

## THELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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**Present:** Cllr W. Boundy (ch) Cllr P. Gillbard, Cllr R. Grant, Cllr G. Webber, Cllr T. Ford.

### 1. Public Questions.

A member of the public asked why no objection was raised to the building of an AD plant and associated structures at Menchine Farm. He referred to the original application in 2015. At that time the PC members had no objection to sustain and no members of the public came forward to place constraints.

Accusations were made that the PC was failing to represent the public in its dealings.

N.B. BECAUSE OF ITS ARCHIVAL NATURE, NOTICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN OF THIS QUESTION AND INFORMATION LAID AS TO WHERE SOURCES FOR INFORMATION LAY.

It was realised that some of the information provided by the contractors was unreliable, their written details often conflicting with the presented plans. Subsequent dealings have imbued a sense of mistrust in members when dealing with Greener For Life and its activities. No apology was received from the complainant.

### 2. Apologies.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Gibson.

### 3. Minutes.

The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> March meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

### 4. Declarations Of Interest.

None.

### 5. Nominations For Chairman for 2016/17

Cllr Ford proposed that Cllr Boundy remain in office for a further year which was seconded by Cllr Gellbard and found favour with all members.

### 6. Roads And Footpaths.

6:1 The many potholes in the area have remained largely untouched and those that have been attended to have received very poor work since they have recurred.

There are many potholes in the region but they are not of sufficient dimensions to merit attention.

6:2 Nothing has been done to render the main road any safer for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

6:3 Nothing.

6:4 Gibbett Moor proposals have been turned down but they may well go to appeal. It was felt that the roads were not in such condition as would allow of heavy traffic.

**7. Finance.**

- 7:1 The current bank statement was presented, it showed a credit balance of £2714.10
- 7:2 The annual audit was inspected by members before being signed by the chairman.
- 7:3 The annual precept has been received and is in the bank.
- 7:4 The annual insurance premium was due.
- 7:5 Accounts to settle –
  - 7:5:1 Community First Insurance premium £150.78
  - 7:5:2 John Fey Annual audit fee £50.00
  - 7:5:3 John Wilkinson Clerks pay £116.00

**8. Planning.**

**16/00564/FULL** Retention of an agricultural access track. Menchine Farm Nomansland. Objections were voiced but it was realised that the existence of the track would enable its use whatever the decision made by the Planning Department,.

**9. Correspondence.**

None.

**10. Chairman's Reports.**

The Chairman thanked both Clerks present at the meeting for services in the past. He felt that the Parish was in good shape and that parishioners as a whole pulled their weight as instance by Mr Webb and his sign making activities at Doctors Corner.

The Church was suffering diminishing congregations but there was a hope that recent changes may encourage more attendees. Under-pew heating had been installed which would improve comfort, there was also an application for a faculty for interior decoration which was currently in poor repair. The Ayres family have been generous benefactors. Changes to the church electric wiring would have to receive Diocesan approval

The Parish Hall Committee AGM takes place next week. The current financial situation is satisfactory largely due to the activities of Mr. Maynard. Thanks were due to the PC for the TAP contribution which paid for the outside light.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation about grass cutting at Mill Barn Cross which has made the junction hazardous.

It was resolves that in future public questions would be limited to twenty minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

*W. H. Bandy*  
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