

**THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm, Sheldwich Village Hall**

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

Present:

- Roger Clarke (TPC Chairman)
- Adam Jastrzebski (TPC Vice Chair)
- Sian Lewis (TPC Councillor)
- Paul Furneaux (TPC Councillor)
- Alan Murphy (TPC Councillor)
- Sarah Jane Tormey (TPC
- Di Lintott (TPC Councillor)
- Sarah Selby (Clerk)

Also David Simmons (SBC Councillor)

1. Apologies - none
2. Agree minutes of previous meeting. All agreed minutes.
3. Finance update.
  - a. Bank balance and payments made

| Date      | Description               | Serial No | Debits   | Credits | Balance  |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 09Jan2023 | B/P to: Sheldwich V. Hall |           | (39.00)  |         | 6,580.56 |
| 31Dec2022 | Service Charge            |           | (18.00)  |         | 6,619.56 |
| 28Dec2022 | Credit                    | 2         |          | 150.40  | 6,637.56 |
| 16Dec2022 | Direct Debit (EDF ENERGY) |           | (25.00)  |         | 6,487.16 |
| 13Dec2022 | Direct Debit (EDF ENERGY) |           | (9.13)   |         | 6,512.16 |
| 05Dec2022 | B/P to: Lawn&Land Co NEW  |           | (440.00) |         | 6,521.29 |

- b. Precept application

Precept application form submitted to Swale BC. Precept kept the same as 22/23.

4. Items for our MP. The Council discussed a number of issues to raise with our local MP:
  - a. Potential funding available for electric charging points for vehicles – The Council does not see the need to install electric charging points at this time
  - b. Funding opportunities eg Throwley Church facility improvements - **Action** Cllr Lewis will follow up previous correspondence on this matter
  - c. Litter / traffic / dangerous roads – **Action**: Clerk to draft and circulate letter to MP regarding litter and dangerous roads particularly the A251 and Faversham Road. Also to flag the traffic issues caused by uncoordinated road works.
  - d. Follow up meeting with Swale PCs (and potential tour) - No able to attend

Cllr Simmons suggested a number of local Parishes are requesting 20mph speed limits. **Action** Clerk to add request to Highways Improvement Plan

5. Litter. Cllr Lintott would like to discuss the issue of litter in our Parish and ways to address the concerns of residents on this matter. Item continued from previous meeting. Suggestions include CCTV.

Cllr Simmons kindly offered to follow up with Swale BC on behalf of Throwley PC if we report any flytipping incidents

The Council does not have the capacity or resources to implement and monitor CCTV cameras at this time. The issue of litter will be included in the Throwley PC letter to our local MP to raise our concerns.

6. Hedges and planning issues.

The Council discussed ongoing concerns raised by residents regarding the removal of hedges without permission in the vicinity of Throwley Church.

**Action:** The Chairman will draft a letter to the owners to ask what intentions they have to replace the hedges.

7. Water leak on Forstal. Cllr Tormey would like to raise concerns about this ongoing issue and the damage caused.

The significant, ongoing water leak in the vicinity of the Forstal has caused potholes and erosion to the road. The onus is on SouthEast water to repair the leak and the damage it has caused. Cllr Tormey will continue to chase this issue until resolved.

8. Parish Council Elections in Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

All to be aware of the upcoming Parish Council elections. Clerk to circulate any details when received.

9. Plans for 2023 Village Lanes Clean up.

Cllr Lewis has kindly volunteered to organise the Village Lanes Clean up again this year. It will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March (weather permitting). Volunteers needed to help, particularly with preparing food for this event.

10. Plans for King's coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Council will wait for further guidance on appropriate events.

Suggestions include arranging a group photograph of Village residents. Cllr Lewis will follow up and investigate the use of drones.

11. Date and venue for next TPC meeting.

6.30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Sheldwich Village Hall (venue TBC)

6.30pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – AGM and Parish meeting at Throwley Church

6.30pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Badlesmere Village Hall (venue TBC)

6.30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Sheldwich Village Hall (venue TBC)

12. Any other business

Snowdrops: The Parish have been offered a large number of snowdrop bulbs to plant on the Forstal. All agreed that this is welcome and are grateful to those who have volunteered to help plant the bulbs. Some will also be planted at Bell's Forstal.

Planning Application: A planning application for Park Farm Cottage was circulated the day before the meeting. Initial views from the Council were unfavourable, on the following grounds:

- While the Council supports redevelopment of the current building, the design of the replacement is not in keeping with the Parish and does not appear to follow the general style guidance for this area of Kent
- The footprint of the new property is significantly bigger and it will be taller than the existing building and will impact on the surrounding skyline and the AONB setting

Drains: a number of road drains in the Parish have not been 'cleaned' for a number of years. They have become blocked up causing localised flooding.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up with KCC Highways

Inappropriate burning at site located in Old Hockley Road: A large bonfire which involved the burning of a tyres causing odour to spread as far as the Forstal was reported by Cllr Furneaux. The location of the fire was in a field in Old Hockley Road.

**Action:** Clerk to report to the Environment Agency

Clerk's expenses: All agreed that the Clerk could claim expenses for a number of items needed for the role. The Clerk will circulate details for approval.