

Thornton Steward Parish Meeting
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017

Present:

Carol Calder (Chairperson)
Carol Brierley
Jim Brierley
Robert Calder
Richard Calvert
Jo Gedling
Elaine Harle
Stuart Harle

Chris Leak
Vanessa Leak
Sandra Nix
Cllr.Richard Ormston
Neale Thompson
Sue Hird
Julia Waterman
Wendy Hoare

The meeting was convened at 7.30p.m. and called because of the retirement of the previous Chairman, and also the finance Officer Jim Brierley.

Thornton Steward has a Parish Meeting rather than a Parish Council so that all the villagers can express opinions.

It has been confirmed by Cllr Ormston that it is not necessary to elect a permanent Chairperson, this can be done by volunteers, but an elected Parish Clerk would be the co-ordinating link at future meetings. Chris Leak, Sandra Nix, Julia Waterman and Carol Brierley all volunteered to Chair a meeting when necessary.

Sue Hird was approached and agreed to be the Parish Clerk to co-ordinate Parish business and retain continuity of Parish business.

The replacement of the Finance Officer was initially put on hold for 6 months to allow the Clerk to see if it could be incorporated into her normal workload, but Chris Leak volunteered to take this on.

There was some feedback of the site meeting at Southview held on Tuesday 4th July 2017, when it was felt that the Planning application was virtually "fait accompli". It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Planning Officer to say that if permission was to be granted, then the village would request planning conditions and that these would be enforceable.

It was also suggested that the Clerk could be emailed by villagers to raise concerns to be brought up at the next meeting, which all agreed was a good idea. Anyone without access to a computer could still write to the Meeting.

Issues for future meetings included the cutting of the village green, and some clearance of the Pound.

Date of the next meeting, unless any urgent business cropped up, Wednesday 1st November 2017.

As there was no further business the Meeting was closed.