

Minutes of the Thorverton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday May 27th 2021 at Thorverton Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs S Crang, A Foster (Chair), J Hodge, N Lane, A McKee (Vice Chair), T Sanders and G Sims.

In attendance: Mr A Price

Public Open Session: None

21/25 Declarations of interest: Cllr Crang declared a personal interest in item 21/29(ii) due to the applicant being a neighbour.

21/26 Apologies for absence: None.

21/27 Confirmation of Minutes: It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the draft Minutes of the meeting of May 4th 2021.

21/28 Co-option of a new Parish Councillor: Council RESOLVED to co-opt Andy Price, who subsequently signed his declaration of acceptance and took his place on the Council.

21/29 Planning Matters:

i) 21/00854/FULL Change of use of land from agriculture to garden and erection of an indoor swimming pool with link to house at Thatchers Barn, Thorverton. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

ii) 21/00964/FULL Erection of four stables, tack room and hay store building with associated hard-standing yard at Courthayes Lane, Thorverton. It was RESOLVED to submit the comment that Council had no objection provided that assurance was given that horse boxes travelling to and from the new stables would not use Jericho Street.

iii) 21/01017/HOUSE Erection of garage and double car port at 59 Silver Street. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

iv) 21/00737/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension at Willow Park, Thorverton. Council RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

21/30 Naming of new housing development: Council considered the proposal from the developers for the road to be named "Rosebanks", on which MDDC had asked for comment (21/00112/NEWDEV). Councillors did not feel that Rosebanks was an appropriate name as it did not reflect nor have any connection with the area. After some discussion, Council RESOLVED to tell MDDC that it did not support the proposed street name, but felt that "Leonard (or Leonard's) Meadow" would be more suitable, combining the names of a deceased local benefactor and of a historic field name in that area.

21/31 Council RESOLVED that due to the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed, this item be dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be asked to leave the meeting.

New Clerk: The chairman explained that three applications had been received for the post of clerk and that he, Alison Marshall and Cllr Lane had interviewed the applicants on 26th May. He outlined their key attributes and said that, while all three applicants had demonstrated that they would be suitable for the role, the interviewees were agreed that Candidate A had shown particularly strong skills and experience and that the post should be offered to them, with Candidate B as second choice should Candidate A turn down the offer. Council RESOLVED that Candidate A should be offered the post at pay scale SCP18 (currently £12.98/hour) on the basis of an average of 9 hours per

week and with a three-month probation period. The Chairman then disclosed that the successful Candidate A was Andi Wyer. The Chairman would proceed to offer Mr Wyer the post.

21/32 Business at the Chairman's discretion: Cllr Hodge asked whether Council would be happy for the Hall to be divided when Council meets, with one half used for another group. Councillors felt that this should be avoided given that some discussions in Council have to be restricted. Cllr Sims asked whether councillors felt that there should be any restrictions on drones at the Recreation Ground. This would need formal discussion at a Council meeting.

21/33 Next monthly Parish Council meeting: 7pm on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at Thorverton Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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