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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020, 19.00, at Thornhill Social Club

Present

S Meter, K Cook, M Slater, E Jewitt, S Caddy, J Nugent
& G Threader (Clerk).

Apologies

DH

2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda

None

3. To consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 18 March, also to include any matters arising from the March minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2020 were approved but the following points were noted. EJ and MS to measure up the gate and make a diagram that the clerk could send to 2 of the contractors that the PC have used. Benches for Potters lane to be put on the next agenda. The village notice boards still need cleaning and varnishing before the winter.

4. Public participation

One member of the public was present who wanted to become a Parish Councillor. SM proposed that Standing Orders were suspended (to allow matters not on the agenda to be discussed) KC seconded this. The member of the public was asked to leave the room while a unanimous vote took place, on return Tim Barlow was welcomed as a new Parish Councillor.

Finance – all payments since March meeting up to September meeting

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	July, August and September Salary - £1167.99 (- 20% £233.61 for tax) Internet - £45.00 Travel - £8.00	£1247.47

	Paper for Printer - £2.99 Virus protection for PC computer - £23.49 16/09/2020	
Gillian Threader Clerk	April Salary - £389.33 (- 20% £77.87 for tax) Internet - £15.00 Travel - £0.00 Stamps - £9.12 02/05/2020	£413.45
Gillian Threader Clerk	May and June Salary - £778.66 (- 20% £155.74 for tax) Internet - £30.00 Travel - £8.00 26/06/2020	£816.66
Zurich municipal	PC insurance year 2 of 5 14/06/2020	£614.21
Sam Meteer	Cotswold chipping for flag base £39.79 02/05/2020 Fluorescent light for TFC £9.48 27/06/2020	£49.27
NPower	£30.30 02/05/2020 £19.29 27/06/2020 £9.30 16/09/2020 £10.47 16/09/2020 £9.69 16/09/2020	£79.05
WaterPlus	£54.91 07/04/2020 (March bill received after March meeting and paid in April)	£54.91
Play Safety	Playground inspections x 3 16/09/2020	£263.40
AS Design	6 signs Covid guidelines for playgrounds and defibrillator sign for TFC 18/07/2020	£138.00

Namesco	2 years website fees 26/06/2020	£227.73
CALC	CALC/NALC subscription 02/05/2020	£273.07
Thornhill Social Club	September meeting 16/09/2020	£20.00

Items to be paid following the meeting are highlighted in yellow, all other items have already been paid.

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

6. Budget update.

The Budget update provided by the Clerk was accepted.

7. Audit

Audit has to be submitted to the external auditor by 30th September and will be taken to the internal auditor 17th September.

8. HMRC and Tax update re salary etc.

The Clerk explained that she has been paid net of 20% of her salary from July 2019 to date to offset the tax owed. A bill has been received for £675.00 and includes National Insurance. This is not the full amount owed and the Clerk will continue to try and get the correct figure.

9. Coronavirus Covid 19

JN will do a risk agreement for Beckermets Reading Rooms, the trustees want insurance against liability due to Covid 19.

10. Smart Meter Mast Update

JN is waiting for an update and was told it was with Highways weeks ago.

11. White Mare

JN has spoken to Star Pubs, nothing had been done so Julie's husband and a friend mowed the lawns and tidied up as needed. It was also noted that the Royal Oak has tenants and they hoped to open before Christmas.

12. Traffic in Beckermets

The planning for 24 houses at Hunters Rise has been passed with assurances that traffic calming measures would be put in place. JN spoke via phone at today's meeting and an addendum had been added, 16k towards Highways who have aspirations for some form of gating. SM had written to PT asking him to attend today's meeting and as he had not come to the meeting SM was going to write

again. SM outlined the previous suggestions for traffic calming measures that had been discussed.

13. Grant Application for Community Led Plan printing

It was agreed that a grant of £200 would be given to the CLP for use against printing and survey costs that would be in the region of £600 to £800. The amount of £200 had been agreed in principle prior to lock down.

14. Planning Applications Received

- **Removal of section 106 agreement from planning approval 4/03/1316/0 (existing holiday let) The Old Forge Beckermat**

There were no objections to this application.

- **Hunters Rise Update**

See item 12

15. Progress Reports

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM had nothing to report but MS raised the issue of the white lines at the give way junction at Low Church, he noted that all the white lines in the village had been done except this location. SM agreed to write again to see if these could be done.

- **Football club update**

. Clerk noted that both teams currently using TFC and changing room had paid the fees due.

- **Community Led Plan**

See item 13

Other Projects

- **Play equipment (current situation)**

JN and MS had made safe the swinging bridge but suggested new equipment or further repairs were necessary, Clerk to get play equipment catalogues. Mill Lane goal posts to be painted and the branch to be cut. Thornhill play area still needs the wet pour replacing and SM noted that the reports always mentioned getting the joints re-glued. SM suggested that an alternative surface may be needed in the future. The BVA had undertaken a big clear up but some further work would be needed, JN suggested some

basic low fencing to keep the earth in. SC said he might be able to source a replacement for the damaged planter and would update at the next meeting.

- **Seat in Beckermets Cemetery**

SM has arranged for a refurbished seat from CBC.

- **Works 4 You**

Works 4 You had sent a bill to WJ which was forwarded to the Clerk for a sum of 81.60 for materials to edge the sloping ramp at TFC. The bill was dated 23/09/2019 but had not previously been received. It was unanimously agreed that the PC wouldn't pay this bill due to the amount of additional costs paid for by the PC to clear up and finish outstanding work. SM to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

16. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

JN was unable to attend a meeting at Sellafeld with Howard Rooms.

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

17. Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council, other items including items for future agendas

KC asked about the plans for the war memorial restoration, Clerk to write again as no reply received to the letter sent during lock down.

SC mentioned the annual wreath for the Poppy Appeal, Clerk to add to October agenda.

JN wants a defibrillator for Beckermets added to October agenda.

EJ noted the Tommy was still in place and suggested leaving it where it is for the immediate future.

18. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 21st October at Thornhill Social Club