



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Thurlaston Annual Parish Meeting
Held at 6.30pm, on Tuesday 5th April 2022, at Thurlaston Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Roni Tinsley, Chair of Thurlaston Parish Council with Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Parishioners Present: None

1. Chairman's Annual Report
Noted – attached.
2. County Councillor Annual Report
No report filed – attends Full Parish Council meetings regularly 'in absence' submits written reports.
3. District Councillor Annual Report
No report filed – attends Full Parish Council meetings regularly 'in absence' submits written reports.
4. Thurlaston Village Hall Annual Report
Noted – attached.

Chair declared the meeting closed 6.45pm

Signed:.....Chair of Thurlaston Parish Council

Date:.....

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Chairman's Report

This is my first year as Chair of the Parish Council. I have to thank Paul Holyman for his service and his guidance throughout this year. I have, also, been well supported by our excellent clerk, Elaine Foxon and all fellow Councillors. Thank you all.

The Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum on 6th May after a delay of 12 months caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Plan passed the referendum and has since been ratified by Blaby DC. It will now be taken into account by their planning department when looking at future planning applications. The plan is now being re-visited and will be re-submitted. There are no changes that will affect Thurlaston directly.

In the last 12 months, there have been several planning applications, some were accepted, some refused and some withdrawn. The only development at The Holt has been the building of the garage, gym and potting shed. This was passed in 2018.

The solar farm at Hoefields Farm, approved in 2018, has now started the construction of the battery storage area opposite Next and, no doubt, the solar panels will follow.

There has also been an application for a solar farm at Hill Farm. Your PC planning committee made several comments on the application which have been taken into account by the developers. No decision has yet been made on this application.

In December 2021 the PC supported the group who deliver the Community teas to offer a Christmas tea. This was well supported and appreciated by residents.

Currently the PC is planning a Jubilee weekend in June to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will cover 4 days and it is hoped that all villagers will take part.

Daniel Newton Wood is now flourishing, mainly due to the hard work of Councillor Phil Marshall. Thank you. Please take a walk down and have a look.

Finally, I re-iterate my thanks to all Councillors and our Clerk for their dedication to keeping Thurlaston such a lovely place to live.

Roni Tinsley
Chair

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Village Hall Report.

The Village Hall has been supported by grants from Blaby DC over the 2 years of restrictions due to Coronavirus. The management committee followed all guidelines with regard to the re-opening of the hall, ensuring that it was COVID safe. Now, the hall is back in full working order and bookings are beginning to return to their 'normal' levels.

I would like, at this point, to thank all the societies and individuals who have continued to support this vital amenity.

As mentioned in last year's report, the blocking in of the playdeck has now been completed, providing extra storage and new access to both the backroom and onto the stage. The final stage of the current 'improvements' to the hall is the decoration of the new store room, the chair store, the corridor and the toilets. This is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in May.

Our next task is to upgrade all the lighting. We have taken advice on this and have received a further grant from Blaby and Thurlaston Players to help cover the costs.

As you are all aware, the costs of electricity have soared recently and the Village Hall Committee are monitoring the usage. The committee recognise that it is preferable for the hall to be used rather than standing empty and are determined to keep the hire charges attractive, but they must cover the costs.

This year Nigel Maybury has taken on the role of Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, succeeding Val Holyman. The committee recognises all the years of service that Val has given to the hall and her hard work and dedication. We thank her for all that she has done. The successful running and upkeep of the Village Hall relies upon the hard work of many people who willingly give of their time. Many thanks.