

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Beardwood, Bundred and Fonseca
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 3 Members of the Public

2592: Apologies for absence

2592.1 There were apologies received from Cllrs Harrison and Hawkins.

2592.2 Members noted that Cllr Francis had tendered his resignation due to work commitments.

2593: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

2594: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on the 4 September 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2595: Matters of report arising from previous minutes

Minute 2571.2: That Cllr McGill reported on a site visit made to the Thornton welcome sign and the Ramblers new build homes to follow up a resident complaint about unsightly builders rubble. Members noted the builders rubble is sited on private land and not the public highway.

2596: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned for this item.

Mr Robin Albert, a retired parish councillor, raised concerns about the Council's voting process, controversial decision making, non-declarations of interest and interactions with Sefton Council back in 2015, 2016 and 2017 about planning matters concerning 6 The Crescent (known as the Thornton Fryer). Further, he urgently advised the Council to apologise and to correct a wrong committed by the Council in the recent past.

Resident, Hartdale Road, reported that a drain on the Castle Green estate along the A565 was running into the grass verge and was uncovered.

The meeting was reconvened.

RESOLVED:

2596.1 That the clerk to check through historic minutes (2015-2017) concerning 6 The Crescent (known as the Thornton Fryer) for discussion at the next meeting, 6 November 2024.

2596.2 That Cllr McGill to make a site visit to Castle Green estate to take photographs of the open drain and to forward to Sefton Highways to look into.

2597: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

2597.1 That an update by Cllr McGill on the monthly community litter pick be noted.

2597.2 Members noted the date of the next community litter picks, 5 Oct. and 2 Nov. 2024.

2597.3 That Cllr McGill agreed to promote the community litter pick dates on social media.

2597.4 That the clerk to file litter pick risk assessments with Sefton Council.

2598: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

- 2598.1** That the clerk to obtain three quotes for storage for the five new community planters.
- 2598.2** That the clerk to make enquiries about if and when the Manor Ward community skip will be sited at The Crescent/Thornfield Road.
- 2598.3** Members agreed that Cllr McGill and resident, Irene White to represent the Council at the Britain in Bloom North West, It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2024 at Bolton Wanderers Football Stadium, 30 October 2024. That the Council to pay for the tickets (at £15 each) and to reimburse their reasonable travel expenses to and from the event.
Proposed: Cllr Bundred. **Seconded:** Cllr Beardwood. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2598.4** Members thanked Barratt Wilson Homes for their generous donation of £646.85 to purchase litter pickers, hoops and hi-viz jackets.
- 2598.5** That the clerk to order for delivery to Cllr McGill's home address: 48 hi-vis jackets, 12 pickers, 12 hoops and 18 pairs of gardening gloves, in mixed sizes.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Bundred. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2598.6** That the clerk to contact Barratt Wilson Homes to arrange a presentation photo to take place at The Crescent on Saturday, 2 November 2024 between 9:15AM-9:30AM.
- 2598.7** That Cllr McGill to write a press release for the Barratt Wilson Homes presentation.
- 2598.8** Members noted an update received from Barratt Wilson Homes on what could be most effectively done at Brooms Cross. *"The issue is overgrowth...and would benefit from some substantial strimming...once this is done we would be happy to help with some funding or other assistance towards a bench, flower planting, etc."*

2599: Community Governance Review

RESOLVED:

- 2599.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2599.2** Members were content to pause this item until January 2025.

2600: New noticeboard - Village Green

RESOLVED:

- 2600.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2600.2** Members noted delivery is expected in the week commencing 21 October 2024.

2601: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED:

- 2601.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2601.2** Members noted the memorials are virtually finished and are likely to be installed in the week commencing 30 September 2024.

2602: Thornton Parish Community Facebook page

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to another meeting date to be advised.

2603: Strategic planning

RESOLVED:

- 2603.1** That a report by Cllr Beardwood on moving everyone over to the new Flexmail server with new .gov.uk email addresses with access to documents stored in a new shared folder be noted.
- 2603.2** That a report by Cllr Beardwood summarising the results of the community survey '**Your Thornton - Your Say**' conducted during August and September to gather the views of residents on what is important to them be noted.

