

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

2720: Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs McGill and Hawkins.

2721: Members declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

2722: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on the 5 March 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-chair.

2723: Matters of report arising from previous minutes

There were no matters of report.

2724: Public forum

The meeting was adjourned for this item.

Lucy Fol, 4th Crosby and District (St William of York) Scouts Group, introduced herself to the meeting and spoke of her interest in volunteering to undertake the management and maintenance of the community cupboard located in the Nags Head pub car park as her chosen project for the Scouts of the World Award (SOWA).

Andrew Taylor, Planning Director, David Wilson Homes North West, addressed the meeting about parking issues at Sundial Place caused by inconsiderate users of Buckley Hill playing fields on Saturdays and Sundays. He reported that Sefton Highways are looking at measures to address these parking issues through the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's). Further, that Sefton Highways and their traffic management team have indicated that they would be willing to meet with David Wilson Homes to discuss how to implement those TRO's.

Kimberley Struth, applicant for the office of Parish Councillor, introduced herself to the meeting and provided information on her family, her career, her skills and why she would want to become involved with the work of the Parish Council.

The meeting was reconvened.

2725: Parish Council vacancy

RESOLVED:

2725.1 Members agreed to co-opt Kimberley Struth to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.
Proposed: Cllr Dale. **Seconded:** Cllr Beardwood. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2725.2 That Cllr Struth then signed 'The Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and joined the meeting.

2725.3 That the clerk to notify the Democratic Services Officer of the co-option.

2725.4 That the clerk to forward Cllr Struth the Register of Interests form for completing, returning and filing with the Democratic Services Officer.

2726: Community cupboard

RESOLVED:

2726.1 Members agreed a request by Lucy Fol, 4th Crosby and District (St William of York) Scout Group, to manage and maintain the community cupboard located in the Nags Head pub car park as her project for the Scouts of the World Award (SOWA).

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

2726.2 Members wished Lucy Fol good luck and thanked her for choosing the community cupboard as her project for the Scouts of the World Award.

2727: Buckley Hill playing fields

RESOLVED:

2727.1 Members thanked Andrew Taylor, Planning Director, David Wilson Homes North West, for setting out the parking problems at Sundial Place caused by inconsiderate users of Buckley Hill playing fields on Saturdays and Sundays.

2727.2 Members noted that Andrew Taylor will let Manor Ward Councillors and the clerk know when he receives confirmation of a meeting date with Sefton Highways.

2728: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

2728.1 That an update by Cllr Beardwood on an increase in community litter picking thanks to the Great British Spring Clean campaign, 21 March-2 April 2025, be noted.

2728.2 Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 12 April 2025.

2728.3 That Cllr Beardwood to promote the litter pick date with the Wombles.

2728.4 That the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

2729: Friends of Thornton CIC

RESOLVED:

2729.1 That an update by Cllr Bundred on receiving the official certificate of incorporation of Friend of Thornton, a Community Interest Company, a private company limited by guarantee, from the Registrar of Companies, on 1 April 2025, be noted.

2729.2 Members noted that Cllr Bundred is now a registered director and that the additional seven directors to register at the next Parish Council meeting, 7 May 2025.

2729.3 That Cllr Beardwood to upload to the shared folder documents on free banking with the Co-Op Bank for review at the next Parish Council meeting, 7 May 2025.

2730: Traffic and public safety issues

RESOLVED:

2730.1 That an update by Cllr Hawkins on forwarding recent email exchanges with Andrew Dunsmore/Peter Hillsdon to the three Manor Ward councillors on 13 March (copied to Cllr Veidman, Peter Hillsdon and Andrew Dunsmore), be noted.

2730.2 Members noted that Cllr McNabb, Manor Ward, replied the following day, 14 March.

2730.3 Members noted that despite reminder emails sent on 21 and 28 March, only "Out of office" automatic replies had been received to-date from Andrew Dunsmore and Peter Hillsdon.

