

## **MINUTES OF THORPE MANDEVILLE'S 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022**

(A notice of the meeting had been displayed on the village notice boards and parish council website from 15 April 2022. Leaflets promoting the meeting had been distributed to houses in the village.)

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE 2023 MEETING

### **2022/1: CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Janet Ormond (JO), Chairman of Thorpe Mandeville Parish Council, welcomed those present explaining that the meeting was not a meeting of the parish council.

### **2022/2: ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: 10 parishioners (including 3 parish councillors), District Councillor Alison Eastwood (AE) (to 2022/6), PC Mel Carter (to 2022/6) and non-parishioner Will Hemmings (to 2022/6)

Apoloies: Cllr. Emlyn Lilly, Cllr. Philip Tustian, Maurice & Sandy Cole and Tony Limb

**2022/3: MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2021 were approved and JO was authorised to sign approval. There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

### **2022/4: POLICE AUTHORITY REPORT**

A written report provided by the county constabulary had been available on the parish council website from 14 April.

PC Mel Carter gave a brief report on policing levels and visible presence. Another police 'surgery' will be held in the village. Concerns were addressed regarding vehicles speeding through the village and HS2 parked vehicles with engines left running. AE would contact HS2 regarding these concerns.

### **2022/5: REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ALISON EASTWOOD**

A written report provided by Silverstone Ward councillors had been available on the parish council website from 14 April.

District Cllr. Alison Eastwood (AE) outlined the structure of the new unitary authority advising the current budget was in the 'black'. A district council HS2 marshal would start on 19 May. Concern was raised regarding HS2's proposal to apply for extended weekday and all-day Saturday and Sunday working hours. A number of district councillors had already expressed their opposition. District Councillors would discuss the matter on 9 May.

Will Hemmings raised concerns regarding HS2 particularly the cutting and water courses in Lower Thorpe valley which were discussed and noted

Reference was made to litter in Lower Thorpe and concern should be conveyed to HS2.

AE recognised the lack of notice to parishioners regarding the recently introduced green waste bin charge; further action would be taken. AE also referred to the Ability bus scheme operating through the village and contact details being available for homes for Ukrainian refugees.

### **2022/6: PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS: JO advised the following:**

2022/6a: Following the election process in 2021 and Tim Moss not seeking re-election, Plil Tustian had been co-opted onto the council.

2022/6b: PRECEPT: The Parish Council precept for 2022/23 had been increased by £400 to £3,000 endeavouring to bring the precept towards a more realistic position. One aspect was the clerk's salary which was still about £400 short of the commercial rate.

2022/6c: HS2 BANBURY ROAD CLOSURE: There was still no indication regarding long term closure of Banbury Road between Bulls Lane and the Magpie Road junction during the

construction period but it is unlikely to be imminent as the Greatworth Tee junction is understood to be a prior requirement.

**2022/6d: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUND:** £3,965 had been expended on a village hall flooring project since the last meeting. Subject to the receipt of a VAT refund of £793, there was currently £4,656 remaining in the fund. JO welcomed suggestions for further expenditure, bearing in mind there is an expectation that funds are expended within 5 years of receipt – October 2023. Playground equipment was mentioned but several present explained that maintenance and liability would be prohibitive.

**2022/6e: STREET LIGHT PROBLEM:** JO explained that following the failure of three LED lanterns Balfour Beatty had offered to replace the 11 lanterns they had installed.

**2022/6f: LITTER BINS AND DOG WASTE:** The problem of bins and dog bags was discussed; possibly the Parish Council could upgrade the litter bins to reduce the litter blowing out.

**2022/6g: THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** Mags Durham said she would be meeting Patrick Bradshaw to discuss ideas.

**2022/7: VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

John Clouston advised that bookings were still down but the financial situation was strong. The Board of Trustees was down in number and new members were being sought

**2022/8: PARISH CHURCH**

Churchwarden Maurice Cole had provided a written report. Unfortunately, the church continued to struggle with shortages in both physical support and finances. The parish's requested contribution to the clergy cost in the Chenderit Benefice was £5,500 per annum. Last year's remittance fell short by £3,790 and in 2020 the shortfall was £3,000. On the plus side, congregation numbers have benefitted from attendees from outside the parish. Maintenance work recommended by an architect's report was under review.

**2022/9: RABBIT RING**

Mags Durham advised that activities of the Rabbit Ring ladies club had recently recommenced following an easing in the coronavirus pandemic. JO reminded people of the joint Thumpers and Rabbit Ring meeting on 4 May at 7.30pm when David Wright would demonstrate use of the defibrillator. The meeting would be open to all the village.

**2022/10: THUMPERS**

Tony Limb had submitted a written report of Thumpers men's club referring to the club recently restarting after two years Covid inactivity. There were 23 on the circulation/members list. Activities are based in the village as much as possible, trying to utilise the village hall.

**2022/11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

MEETING CLOSED at 8.20pm with the Chairman's thanks to those attending.