

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr Steve Tribe, (Chair), Cllr Charlotte Moore, Cllr Mary Taylor, Cllr Ray Goodger, Maggie Beach (Clerk),

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Item	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: Cllr Melanie Staff, Cllr Deborah Hosein, AVDC Cllr Billy Stanier, BCC Cllr Warren Whyte,	
	Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: - none	
2	<p>Presentation of the current Thornborough CC bids for funding and the issues,</p> <p>The Chair of Thornborough CC gave a brief historical and social context for the current situation. Thornborough CC needs to improve facilities to retain and attract members. Many local cricket clubs are finding it difficult to do this but Thornborough CC has always been an important part of the local community.</p> <p>Currently to improve facilities Thornborough CC has several bids it is making to various funders. As reported at previous TPC meetings, these are to fund various bits of equipment. However there is a problem with one of the current bids, which is to Sports England to part fund new practice nets. As these nets would become part of the fixtures of the Sports Field, Sports England require proof of security of tenure from the bidders. Currently Thornborough CC hire the Sports Field and Pavilion on an annual basis as Seasonal Hirers and pay the hire charge quarterly or 6 monthly. TPC have provided a letter in support of Thornborough CC and the bid, and also a statement of intention to continue hiring to Thornborough CC for at least the next seven years but Sports England do not see this as sufficient proof of security of tenure and so are not prepared to fund the bid on these terms. .</p>	
3	<p>A Way Forward - Discussion by Thornborough Parish Council</p> <p>There are two possible ways forward to secure the bid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thornborough CC would be able to provide evidence of security of tenure if the club had a lease with TPC for the Sports Field. 2. Thornborough Parish Council could take over the bid and as the council owns the Sports Field security of tenure would not be an issue. <p>Both options were discussed at length.</p> <p>The Clerk has also spoken with Sports England and there is no time limit on the bid so TPC could take over and work on the bid. However this would mean checking it out against Council's Financial Regulations and required procurement processes. This would take time. However Thornborough CC expressed urgency as this bid is only to part fund the nets and the club are currently submitting two other bids for the balance, these bids are dependent on a successful bid to Sports England.</p> <p>Sports England will only accept a lease between the owners of the Sports field and Thornborough CC with exclusive use. Thornborough Parish Councillors did not think this was an acceptable way forward. It might be possible to use a licence that would not allow exclusive use to</p>	

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	<p>Thornborough CC. General advice from NALC and BALC is that any lease should be individually negotiated and both parties should use a solicitor. This would also take time. A lease would be Thornborough CC's preferred option.</p> <p>Agreed to set up a Working Group to discuss options for a way forward to bring back to Thornborough Parish Council, possibly for the next scheduled meeting of TPC on 18th February. The Working Group to comprise: Ian Davies, the Chair of Thornborough CC, Steve Coppins who is currently managing the bid for Thornborough CC, and two Councillors, Cllr Steve Tribe and Cllr Ray Goodger. These four will set up a meeting and report back to TPC.</p>	<p>Working Group to meet and further discuss options, and report back to TPC</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.20.</p>	