

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7pm at Sheldwich Village Hall
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Present:

- Roger Clarke (Chairman)
- Adam Jastrzebski (Vice Chair)
- Sian Lewis
- Sarah Jane Tormey
- Paul Furneaux
- Sarah Selby (Clerk)

1. Apologies

- Cllr Murphy gave his apologies before the meeting

2. Agree minutes of previous meeting

- All agreed the minutes

3. Matters arising

Action (carried forward): Cllr Murphy to research suitable % increase for Clark salary

- The new signage on the approaches to the Forstal has now been installed by KCC.
- Cllr Lewis reported that the annual Throwley Parish Lanes Clean Up on March 20th was yet again very successful thanks to the participation of many of Throwley's residents who litter picked every lane within the parish. This is no mean feat as we are a large parish with relatively few residents. It was noted that Swale Borough Council have now collected the large items reported earlier.

The chair thanked Cllr Lewis for the successful village lanes clean up event.

4. Finance update

- Bank balance and payments made

| Date | Description | Serial No | Debits | Credits | Balance |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 04Apr2022 | B/P to: SIAN LEWIS | | (123.74) | | 6,034.51 |
| 31Mar2022 | Service Charge | | (18.00) | | 6,158.25 |
| 28Mar2022 | Direct Debit (EDF ENERGY) | | (72.00) | | 6,176.25 |
| 16Mar2022 | B/P to: Lawn&LandscapingCo | | (550.00) | | 6,248.25 |
| 16Mar2022 | B/P to: KENT AIR AMBULANCE | | (100.00) | | 6,798.25 |
| 07Mar2022 | B/P to: HMRC | | (105.00) | | 6,898.25 |
| 07Mar2022 | B/P to: Sarah Selby | | (420.00) | | 7,003.25 |
| 07Mar2022 | B/P to: Adam Jastrzebski | | (17.40) | | 7,423.25 |
| 07Mar2022 | B/P to: Sheldwich V. Hall | | (30.00) | | 7,440.65 |
| 07Mar2022 | B/P to: CitizensAdvBureau | | (100.00) | | 7,470.65 |
| 28Feb2022 | Direct Debit (EDF ENERGY) | | (72.00) | | 7,570.65 |
| 10Feb2022 | EDF ENERGY | | | 22.02 | 7,642.65 |

The significant increase in the payments to EDF was noted.

Action: Clerk to review electricity supplier

5. Broadband Project update

Cllr Jastrzebski gave an update on the broadband project

KCC delayed the launch the the top up voucher scheme and Openreach resubmitted our already approved application

Consequently, our broadband project has been delayed again.

Cllr Jastrzebski will continue pursuing our application and we hope to benefit from the latest scheme "Project Gigabit"

Action: Cllr Jastrzebski to share an update with the parish

6. Unnamed roads (cont'd from previous meeting)

Changing road names needs agreement of all residents and could potentially be expensive unless we are able to approve that the name is historical, not new.

Action: Chairman to find old maps to see if they record existing names

7. Overgrown footpaths – Cllr Murphy

All agreed to remove this item

8. Council vacancy

The council reviewed the applications received and held a vote to decide who to co-opt to the Council. The successful candidate was Di Lintott of Throwley Forstal.

Action: Clerk to notify candidates and Swale BC

Action: Clerk to contact KALC and confirm maximum number of council members we can have – *KALC have subsequently confirmed 7 is the maximum.*

9. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Lewis has contacted Simon Hawkins who has offered to take the new Jubilee village photo free of charge. The Council discussed options for taking the photo. Cllr Furneaux suggested a 'telehandler' might be suitable.

All agreed £300 max spend for the Picnic to include sharing the cost of portaloo hire, donations for music and sundry costs

Cllr Lewis has created a flyer for the picnic which will be printed and circulated along with the Fete flyer which Cllr Lewis also created. Agreed 12pm start time for the picnic..

10. Red telephone box repairs

Cllr Tormey reported that on recent inspection the telephone box is structurally sound but some of the woodwork needs attention and it requires painting inside and out. The box is a village asset which houses the defibrillator.

Action: Cllr Lewis to arrange a quote for refurbishment

Action: Cllr Tormey to investigate volunteer refurb options

11. Date for next meeting

Wednesday 29th June at 7pm in Sheldwich Village Hall (venue tbc). This will be the AGM followed by the ordinary meeting.

The Council will arrange the Parish Meeting later in the year.

12. AOB

The Clerk noted we have received a planning application for The Old Rectory.

There were no objections to the application.

Next meeting: 7pm on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at Sheldwich Village Hall (venue TBC)