



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held Thursday 1st June 2023

Present Councillors: **B. Clark (Chair), C. Walker (V-Chair), A. Copeland, D. Fretwell, A. Scott, C. McCartan, T. Murphy, D. Andrews, P. Owen.** (9 councillors present)

Apologies were received from Councillors: **J. Ronksley, N. Ronksley, E. Humphreys, M. Howis, D. Brown, D. Oxley, C. Alsop**

Absent: **A. Winsborough, J. Richardson**

Proper Officer: **Thomas Collingham (Clerk & RFO).**

There was 2 members of public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.00pm

9409. To receive and approve reasons for absence

Apologies received from; J. Ronksley, N. Ronksley, E. Humphreys, M. Howis, D. Brown, D. Oxley, C. Alsop

Resolved:- That the reasons for absence be approved.

Voting:- 9 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9410. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interestⁱ

No declarations received.

9411. To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

There are no items identified for exclusion of the press and public.

9412. To consider delegated authority to the Clerk for decision making, in regard to the project management of Thurcroft Library and the premises of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall



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The Clerk discussed with councillors the need for quick decision making in relation to the Thurcroft Library build next to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall. Councillors suggested that decision making be undertaken with the Chair of the Council.

The Clerk suggested that a WhatsApp be set up between councillors of the Facilities Committee, the Clerk and the Chair and Vice-Chair. Any decision making that is made will be made through the use of the WhatsApp group.

The Clerk will use his own judgement as to what can be directed through the WhatsApp group or what will require the Council's decision.

Resolved:- That delegated authority be given to the Clerk to manage the Thurcroft Library build throughout the project and that any decisions that need to be made be liaised through a WhatsApp group with members of the Facilities Committee, Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair.

Voting:- 9 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9413. To consider the grant application received from the committee for the Laughton War Memorial centennial event, and note the additional information requested by councillors

Councillors discussed the application with the questions that had been raised previously.

The Clerk read a response from YLCA, whether payment can be made to an organisation outside of the Parish, which stated it can be granted as its to the benefit of parishioners. A further query regarding paying for a plaque into a church bank account was also allowed under S137 as it is assumed that the definition of works that prohibits parish councils paying any monies to the church would not be the intended meaning when purchasing the plaque in this case. There was a discussion by councillors that the revised amount of £150 is not enough in comparison with other grants that have been awarded by the council.

The Clerk raised that each of the applications should be treated separately.

Resolved:- That the amount of £150 be granted towards the cost of a plaque for Laughton War Memorial.

Voting:- 9 councillors present. 8 councillors voted in favour. 1 councillor abstained.

The meeting closed at 18:15.