

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm Conference Room, Parsonage Farm, Throwley

PRESENT: Francis Wilson (Chairwoman)
Roger Clarke
Roger Scutt
Sian Lewis
Adam Jastrzebski
Tim Young
Jill Moore (Clerk)

Apologies; Alan Murphy

1. Minutes of AGM held on 31st May 2016 were taken as read
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2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Sink hole – Clerk gave the update that KCC and Swale BC did not cover this type of issue and weren't prepared to take any action, recommending that HSE be contacted. Footpath code number is ZR430, Throwley Forstal/ Bethal Row. The subject was discussed. **Action – clerk to email Sarah with a short email to be sent out to parishioners.**
- b) Little Hockley Farm – Colin Prescott to get back to us with an update from his contact in the planning dept. **Action - clerk to request an update for next meeting.**
- c) Electricity box – Sian Lewis reported that Denny will make steel bars that are to be made and wood repair also to be addressed. **Action – Sian Lewis to contact Denny and a carpenter.**

3. Hedge cutting

Frances Wilson reported that the verges on Throwley Road, Bagshill Road and Parsonage Stocks were cut today, it expected that the whole area will be completed within the next few days. Roger Scutt reported that he phoned Kent CC, discovering that the verges are only cut once between June and Sept. Any parishioner can report overgrown verges etc by contacting www.kent.gov.uk clicking on 'road and travel'. KCC only cut verges, the hedges are the responsibility of the landowner. The subject was discussed. It was thought best if KCC are contacted in Spring to ensure that the verges are cut in a timely manner. **Action - clerk to diarise.**

4. Broadband update

Roger Clarke reported that he met Darran Hibbert from BT Openreach. The possible positioning of a cabinet was discussed, a likely site on the forstal is Throwley PC land. This positioning is likely to be advantageous for some. The main concern that there will be a lot of tree cutting needed. The clerk has received a Wayleave agreement, this was read out and will be emailed to councillors for consideration. **No action at present.**

5. Finance update

- a) The Annual accounts have not yet been returned from the external auditors.
- b) There is a direct debit in place with EDF but no bill have been received as yet. TEA to be billed for the quarter including the fete. **Action – clerk to discover the address on the bills.**

6. Any other business

- a) Planning – no objections at present. **Action - clerk to reply to planning re: Farriers Cottage.**
- b) Housing update – the subject was discussed. **No action at present.**
- c) Website – TPC have received notification from KALC that the Throwley Parish website is no longer to be free of charge. The subject was discussed and it was felt that their proposal wasn't particularly good value for money. A commercial website can be set up for minimal cost and it will allow access to documents and receipt of emails. **Action - Adam Jastrzebski has worded a reply to be sent to KALC by clerk. Additionally, Adam Jastrzebski and Paddy Reeves to discuss requirements and move plans forward.**
- d) Grass cutting on the green - Green Fingers Dirty Boots has done number 5 cut for this year, number 6 is expected week commencing 25 July. Adam Jastrzebski suggested that we have an extra cut before the fete next year as the grass was long this year, TEA are prepared to pay for this. **Action – Roger Clarke is to arrange an extra cut if necessary next year otherwise no action as we are still awaiting a bill.**
- e) Mr Scamp appeal - a further 2 years were granted some while ago. The subject was discussed. **No action at present.**
- f) Frances Wilson reported that she had an email from neighbours expressing some concerns. Firstly, regarding the slow broadband connection, the new parishioners have spoken to BT and VFast without success. They raised the possibility of getting a VFast mast on the church roof, this possibility has been explored before. Frances Wilson suggested trying satellite of 4G. Secondly, there were concerns over the length of greenery around footpaths, this is the responsibility of the landowner. Frances Wilson suggested contacting KCC footpaths officer. **No action.**
- g) It has been that suggested that the meeting be peripatetic in the future and this was discussed. The next meeting is to be at the Conference room at Parsonage Farm.

7. Time and date of next meeting: Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Conference room at Parsonage Farm, Throwley

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45pm

Signed_____ Date_____