



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON
**WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.**

Present: Cllrs: O'Keeffe (in the chair), Hawkins, Pennington, Rathbone and White

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk and RFO), 2 Members of the Public

2202: Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr McGill.

2203: Members Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2204: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 4 January 2023 be approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.

2205: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

2206: Public Comments

None received.

2207: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

2207.1 That litter pick reports by Cllrs Rathbone and O'Keeffe be noted.

2207.2 That the next litter pick event will take place on Saturday, 4 February 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am be noted.

2207.3 That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a litter pick risk assessment for March with Sefton.

2207.4 That Cllr Hawkins raised resident concerns on the amount of dog fouling left on pavements on a daily basis, particularly on pavements where children are walking toward school. The following actions were agreed:

(i) That Cllr O'Keeffe to share resident concerns with Manor Ward councillors; Sefton Cleansing; Sefton Environmental Health Enforcement; Neighbourhoods Team; Headmaster of St William of York Primary School.

(ii) That Cllr O'Keeffe to contact Sefton cleansing on the possibility of weekly cleansing visits, particularly on pavements where children are walking toward school.

(iii) That Cllr O'Keeffe to contact Sefton Council about fixed penalty notice stickers and having no patrols at dog fouling hotspots.

(iv) Members to look at 'Anti Dog Fouling' posters.

(v) That Cllr Hawkins to update the resident on the parish council response to dog fouling concerns.

2208: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

2208.1 That an update by Cllr Rathbone on the community cupboard be noted.

2208.2 Members approved a budget of £30 for the purchase of cupboard storage baskets. Proposed: Cllr O'Keeffe. Seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed: Unanimously.

2208.3 That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on the Spacehive crowdfunding project be noted.

- 2208.4** That Cllrs O'Keeffe and Pennington to arrange a meeting with Ronnie Stafford, Sefton Council Highways, to discuss potential locations for planters in the local area.
- 2208.5** That Cllr O'Keeffe to attend an online workshop run by Sefton Council and Spacehive to find out more on how to make a successful pitch for crowdfunding, 7 February 2023.

2209: Holgate land

RESOLVED: That a report by Cllr Pennington on the presence of surveyors on the last piece of land available for development at Holgate be noted.

2210: Covid Commemorative Plaque/WW1 and WW2 War Memorial

RESOLVED:

- 2210.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins on the covid memorial following a recent visit to Crosby Memorials be noted.
- 2210.2** That an update by Cllr O'Keeffe on memorial planning applications/permissions be noted.

2211: Planning Applications

RESOLVED: Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.

2212: Crime Alerts

RESOLVED:

- 2212.1** That a report by Cllr Pennington on a worrying spike in car thefts in the area involving keyless ignition, signal jamming devices and unlocked vehicles be noted.
- 2212.2** That Cllr Pennington to post a Facebook notice to raise awareness on the spike in car thefts in the area with information on how to keep vehicles and keys safe.
- 2212.3** That a report by Cllr Pennington on drivers using Hartdale Road as a rat-run be noted.
- 2212.4** Members noted that the uneven pavement outside Chaps on the Crescent is privately owned by MLN Investments Limited and not by Sefton Council.

2213: Budget and Precept 2023/24

RESOLVED:

- 2213.1** That the proposed budget for 2023/24 be agreed.
Proposed: Cllr O'Keeffe. Seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed: Unanimously.
- 2213.2** That the precept for 2023/24 be set at £9,000 be agreed.
Proposed: Cllr O'Keeffe. Seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed: Unanimously.

2214: Accounts Paid and For Payment

RESOLVED: That the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated be agreed.

2215: Casual Vacancy

RESOLVED:

- 2215.1** Members noted the vacancy will carry over and be filled as part of the normal election process on the 4 May 2023.
- 2215.2** Members noted the clerk to notify Ruth Appleby, Democratic Service Officer and Neil Middlehurst, Sefton Council Election Manager, of Cllr Donegan's resignation.
- 2215.3** Members noted the clerk to update the Parish Council website members list.

2216: Correspondence

- 2216.1** Sefton MBC report of flytipping by a resident on Thornfield Road who witnessed someone from one of the shops on the Crescent dumping rubbish.
- 2216.2** Sefton Highways follow up response on assessing the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at the Green Lane/Park View/Quarry Road/Ince Road junction.
- 2216.3** Manor Ward councillors to discuss funding opportunities.
- 2216.4** Sefton Council follow up on the cutting back of overgrown vegetation on Gates Lane footpath during October/November 2022.
- 2216.5** LALC Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2023, ballot entry closing date 10 February 2023.

2217: Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 1 March 2023 at 7:00PM.

2218: Deadline for Agenda Items

RESOLVED: Monday, 20 February 2023.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 1 March 2023