

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Thorverton Parish Council Meeting held in Thorverton Memorial Hall on Weds 28th Jan at 2.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr Steph Shelton (Chair)
Cllr Stuart Crang
Cllr John Hodge
Cllr Andrew Foster

ABSENT

Cllr Andy Price
Cllr Graham Sims
Cllr Bry Uglow
Cllr Karl Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Rhys Roberts, 1 member of the public
Note that the PC Clerk, Mr Jim Roberts, was unable to attend the meeting due to work obligations. The minutes were taken by Cllr Foster.

1 Chair's Welcome

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Bry Uglow, Andy Price and Karl Wilson. With only one main item to be considered, the closure of School Lane and its consequences, the Chair suspended Standing Orders and held the meeting as an Open Session so that all attending could contribute. No Resolutions were considered or votes taken at the meeting.

Cllr Roberts reported that he had just come from a site visit with the Project Manager, Mr Sam Curran, and the MDDC Conservation Officer, Ms Claire Ellis. The positive news is that with further strengthening being made to the scaffolding works the occupants of The Old Post Office will be able to return home soon. It is expected that the exclusion zone around the affected area will be increased to 8 metres.

Cllr Roberts went on to say that the CO will not support any break being made in the garden wall to allow pedestrian access into School Lane. There may be further discussions regarding other access routes but as these would have to be across private land the meeting felt that the only viable solution appears to be a ramp that will allow pedestrians up and over the garden wall. All concerned with making this happen were urged to press on with the planning and building process as quickly as possible.

2 Car Parking

Parishioners are asked to be patient and to realise that sometimes these unplanned events cause disruption to everyone's normal routines. Please continue to be careful about parking near The Glebe and remember that buses need to be able to turn at The Broadlands entrance. It may yet be possible to park in the Diocese field opposite Leonards Square, which may help with congestion, but not until it stops raining!

3 School Lane gulleys

In the meantime the meeting was very grateful to Mr Trevor Sanders for working to clear the gully where the footpath exits onto School Lane; the PC will also ask the DCC Cllr to remove the barriers from the footpath as double buggies cannot pass through. This should be treated as a matter of urgency. A decision can be made on the need to reinstall them once School Lane is reopened.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 3.25pm.

Signed Date
Cllr Stephanie Shelton, Chair