2731: Community Governance Review

RESOLVED:

- 2731.1** Members noted an exchange of emails between Cllr Hawkins and Neil Middlehurst, Sefton Electoral Services.
- 2731.2** Members agreed the addendum to the original CGR, submitter 1 April 2025.
Proposed: Cllr Bundred. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2731.3** Members agreed to leave boundary issues relating to the small corner of St Oswalds with Neil Middlehurst and the CGR working group to deliberate on in due course, as their Review proceeds.
Proposed: Cllr Bundred. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

2732: National COVID-19 day of reflection, 9 March 2025

RESOLVED:

- 2732.1** That Cllr Bundred reported on the short service of reflection held at the COVID memorial, by the Stocks and Sundial, to mark the Nation COVID-19 Day of Reflection.
- 2732.2** Members thanked individuals for sharing their personal COVID-19 pandemic stories and offered grateful thanks to the NHS frontline and key workers.

2733: Strategic planning

RESOLVED:

- 2733.1** That Cllr Bundred reported on the strategic planning meeting held at the King's Church on 22 March 2025.
- 2733.2** Members agreed that it would be good to work together with the 4th Crosby and District (St William Of York) Scouts Group on a community event/activity.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Dale. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2733.3** That the clerk to contact Catherine Ashcroft, 4th Crosby and District (St William of York) Scouts Group Leader to set up a meeting.
- 2733.4** That Cllrs Fonseca and Dale to work together on the development of a website for the Friends of Thornton CIC.
- 2733.5** That Cllr Beardwood to contact NetWise to discuss website support and maintenance, including who is responsible for running updates, are permission required for users to make changes and is answering technical questions part of the support.
- 2733.6** Members noted Cllr Bearwood's suggestion to stay with Netwise for 2025/26 and to move away to another government approved website hosting provider for 2026/27.
- 2733.7** Members agreed to have their website profile photos retaken by Cllr Struth at the next Parish Council meeting, 7 May 2025.

2734: Communications Policy, GDPR/Privacy Policy and Accessibility Statement

- 2734.1** Members reviewed and approved the Communications Policy drafted by Cllr Beardwood.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Dales. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2734.2** Members reviewed and approved the GDPR/Privacy Policy updated by Cllr Beardwood.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Dales. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2734.3** Members reviewed and approved the Accessibility Statement tested by Cllr Beardwood.
Proposed: Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Dales. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2734.4** That Cllr Beardwood to set up a new gdpr@thornton-pc.gov.uk email.

2735: Cuppa with a copper

RESOLVED: Members noted Cllr Hawkins ongoing efforts to press for an event within Thornton.

2736: Planning applications

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

2737: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2738: Correspondence

- 2738.1** Irene White, volunteer, note of thanks for lovely flowers and a very kind letter.
- 2738.2** NetWise, notification the website was down for a few hours on Tuesday, 1 April 2025.
- 2738.3** Neighbourhood Police, notification of a drop in surgery taking place at Bootle Community Centre on 14 March 2025.
- 2738.4** Resident, enquiring if Thornton has a community centre.
- 2738.5** LALC, circulating their March 2025 Newsletter.
- 2738.6** LALC, notification of smaller authorities changes to the Practitioners' Guide 2025.
- 2738.7** Resident, reporting the sad news that Father Vincent Fedigan, former priest of St William of York, had passed away on 13 March 2025 and his requiem mass will be held on Thursday, 3 April at 12:30pm at Saint James Church, St James Road, Wigan SN5 7AA.
- 2738.8** Sefton Council, announcing their annual call out for land and vacant premises suitable for development.
- 2738.9** Dominic McNabb, Manor Ward councillor, reporting that a skip is to be located near to the Subway. There will be a leaflet drop on 27 April with the skip being on site on 28 April. He hopes to be there and hopes fellow PC members will be there too.
- 2738.10** Dominic McNabb, Manor Ward councillor, reporting on a letter drop to residents and shopkeepers at The Crescent. Some were very interested and would be willing to lend a hand in tidying up the unadopted and increasingly rubbish filled back alley.
- 2738.11** Dominic McNabb, Manor Ward councillor, reporting on a reply from Forestry England about Brooms Cross. They are not looking to add any additional infrastructure to Brooms Cross, and would not want a bench and signage installed. They have suggested installation on the cycle path that passes with a small way marker, then directing those who want to view the cross. This, they think, would interest more people who may not know the cross is even there.

2739: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 7 May 2025 at 7:00PM.

2740: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.



Signed (Chair) Date 7 May 2025