

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Extraordinary MEETING

Monday 1 April 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs Melanie Staff (Chair), Steve Tribe, Ray Goodger, Mary Taylor, Estelle Graham

Clerk; Ruth Millard

District Cllr Sir Billy Stanier, County Cllr Cllr John Chilvers **Public attending** – 4

12/19 Apologies for absence; County Cllr Warren Whyte, Charlotte Moore **Absent;** Deborah Hosein,

13/19 Public Participation Session; Please note that only items in the Agenda are to be discussed & agreed – for any other item/subject, the Clerk will add to the agenda to be discussed & agreed at a future meeting. To resolve that the meeting be closed to allow members of the public to speak (10 minutes per person);

The Chair gave a brief outline of the issue and the position that the Parish Council was in at the present time.

Both parties spoke of their concerns regarding the alleged rodent infestation situation.

14/19 To discuss and agree the actions to be taken regarding the new Bucks CC allotments licence; County Cllr John Chivers reported that he'd had a meeting with Officers that afternoon in Aylesbury and having discussed this matter with the Officers have agreed to commission, at Bucks CC cost, an independent report to assess the validity of the alleged rodent infestation at the allotments. He is mindful this is an emotive subject and is keen to evidence to all parties that the matter is being dealt with by the County Council in a fair and reasonable manner. In the intervening period, the County Council proposes that the licence to the parish council for the land is held over on existing terms without payment until the results of the independent report have been received and its findings considered. He estimated that the independent review will take around 3-4 weeks and I will write to the Parish Council again on receipt of the report.

A member of the Parish Council queried if any other of Bucks CC tenants, who had chickens, had been given the same terms as Thornborough PC had received.

When a member of the Parish Council read an extract from the Allotment Act 1922, JC said that a member of Carter Jones had assured him that this matter did not come under the Allotment Act restrictions. JC said that he would make enquiries.

15/19 Interim Parish Clerk contract; Members discussed a Contract of Employment and Job Description. Members **RESOLVED** amongst other items that the clerk would be paid in line with the 2018-2019 National Salary award of SCP 22, her hours would be average 10 hours a week, expenses for use of space, lighting, heating and electricity due to working from home and reimbursement for home to work mileage.

16/19 Date of next TPC meeting: 15th April 2019 in the Village Hall Thornborough at 7.00pm

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