Thelbridge Parish Council

Meeting Minutes 20th April 2022

Present: Cllrs Boundy, Cowell, Gibson, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes

I. Apologies

Cllrs Clements, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Lloyd (MDDC)

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes for the meeting on 2nd February were approved and signed.

III. Public forum

Six members of the public were present. The grass cutting at Eastwick Barton was raised again, £135 for 15 cuts. The resident that paid last year cannot continue to pay. Cllr Grant offered to pay this year.

IV. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cowell declared an interest in the planning application.

V. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

An application has been made to the Locality Budget for £200 as agreed by Cllr Squires; there has been no update on this. Quotes for a Thelbridge sign were obtained. The church has a service 5th June at 11:15, a cherry tree donated by Ash Moor Nursery will be planted, there will be a cake cut with drinks and a decorated hat competition. It was **resolved** that two signs should be purchased and their location agreed shortly.

VI. Finance

- a) The 2021-22 internal audit report was considered and the AGAR was approved and signed
- b) Statement of accounts and budget monitoring reports were received.
- c) Payments retrospectively approved: parish hall hire £42, HMRC £29.60, printing & postage £13.56, DCC delivery charge for pothole material £40. Additional payments approved were: grant application from Thelbridge Parochial Church Council £100, internal audit invoice for £32 and DALC membership £79.15. The newsletter was received today, in advance of receipt of the invoice, which should be approximately £40, payment approval was given.

VII. Defibrillator

The possibility of getting a defibrillator was last discussed at the meeting in January 2021 when it was decided to defer further consideration until post pandemic when fund raising would be more practical. A grant of £300 is available from the London Heart charity. It was **resolved** to progress the project and look into funding opportunities.

VIII. Expenses Policy

The expenses policy was reviewed and it was resolved to adopt it.

IX. Planning

Late submission of the Council's comments has been agreed for:

Retention of vehicular access, hardstanding for the parking of vehicles and erection of gate

Planning Application

Woodland at NGR 278761 111990 (Billhole Farm) Thelbridge Devon Ref. No: 22/00502/FULL

There was some discussion about the size of the hard standing area. It was **resolved** to object on the basis that the hard standing area is a large proportion of the land shown on the plans and would destroy the existing habitat and biodiversity. It is not considered necessary for tractor access to have a hard standing area. There were no objections to the gateway element of this planning application.

X. Items for Future Agenda

Operation London Bridge Complaints Policy Freedom of Information Publication Scheme Grant Award Policy Information Charter Privacy Policy

XI. Future Meeting Dates

The following date is scheduled: 18th May (annual meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:55

Signed W K Doundy (Chairman) Date: 18th May 2022