

THORNHACKETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.45pm in Thornford Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Hillier (Chairman), Cllr Whitsun-Jones (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Axten, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Taylor-Wade

1. **Declaration of Interests and Apologies for Absence** : None were declared.
Apologies received from Cllr. Bromell.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March**: These had been circulated. There were no alterations and were duly signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising**:
 - a) Thornford Halt Project – John Parker had indicated his willingness to continue with the project. It was suggested that copies of the booklet be placed in the shop for people to access.
 - b) D-Day Event 9th June – Cllr Whitsun-Jones noted that the working group had met several times and this had produced a number of village contacts who had a lot of material which could be put on display along with other memorabilia, The W.I were supplying cakes. The group had visited the D-Day display at Portland. The cricket club had been invited to run a bar, they were going to investigate a TENS application. Councillors thanked Cllr Whitsun-Jones for his work to date and special thanks were given to Jane Akers, Richard Goddard, John War and Carl Dycer for their interest, help and support.
 - c) Highways Visit re possible SID Cllr Baxter had met with Highways Officers and identified two sites for the survey at each end of the village. It was suggested that a third be undertaken towards the centre of Thornford. The Officers indicated that a 20mph zone would need to be an accident record. There was also the option of our moving the machine or Highways doing it. Small solar panels would also be required to power the device. Cllr Hillier proposed that two surveys be carried out, seconded by Cllr Baxter -**carried nem con**
There followed discussion regarding the need for a third survey, Dorset Council officers would decide the best place for this to happen. Proposed Cllr Hillier, seconded Cllr Baxter **carried nem con**. Following the survey Highways officers will assess the likelihood of a successful installation.
4. **Public Forum**: Discussion regarding the open space at Wingfield Place followed. It was possible that the space had been offered to the Parish Council and rejected. No record of the offer could be found. It was noted that access from the Drove was very overgrown. The definitive map would need to be investigated regarding cutting responsibilities.

5. Planning Matters:

P/LBC/2024/ 02513 Glebe Cottage – replacement of two chimney pots with higher ones. – no objection.

P/FUL/2024/00691 Land north of Pound Road – retention of two turning heads Wingfield Place – no decision

P/FUL/2024/01348 Lower Farm Beer Hackett erect an agricultural building – no decision.

P/PAAC/2024/02119 Lindens Beer Hackett - change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – no decision

6. Finance A list of payments due had been circulated. There were no comments. These payments were approved

The Clerk noted that additional signatories were required for the account as at present there were only two, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Hillier. Cllr Hillier did not wish to confirm the online payments made by the Clerk. Cllr Whitsun-Jones as the Vice-Chairman was thought to be the most appropriate person. This was **unanimously agreed.**

7. Climate Champion A report prepared by the Climate Champion, Mr Young, had been circulated in advance of the meeting to Councillors. Sustainable Thornford wished to make a presentation to the Council and it was decided that the next Ordinary Council meeting in July would start at 6.30pm to allow for the presentation and time for questions by Councillors. Sustainable Thornford were also hoping to hold a meeting with the Environment Agency regarding flooding in the area. They also requested that the Council when commenting on planning applications routinely request that bee bricks and swift boxes be installed in buildings. It was agreed that this was only appropriate in some instances, eg new builds or some extensions and so would be considered at the appropriate time. It was suggested that Sustainable Thornford talk to the Natural Environment Team at Dorset Council with a view to this being included in the developing Local Plan.

8. Correspondence There was no correspondence of any note. Members were reminded of the requirement to make a return to Dorset Council of election expenses and the need to complete the on-line Register of Interests by the beginning of June. The Clerk would distribute information to assist in the completion of these forms.

9. Date of Next Meeting 19th June (to be confirmed) for financial matters only.
Next Ordinary Council Meeting 17th July 2024 at 6.30pm in Thornford Village Hall.

Note start time of the July Meeting