- 2603.3** Members noted that 185 people took part in the community survey with 90 respondents asking to be kept informed of local news and events.
- 2603.4** Members agreed to suggestions for a Mailchimp account and Newsletters for keeping survey respondents informed of local news and events..
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Bundred. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2603.5** The clerk drew the community survey prize draw winning ticket: no. 78, Hayley Jones.
- 2603.6** That Cllr Beardwood agreed to present the £20 prize draw voucher to the lucky winner.
- 2603.7** Members congratulated Cllrs Beardwood and Bundred on a well executed survey and thanked everyone who took part in completing the community survey.
- 2603.8** Members noted the next strategic planning meeting to be held at the King's Church on Saturday, 26 October 2024 at 10:00AM.

2604: Traffic issues

RESOLVED:

- 2604.1** That an update on traffic concerns by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2604.2** Members noted that the additional signage for The Crescent was ordered by Sefton Highways in August but that delivery can take 3-4 months as contractors sometimes amalgamate orders.

2605: Defibrillator theft

RESOLVED:

- 2605.1** Members noted that TEAM7, the insurance company claims handler, have settled the insurance claim as follows: defibrillator cabinet £654.00, defibrillator £1,074.00 with a policy excess deduction of £125.00. That an amount of £1,603 will be deposited into the Council's bank account in the week commencing 7 October 2024.
- 2605.2** Members noted that Cllr McGill agreed to store the replacement defibrillator and cabinet at his home address.
- 2605.3** Members noted that Cllr McGill agreed to removed the vinyl covering from the window section of the kiosk and to give the kiosk a general tidy up.
- 2605.4** That the clerk to obtain three quotes for mobile CCTV to resolve security issues with the defibrillator kiosk.

2606: Cuppa with a copper

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.

2607: Christmas tree

RESOLVED:

- 2607.1** Members noted that Manor Ward councillors have agreed to fully fund a 21 foot Christmas tree this year (2024/25) but that the Council will need to fully fund its own Christmas tree next year (2025/26).
- 2607.2** That the clerk to add the cost of a Christmas tree to the Council's 2025/26 budget.

2608: Remembrance service

RESOLVED:

- 2608.1** That Cllrs Bundred and Beardwood to create/review the order of service for approval at the next meeting, 6 November 2024.
- 2608.2** That Cllr Bundred agreed to invite the people who will be laying wreaths and crosses.
- 2608.3** That Cllr McGill agreed to tidy the pavement area inside and outside the Stocks & Sundial enclosure on Sunday, 3 November 2024.
- 2608.4** That the clerk to order 3 wreaths and 14 crosses from the Royal British Legion and to send contact email addresses to Cllr Bundred as requested.

2609: Christmas tree lights switch on

RESOLVED:

- 2609.1** Members set the date to be Friday, 6 December 2024 at the Nags Head car park, to run from 17:30PM-19:00PM.
- 2609.2** That Cllrs Bundred and Fonseca agreed to visit Jane Higham at the Nags Head to confirm permission to host the event in the car park.
- 2609.3** That Cllr Bundred agreed to invite the VIP guests.
- 2609.4** That the clerk to book the Crosby Rotary Club Santa float, complete the Master Mayoral Engagement Form, and file event notices with Merseyside Police and Green Sefton.
- 2609.5** That the clerk to send contact email addresses to Cllr Bundred as requested.
- 2609.6** That Cllr McGill declared his apology for this event.
- 2609.7** Members were asked to think about a 'special guest' to switch on the lights.

2610: Planning Applications

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

2611: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2612: Correspondence

- 2612.1** Aintree PC, Civic event invitation: Sunday 27 October 2024.
- 2612.2** Cllr Fonseca, notice of change of address.
- 2612.3** Rosie Roberts, former parish councillor, thank you note for the card.

2613: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at 7:00PM.

2614: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 29 October 2024.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 6 November 2024