



**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 15 February 2023 commencing at 19.00hrs
Venue: Thornhill Social Club**

Present: (JN) Julie Nugent, Chairperson, (TB) Tim Barlow (Vice Chairman), (KC) Kath Cook, (SC) Steve Caddy, (MS) Michael Slater, (TC) T Church (Clerk)

1 Apologies

Eric Jewitt.

2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda

A member of the public in attendance declared an interest in the play park agenda item.

3 Public Participation

Two members of the public from Thornhill in attendance. The Chairperson thanked them for their attendance and for making the effort to join the meeting.

A MoP raised that a large amount of litter had been left behind after the brambles had been cut down in the area near the football field. Some residents had kindly bagged up the litter. The Chairperson thanked them for taking the time to do this.

ACTION 1: Clerk to contact CCC to arrange collection of the bags of litter and advise the MoP

A MoP raised that the double decker buses were catching the overgrown Cherry Trees on entering Thornhill village. The trees would need to be cut back in the future as part of the tidy up work in Thornhill eg new play park etc.

**4 Approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2023
Review actions from previous meetings**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. Chairperson to sign.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

5 Planning Applications

4/23/2022/OF1 – Land to the South East of Civil Nuclear Constabulary Training Facility

No comments/objections made.

4/23/2034/O01 – Beckermat Service Garage



At the outline planning stage no objections/comments made.

Note for the minutes only: Some residents have voiced concerns about parking associated with this development.

ACTION 2: Clerk to relay feedback to Planning Department

6 Finance

January Finance Report

Report noted. The VAT refund of £9,222 had been received.

Approve Clerk's February salary

APPROVED for payment.

Approve payment to TSC for room hire

APPROVED for payment. Cheque to be signed after this meeting.

7 Electricity Supply to Thornhill Football Club

A letter from Cumbria County Council (CCC) dated 5 January 2023 had been received asking if the Parish Council wanted to be included in the buying framework with npower for the electricity supply to the football club.

Unfortunately the letter was received post deadline date, which could mean that another supplier may have to be identified should npower not accept a late application. As this required urgent attention the Clerk had taken the decision to complete the paperwork and submit to CCC in the hope that the late application would be accepted.

Awaiting a response from CCC.

8 Excessive Dog Fouling in Thornhill

It was reported that the excessive dog fouling in the village of Thornhill and on the cycle track is a real problem, especially as children play in the problem areas.

ACTION 3: Clerk to report to the dog warden and request regular patrols

ACTION 4: Chairperson to post on Facebook to inform local community of dog warden patrols

9 Cumbria Nuclear Sites Engagement meeting May 2023

Defer to March meeting.

ACTION 5: Clerk to include in March agenda



10 Progress Reports

Beckermat Play Park

The new play park at Beckermat would hopefully be open at the weekend following the pre opening inspection. An official opening would be held when the weather improved.

Thornhill Play Park

The park at Thornhill will cost more than the Beckermat park as there is more work to be carried out eg resurfacing etc. The village's children had chosen the play park design with their additional ideas also factored in. The updated design was handed out at this meeting for approval.

The funding application will hopefully be submitted in March with the work carried out in August 2023.

The Parish Council stressed again the importance of having volunteers from Thornhill to assist with local activities eg carrying out monthly inspections at the play park using the existing checklist.

ACTION 6: Clerk to inform insurance company of new play park equipment at Beckermat and check any inspection requirements for Beckermat and the existing park at Thornhill

ACTION 7: JN to provide the Clerk with a list of new items at Beckermat play park and their value for the Asset Register. This information also to be provided to MS for inspection purposes

Small play area in Beckermat

It was reported that the two new swings had been replaced in the small play area at Beckermat.

The MoPs left the meeting after this agenda item.

11 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council/Report Minor Matters

MS gave feedback from the Sellafield Safety meeting. MS had the minutes and presentations should other councillors wish to see them.

Hanging Baskets

It was reported that the hanging baskets near the bus shelter in Beckermat were now back in place. The hooks holding the baskets may need to be checked/replaced in the future.

Dumped Sofa

It was reported that a sofa had been fly tipped near the bench close to Cop Lane, Beckermat.



ACTION 8: Clerk to report and arrange disposal using W3W location

Pit Bogey

Ongoing.

Parish Council Elections – 6 May 2023

Advice was expected to arrive soon to Parish Clerks. However it is unlikely that an election would be held as there are already a number of vacancies on the Parish Council.

Noticeboard in Thornhill

It was reported the noticeboard in Thornhill had been relocated and painted.

The noticeboard legs left at the shop are to be removed and the area made good at the shop owner's request. Clearly there will be a cost incurred from Parish Council funds to carry out the work.

ACTION 9: SC to organise for the work to be carried out

The relocated noticeboard would be used to display other items (eg colourful posters) in addition to meeting agendas and minutes as a way of making Parish Council business more visible to local residents eg play park update.

Trees at bus stop near church, Beckermat

The area behind the bus stop has been cleared to a certain extent and the waste removed. However, there is more tidying up of the area still to be carried out to make the area more presentable.

ACTION 10: JN to take a look at the area

Cemetery Wall

Thanks had been received from the local resident renting land from the Parish Council for arranging the ivy removal from the cemetery wall. However the local council had cleared the wrong area of the wall.

ACTION 11: SC to contact Local Authority to report again

12 Recruitment of additional councillors

The Parish Council once again discussed the recruitment of additional councillors and the importance of those representatives coming from Thornhill.

13 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 in Thornhill Social Club at 19.00hrs.

All business concluded; the meeting closed at 21.13hrs.