that they are viable for low use households and contact to be made with them again.
9. There has been no reply from Natalie Snowball regarding Southview from the last 2 meetings and Sue agreed to contact her again.
10. It was agreed that Cllr. Richard Ormston be added to the Minute distribution list.
11. Stuart informed the meeting that following discussions with his solicitor and a representative from Richmond Planning dept, it has been established that the land outside Rose Cottage is not part of the village green and is to be registered as within the curtilage of Rose Cottage as it has been maintained as such for a substantial number of years. The reason for this is to establish an off road parking place to reduce congestion caused by on road parking at the west turning point in the village.
12. It was agreed that full details of where to find information about Parish Meetings etc. would be placed in the Bridge Magazine. See details below.
13. As there was no further business the meeting was closed. Date of next meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in The Institute.

**This is the notice that will be printed in the Bridge Magazine**

Thornton Steward Parish now has an email list.  
<mailto:thorntonsteward@hotmail.com>

Please feel free to use this email address as a simple single point of contact to share any information that you wish to be circulated within the village. Just send in whatever you want and it will be circulated in a group email.

- *Do you have a business that you wish to advertise ?*
- *Something to sell ?*
- *A lost pet ?*
- *Need to borrow something ?*
- *Need a hand with a task ?*
- *Looking for recommendations for local trades ?*
- *Circulate info/minutes/notices*

It is very early days so we need to build the list in order for it to be successful, not everyone has managed to register yet although it is gradually building and we have had lots of positive feedback. So feel free to pass this on to any neighbours, or if you think there are other people connected with the village, who don't live in the village, that would also benefit from being kept in the loop.

Or, if you don't have an email address and want to be kept informed about Parish Meetings, details will be posted on the village notice board and on the notice board inside The Institute. Should you be unable to access any of these please inform the Parish Clerk, Sue Hird, on 01748 451209 so that you can be kept informed.

Please also check out the village Facebook page and also the website:  
<http://www.thorntonsteward.org.uk>

Please note that the next Parish Meeting is on 1st November at 7.30pm in The Institute.