

## THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held in Parsonage Farm Conference Centre on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Roger Scutt (Chairman)  
Roger Clarke  
Tim Young  
Sian Lewis  
Adam Jastrzebski  
Alan Murphy  
Frances Wilson  
Cllr Prescott  
Jill Moore (Clerk)

Apologies: Andrew Bowles

1. **Minutes** of the council meeting on Monday 18th May 2015 were taken as read.
2. Matters arising
  - a. Forstal Road and Verges Plan. Roger Clarke reported that he had contacted John Knight to contact Mr Scamp to ask him to get his hedge cut. Cllr Prescott is to find out if the council can have it cut then re-charge the cost. Roger reported that he sent G Gibbs a list of all pot-holes. Many of these have been filled now but not all of them. **Action: Cllr Prescott**
  - b. Internet Reception - Adam Jastrzebski reported that he had an update from George Chandler dated 6 July. BT's new contract is to begin January 2016; Throwley is only on the wish list. Sian Lewis reported that VFast had indicated that installing a booster on the church roof will not be viable for them. The topic was discussed.
  - c. Repairs to container no. 2 - Adam Jastrzebski reported that he hasn't been able to book the contractors or buy parts as yet. **Action: Adam to send details to clerk to work out payment details.**
  - d. Repairs to electricity box - Sian Lewis reported that she has been unable to get anyone to do the required work. Frances Wilson may know someone. **Action: Frances Wilson to pass details to Sian Lewis.**
  - e. At the previous meeting there were concerns over travellers moving into the area. The clerk reported that she had been in touch with KALC. They had made various suggestions such as erecting barriers, consulting Sale BC and KCC, raising local awareness and contacting Cllr Prescott. Cllr Prescott recommended taking action if/when the need arises. Swale BC had sent correspondence asking for suggestions for travellers sites in the area – there were none. **No action.**
3. Local Affordable Housing – Roger Scutt reported that he has been in touch with Tessa O'Sullivan. The preferred site has been given the go ahead and the Duchy have been contacted. Planning permission will be applied for. Tim congratulated Roger on doing a great job. **No action.**
4. Throwley Airfield Memorial discussion. Throwley PC has been approached by Kenneth Bannerman from ABCT regarding the possibility of erecting a memorial to the Airfield in the village. Their proposed site is in the triangle outside Adam Jastrzebski's house, which was the guard house. The topic was discussed, and whilst it was thought that the Airfield played an important part in the defence of the country and perhaps should be memorialised; that the choice of site and type of memorial should be carefully considered. An ill considered site could detrimentally affect the lives of those living close by, and the size/construction/type of memorial should be appropriate to the site as otherwise it may be a hazard. It was also mentioned that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Airfield is in 2017 so there is time to consider a memorial and apply for planning permission if necessary. By a majority decision, it was decided to decline the offer. **Clerk to email Kenneth Bannerman.**

5. Finance
  - a. Update from clerk. Roger Scutt signed the annual accounts; an internal auditor is still being sought. **Action: clerk to find internal auditor/continue to pursue an invoice for the grass cutting/pay remaining agreed bodies.**
  - b. The budget for the coming year was discussed; income and expenditure were thought to be acceptable.
6. Any other business
  - a. Road safety concerns were discussed again. The village is sometimes used as a rat-run with and often the drivers are driving too fast. It was thought that some tractor drivers (non-local contractors) are very fast too. In particular there is concern for vulnerable road users such as children, walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse-riders. **Action: clerk to contact local land owners/farmers to ask them to ask their drivers to be more careful. Tim Young to send addresses to clerk. Frances Wilson to investigate the Green Lanes scheme.**
  - b. Planning applications. There are no objections to any current planning applications. Concerns were raised about Pool House, rear of Mill House, Almshouses Road. **Cllr Prescott is to check** that this site has been inspected after the property was built. Concerns were also raised about Parklane Cottage; there are various constructions around the property. **Cllr Prescott is to check whether planning permissions are necessary/have been applied for.**

The time and date of the next meeting is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Parsonage Farm Conference Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_