

# Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting 5 July 2023 at 19:00 at The Oliver Roper Meeting Room

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Councillor Brindley chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. He took the opportunity to remind the public in attendance of the Standing Orders regarding public participation in meetings.

**23.068 Public time** –The following points were raised;

A member of the public expressed their concerns regarding the proposed solar farm project regarding the loss of amenities and the impact on agricultural land and loss of habitat and urged the Parish Council to work alongside other Parish Council groups to gain support against opposing the proposal.

A second member of the public echoed these concerns and urged the Parish Council to hold a public meeting and to ensure awareness of the situation via means of a leaflet drop.

The Chair advised that the solar farm project was on the agenda and these points would be discussed.

A member of the public asked the Parish Council to hold a public meeting regarding the village hall improvements and recommended that when considering financial commitments, traffic calming measures for the village should be included in any discussions.

The Chair advised that the village hall improvements were on the agenda with an update on the current situation.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the use of closed sessions in a Parish Council meeting. The Chair asked it to be noted that the resident would receive a written response to his concerns.

**Action Parish Clerk**

### **23.069 Parish Council**

1. Membership: Cllrs R Sheldon MBE, N Williams, N Lyons, M Bindley (Chair), J Bramford (Vice-Chair), Z Ives, C Owen

2. Present: Cllrs R Sheldon MBE, N Lyons, M Bindley, J Bramford, Z Ives, C Owen, , K Vickers (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public, District Councillor Mitch Elliott, County Councillor Allan Briggs

3. Apologies: Councillor Williams, District Councillor Peter Overton

4. Declaration of interest: None

5. Declaration of gifts and hospitality over £25: none

6. The following training courses were agreed: LALC Chair's Workshop £25.00 – Councillor Bindley

### **23.070 Updates from District and County Councillor.**

Lincolnshire County Councillor Allan Briggs introduced himself and was welcomed by the Parish Council. He advised the meeting that he was looking forward to his new role as County Councillor.

District Councillor Mitch Elliott introduced himself and was welcomed by the Parish Council. Councillor Elliott reminded the meeting about a public meeting being held at Witham St Hughs village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> July regarding the solar farm proposal and advised that an excellent source of information was available on a website set up to oppose such developments which can be found at [Solar Campaign Alliance](#) . If the

Parish Council were to hold a public meeting on this subject, he would be happy to attend if commitments allow.

**23.071 - Minutes Parish Council meeting 17 May 2023** – Councillor Sheldon disputed minute number 23.062 and asked that they be amended to reflect his attempt to include an amendment to the proposal which was declined by the Chair. The minutes were agreed and signed to include the amendment and can be viewed [here](#)

**Action Parish Clerk**

**23.072 Financial matters – Expenditure and income as below was authorised and noted**

<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Payable</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
15/05/2023	EDF Energy	Electricity	380.67
19/05/2023	J Burden	Salary	165.2
19/05/2023	J Burden	hall expenses	91.01
19/05/2023	Lincolnshire Pension Fund	Salary	233.16
19/05/2023	K Vickers	Salary	717.15
19/05/2023	HMRC	Salary	42.44
19/05/2023	Zurich	Insurance	1804.5
19/05/2023	M Scott	Salary	83.5
01/06/2023	Anglian Water	Water rates	96.99
02/06/2023	TOTH Playgroup	Grant	484.99
02/06/2023	M Bindley	Lock	10
05/06/2023	S North - grass cutting	Grass cutting	653
05/06/2023	J Burden	Keys	10
08/06/2023	BT	Broadband	39.54
09/06/2023	Lloyds Bank	Microsoft	4.99
12/06/2023	EDF Energy	Electricity	96.9
13/06/2023	LALC	Internal Audit	180
13/06/2023	St Michael's School	Grant	231.98
19/06/2023	Hudsons Window Cleaner	Windows	10
19/06/2023	Lincolnshire Pension Fund	Salary	233.16
19/06/2023	HMRC	Salary	42.44
19/06/2023	K Vickers	Salary	717.15
19/06/2023	M Scott	Salary	83.5
19/06/2023	J Burden	Salary	165
19/06/2023	J Blackhouse	PAT Testing	63.8
		<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>6641.07</b>

<b>Income</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Payable</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
17/05/2023	NKDC	Hall Hire	175
19/05/2023	Scouts	Hall Hire	318
26/05/2023	Ofgem	Feed in tariff	150.17
26/05/2023	Hopma	Allotment rental	20
31/05/2023	Scout Groups	Hall Hire	246
01/06/2023	B Bond 808	Hall Hire	32
02/06/2023	Riches - Davidson	Allotment + hall hire	80
02/06/2023	British Gas	Feed in tariff	263.28
05/06/2023	Spindley	Hall Hire	65
05/06/2023	Mrs Peacock	Hall Hire	52
16/06/2023	Carmargue Group	Hall Hire	78
19/06/2023	J Murray	Hall Hire	16
		<b>Total income</b>	<b>1495.45</b>

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## 23.073 - Financial matters - Finance report as below was accepted

