

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

**2765: Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dale and Hawkins.

**2766: Members declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2767: Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**2768: Matters of report arising from previous minutes**

It was noted that the Tesco Express Manager has continued the practice of leaving uncovered waste cages containing cardboard boxes outside the premises. This has resulted in frequent instances of loose cardboard being scattered along the road, creating ongoing littering issues in the surrounding area.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Beardwood to follow this up with the Tesco Express Manager.

**2769: Public forum**

*The meeting was adjourned for this item.*

- 2769.1** Resident advised on contacting Sefton Highways to request information regarding the ongoing works blocking the corner of Edge Lane, but have yet to receive a response.
- 2769.2** Resident reported that the traffic lights at Virgins Lane are not detecting bicycles and enquired if Sefton Highways could adjust the signal sensitivity.
- 2769.3** Resident raised traffic and public safety issues regarding Hartdale Road, which has increasingly been used as a cut-through during peak hours due to congestion on Moor Lane heading into Crosby.
- 2769.4** Resident raised a public safety concern regarding the four attenuation ponds along Brooms Cross Road, behind the cemetery, noting that the sides are steep and the fencing has been in disrepair for several years.
- 2769.5** Resident asked the Parish Council to approach Castle Green regarding the installation of an addition barrier/fence near the sub-station off Holgate, to help protect the newly planted blackthorn bushes from being damaged by vehicles.
- 2769.6** Residents requested that the Parish Council contact Castle Green to enquire about the timeline for the replacing of dog waste bins that were removed and previously promised for reinstatement.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk to follow up residents concerns with Sefton Highways and Castle Green.

**2770: Keeping Thornton Tidy**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2770.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on community litter pick initiatives be noted.
- 2770.2** Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 7 June 2025.
- 2770.3** That Cllr Beardwood to share the litter picking date with the wombles and the clerk to file a risk assessment with Sefton Council.
- 2770.4** Members noted Cllr McGill's upcoming plans for next week, which include visiting garden centres to select plants for the nine planters.
- 2770.5** Members expressed their gratitude to resident Kevin Rathbone for planting out the roadside planters and making the area look so vibrant.

**2771: Traffic and public safety**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted an update by Cllr Hawking regarding the installation of two new signs on the Crescent, a '20' speed limit and a 'hump' warning sign. Unfortunately, neither appears to be deterring cars from speeding through the area.

**2772: Buckley Hill playing fields**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2772.1** Members noted that there were no new developments to report concerning parking issues at Sundial Place.
- 2772.2** Members noted that travellers had once again set up encampment at Buckley Hill, and that Sefton Council had initiated legal proceedings for their eviction.

**2773: Friends of Thornton CIC**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2773.1** Members considered and agreed to the election of Cllr McGill as Chair, Cllr Beardwood as Treasurer, and Clerk Veronica Swift as Secretary.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Struth. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2773.2** Members considered and approved four policies: Environment; Financial Rules and Management; Equality and Diversity; and Health and Safety.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Struth. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2773.3** Members expressed their thanks to Cllrs Struth and Dale for their efforts in establishing the 'Friends of Thornton' Facebook page and a WhatsApp group for directors.
- 2773.4** Members noted the date of appointment of directors, effective 10 May 2025.

**2774: Little library**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2774.1** That an update by Cllr Struth on taking delivery of the Scout's library and the associated work to make it weatherproof and safe for use be noted.
- 2774.2** Members considered and approved the proposal to adapt the telephone kiosk on the Crescent into a little library.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Bundred. **Seconded:** Cllr Ricardo. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2774.3** That Councillor McGill to be responsible for installing shelving in the telephone kiosk.

**2775: Summer fayre – 25 August 2025**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the formation of a working group responsible for organising the summer fayre, with the first meeting to be held at the Nag's Head Pub, 21 June 2025 at 10:00.

**2776: Strategic planning**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Bundred reported on the strategic planning meeting held at the King's Church on Saturday, 17 May 2025, at 10:00am.

**2777: Community Governance Review**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted an update by Cllr Hawkins concerning a response from Neil Middlehurst, Electoral Services Manager, confirming that the review will officially commence on 1 October 2025 and conclude on 15 January 2026.

**2778: Website update**

**RESOLVED:**

**2778.1** That an update by Cllr Beardwood regarding changes to the website be noted.

**2778.2** Members thanked Cllr Struth for taking the profile photographs, which have now been uploaded to the website.

**2779: Cuppa with a copper**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted an update by Cllr Hawkins regarding efforts to secure an event at the Crescent. It was proposed that this item be paused for the time being.

**2780: Guest speaker**

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk to extend an invitation to representatives of pc24.nhs.uk to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council, to continue discussions concerning the integration of Thornton GP Practice.

**2781: Planning Applications**

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

**2782: Accounts paid and for payment**

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

**2783: Correspondence**

**2783.1** Lucy Fol, 4<sup>th</sup> Crosby and District (St William of York) Scout Group, enquiring if the Parish Council have a budget for the purchase of non-perishable goods in support of the give and take community cupboard at the Nags Head car park.

**2783.2** Katie Owen, National Trust, confirming that the oak chest was accepted at Rufford Hall in 1948. However, they have been unable to locate the corresponding loan agreement. Regrettably, they also report that they have not been able to identify the sampler within their collection.

**2784: Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at 7:00PM.

**2785: Deadline for agenda Items**

**RESOLVED:** Tuesday, 24 June 2025.



Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 2 July 2025