

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Beardwood, Bundred, Dale and Hawkins.
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 4 Members of the Public

2681: Apologies for absence

2681.1 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Fonseca.

2681.2 Members noted that Cllr Harrison had tendered his resignation due to family and health reasons. He was thanked for his work on the parish council and wished all the best for the future.

2682: Members declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

2683: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on the 8 January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2684: Matters of report arising from previous minutes

There were no matters of report.

2685: Public forum

The meeting was adjourned for this item.

2685.1 Resident, addressed the parish council about a stone slab sited on Virgins Lane that marks the boundary between Thornton and Little Crosby.

2685.2 Resident, Hartdale Road, raised traffic issues at the top end of Moor Lane and Edge Lane, with traffic backing up all the way down to Newfield School.

2685.3 Resident, Hartdale Road, addressed the parish council about the nativity crib still sited on the village green.

2685.4 Resident, Brenda Crescent, reported an overgrown hawthorn hedge, litter and a bench in need of maintenance sited between St Joseph's Hospice and Brooms Cross Road

The meeting was reconvened.

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGill to take care of the overgrown hawthorn hedge and litter as part of the community litter pick and to take a photo of the bench to send to the clerk for passing onto Sefton Council to look into.

2686: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

2686.1 Members noted the dates of the next community litter picks, 8 February and 1 March 2025, meeting at the corner of Thornfield Road and The Crescent at 10:00am.

2686.2 That Cllr Beardwood to advertise litter pick dates with Crosby Wombles.

2686.3 That the clerk to file litter pick risk assessments with Sefton Council.

2686.4 That Cllr McGill to contact Ronnie Stafford, Sefton Council, to organise a site visit for the inspection/approval of the planter in situation.

2686.5 That the clerk to complete the 2025 RHS It's Your Neighbourhood entry form.

2687: Thornton Community Group
This item is reported under: 2886.1-2886-5

2688: Traffic issues including public forum

RESOLVED:

2688.1 That Cllr Hawkins reported that Peter Hillsdon had advised that the consultation meeting with Manor Ward Councillors has provisionally been set for 4 February 2025. Adding, that plans for the public forum are contingent with Ward councillors having been briefed on the latest position regarding the options for the "Thornton Corridor".

2688.2 Members noted arrangements for the public forum.

2688.3 That Cllr Bundred to check the availability of the King's Church with the following dates in March 2025: 19th, 20th, 26th or 27th from 7pm-9pm.

2689: Friends of Thornton CIC

RESOLVED:

2689.1 That an update by Cllr Bundred be noted.

2689.2 Members reviewed and agreed the Articles of Association.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Dale. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2690: Strategic planning

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Bundred be noted.

2691: Cuppa with a copper

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.

2692: Lunt National Trust

RESOLVED: Members thanked Lunt National Trust for their invitation to one of the three planting events at Lunt Road, Thornton.

2693: Storage facility

RESOLVED:

2693.1 Members noted Armadillo Self Storage Limited rental charge of £136.00 that included £17.70 security deposit and £48 enhanced liability insurance fee.

2693.2 Members noted the storage inventory items and £3,315 estimated value.

2693.3 That the clerk to arrange insurance cover with the parish council insurance company.

2694: Planning applications

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

2695: Budget and Precept 2025/26

RESOLVED: Members reviewed and agreed the revised budget for 2025/26.

Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Bundred. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2696: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2697: Correspondence

- 2697.1** LALC, invitation to nominate (to include partner) to Buckingham Palace Garden Party to be held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025.
- 2697.2** Sefton Council, notification setting out Thornton Parish Tax Base 2025/26.
- 2697.3** Sefton Council, request for the nativity crib to be removed from the village green.
- 2697.4** Bernard Nevin, invitation to Crosby and District history presentation at Crosby Library on Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 2pm.
- 2697.5** Castle Green, in response to ongoing correspondence with Green Lane resident, sent their apologies for the long delay in replacing the dog poo litter bin they removed from Holgate and ask if the replacement should be like for like or a traditional dog poo bin.
- 2697.6** Sefton Council, in response to a resident complaint about the state of the pavement outside 53 Edge Lane, confirmed an inspector has attended the site and referred this to their cleansing department to clear the mud off the footpath.
- 2697.7** National Westminster Bank, agreed £300 compensation as an apology for their administration error.
- 2697.8** Neil Middlehurst, confirmed that the recommendations of the LGBC review have now been approved by Parliament.
- 2697.9** Marine FC and Bellway, notification of a new 5000 capacity stadium linked to a 250-home Bellway housing development on Edge Lane.

2698: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at 7:00PM.

2699: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 25 February 2025.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 5 March 2025