<b>Appendix B</b>	<b>Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>Actual 2023/24</b>
Precept	24,500.00	(24,500.00)
VAT Refunded	2,500.00	0.00
Allotments and lake	450.00	(1,300.00)
ORPMR	3,000.00	(2,275.64)
Interest Received / Bank charges	1,000.00	0.00
Grants / donations	130.00	0.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>31,580.00</b>	<b>(28,085.64)</b>
Love Your Parish week (section 137)	300.00	0.00
Insurance	1,800.00	1,804.50
Audit	300.00	180.00
Salary	15,000.00	3,827.37
Training + expenses	500.00	119.88
Subscriptions	330.00	237.65
Miscellaneous	100.00	55.80
Repairs & maintenance of Lake	2,000.00	110.00
Repairs & maintenance of assets	3,500.00	454.00
Various assets	500.00	553.00
Stationary, stamps etc	250.00	167.69
Election (Reserves)	3,000.00	0.00
Grants and donations (Section 137)	2,500.00	716.97
ORPMR, bowls and tennis courts	1,500.00	956.50
Christmas (Section 137)	0.00	0.00
VAT paid	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>31,580.00</b>	<b>9,183.36</b>
Campaigning/planning issues		1,000.00
Traffic calming		10,000.00
Tennis court deposits		400.00
Purchase of additional assets		0.00
Election		2,000.00
		<b>13,400.00</b>

## Balance Sheet

1. Balance Carried Forward	241,836.41
2. Precept	(24,500.00)
3. Other receipts	(3,575.64)
4. Staff costs	3,827.37
6. Other Payments( inc reserves)	7,355.99
7. Carry Forward	260,713.04
Unity Bank Current Account	23205.23
Skipton BS	237507.81
<b>Total in bank</b>	<b>260,713.04</b>

## 23.074- Parish Clerk report.

Date raised	Issue	Current position	Person/s responsible
July 2022	Extension/refurbishment to ORPMR	See minute 23.076	Cllr's Lyons/Bindley/
July 2022	Refurbishment of circular seat on village green	Arrangements in hand	Parish Clerk
May 2023	Allotments – hedge cutting on Moor Lane	It was agreed to cut the allotment hedges on Moor Lane following the nesting season	Parish Clerk

### 23.075 – Discussion of parishioner use of Mr Chapple's paddock for recreation.

The Parish Council thanked Mr Chapple for his very generous offer and it was resolved that Councillor Lyons and Councillor Bramford would work with Mr Chapple as a scoping group.

**Action Mr Chapple, Cllr Lyons, Cllr Bramford**

### 23.076 - Consultation Results

i Councillor Bindley discussed the consultation results which were agreed by the Parish Council.

ii It was resolved to approve the working groups recommendation to adopt a simpler plan which would avoid the need to create a new entrance on Lincoln Lane whilst still achieving many of the objectives of the project and a further consultation considered not necessary.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should now engage with an architect to move the project forward.

**Action Cllr Bindley, Parish Clerk**

Councillor Sheldon asked that a local named architect be considered.

iii It was resolved to accept the working groups recommendation that the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) project be put on hold until such time as the situation in respect of the potential resources for sports provision becomes clearer.

### 23.077 – Fosse Energy Scoping Consultation

Councillor Bindley asked the Parish Council for their initial reactions to the proposal and serious concerns were identified.

It was agreed to arrange a public meeting once the Parish Council had more information on the proposal. Councillor's Bindley, Ives and Sheldon confirmed they would be attending the public meeting at Witham St Hugh's on 11<sup>th</sup> July with the hope of gaining further information to take to a public meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor Bindley and the Parish Clerk should be delegated to procure a coloured leaflet to notify the parishioners of a public meeting and the scheme proposed and some members of the public present offered to assist in the distribution on the leaflets. **Action Cllr Bindley, Parish Clerk**

Councillor Bindley advised that in his opinion, this development is above Parish Council level and proposed that should the opportunity arise, the Parish Council form an alliance with other Parish Councils to engage with professionals with the aim of opposing the proposal and confirmed that any financial commitments would need to be determined beforehand. This was agreed.

### 23.078 - Noted the following planning applications : N/A

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### **23.079 – Correspondence;**

Email correspondence has been received from the bowls club following a request to the bowls club from the Parish Council for information relating to the club.

### **23.080 - Verbal updates from portfolio holders**

**Finance** – Councillor Bramford advised the meeting that he had completed the quarter 1 financial checklist report as recommended by the internal auditor and all was in hand. The report can be viewed on the website [here](#)

**Whisby Steering Board** – Councillor Sheldon updated the Parish Council on the recent steering group meeting where he commented that a potential rise in parking charges could have a knock-on effect to the village with the possibility of visitors going to the centre opting not to park in the car park but in the village itself.

### **23.081 - Appointments**

- Lake Management Committee Parish Council seat – Councillor Bramford has agreed to take up the vacant seat. Agreed
- Lake Management Committee Parishioner seat – 1 vacancy

Public session concluded at 20:25

### **23.082 – Closed session**

Councillor Bindley advised the Parish Council that the license for the scouts to use the lake was now ready to be signed by both parties and asked for delegated approval to agree and sign off the licence at the meeting of the Lake Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July. The proposal was agreed.

Following recent correspondence with the bowls club, Councillor Bindley proposed that Councillor Bramford, the Parish Clerk and himself should meet informally to discuss the bowls club with a view to adding an agenda item to the next agenda for Parish Council discussion. The proposal was agreed.

### **23.083 – Date of future meetings**

**06 September 2023, 18 October 2023, 6 December 2023**

Meeting concluded at 20:30