



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Annual Parish Meeting Held at 6.30pm, on Tuesday 11th April 2023, at Thurlaston Village Hall

Present: Mrs Roni Tinsley, Chair of Thurlaston Parish Council with Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Paul Holyman (Thurlaston Village Hall representative)

Parishioners Present: None

1. Chairman's Annual Report
Noted – attached.
2. County Councillor Annual Report
Report filed, noted and attached.
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:.....

Thurlaston Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 11th April, 2023
Chairman's Report

As Chair of the Parish Council, I have to thank our clerk, Elaine Foxon for all her hard work and support. I would like to also thank all fellow Councillors for their continued work to the benefit of the whole parish. Thank you all.

The Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan has 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, for solar farms and battery storage systems.

The battery storage area, opposite Next, for the solar farm at Hoefields Farm, is now approaching completion. No doubt, the solar panels will follow.

The application for a solar farm at Hill Farm is still under consideration by Blaby District Council.

There has also been an application for a battery energy storage system on Earl Shilton Road. This is an on-going application.

Your Parish Council, being in support of the necessity of storing and supplying green energy, is aware that there are a number of solar farms plus the battery storage both within the parish and on it's boundaries.

Several applications for residential dwellings have been rejected by both Blaby District Council and the National Planning inspectorate. In all cases Thurlaston has been described as a 'smaller village' which means that it has limited services and facilities and public transport options. All the refusals commented on sustainability and the need to use private vehicles.

The submission of the Hinckley National Rail Freight was delayed and no new date has been given.

The PC has registered an interest with BDC to transfer the Holt Crescent allotments to the PC. This is on-going.

The PC has purchased and installed a letterbox for comments from parishioners. The plaque naming Daniel Newton wood has also been installed. Thanks for both of these jobs goes to Cllr. Phil Marshall.

In April, the Chapel started fortnightly light lunches. These are well supported.

In June, the whole village came together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of The Queen. Four days of celebrations saw the lighting of a beacon, aerial photographs, family races,

tea dancing, an evening of celebration in the marquee, all rounded off with a 'big lunch'. I can only offer a huge thank you to all the helpers, without whom we would not have got the 'job done'. A great weekend – thank you all.

On June 13th, we were pleased to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sylvia Taylor.

In September, we were very sad to hear of the passing of our Queen

In September, the PC voted to register with Hedgehogs Highway Project. The gateways were then donated to the school.

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

Comments have been received from parishioners on the number of HGV's coming through the village. I would ask that photographic evidence is collected and passed on to the police.

Also concerns regarding the A47 car boot sale have been received. The PC has forwarded these on to BDC enforcement officer.

Currently the PC is planning for the Coronation of King Charles III. All details have been circulated to all villagers. There will be a number of competitions and activities. A resident has kindly donated a silver spoon to the child (resident of Thurlaston) who is born closest to and prior to midnight on Coronation Day. The weekend will end with 'The Big Help Out' where villagers are being asked to help out on the recreation ground and around the village.

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

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of Lee Breckon and Nick Chapman, Joint Divisional Members for Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forests and Thurlaston for the County Council

Lee Breckon

&

Nick Chapman



1) Electoral Division activities

The work has continued in dealing with residents' concerns, and grant funding for many businesses were dealt with. If not directly involved, it was signposting and guiding people to get the answers they needed.

Issues reported and progressed included litter, road signage, vegetation, speeding, traffic calming, block gullies and drains. This last year, where possible, we tried to get residents to log the issues themselves as it makes it more personal and the responses and actions taken are reported back directly to them.

We both attend as many Parish Council meetings as often as possible. Nick, as a Member of Glenfield Parish Council, attends all of their meetings. It is good to have two divisional Members who can visit, report and listen to residents and Parish issues.

We have dealt with many residents directly as well. We signpost many individual resident's issues across the four Parishes to the right authority to get the problems sorted. We also take enquiries from our District Councillors, to ensure progress is made.

We also keep up to date with the local village publications to try and ensure we can give a

local update on our workloads, if, when and where possible.

Nick and Lee have a clear mandate to support the Division, its parishes and its residents. We are enjoying the challenges of doing this and we are working well together.

We meet on a very regular basis to discuss divisional issues and share ideas and best practice.

Once again, we were allocated £25,000 each as part of the Members Highways Community fund to use across the division on highways improvement schemes.

2) County Council Activities

In the year this report covers, Lee has completed his second year as Lead Member for Resources, with responsibilities for the County Councils Financial position. There is a lot of pressure on the finances due to the effects of coming out of the pandemic, and more recently the Ukraine conflicts

Lee sits as Chairman of the Corporate Asset Investment Fund and the Employment Committee, as well as a Member of the Cabinet, the Constitution Committee and represents LCC on the East Midlands Shared Services Joint Committee of which he is currently Chairman.

Lee reinforces key messages across the division and county with endorsements on press releases, content for Leicestershire Matters, radio and TV interviews and Member briefings.

Nick dived straight into the role of a County Councillor and certainly hit the ground running. He is Vice Chairman of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is a member of the newly formed Environment and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Nick is also making himself available as a "stand in" on many other committees so that he gets a fuller understanding of how the Council operates and more importantly what it delivers.

We are both committed to serving Thurlaston the very best we can. We try and maintain a good working relationship with Elaine as Parish Clerk, as well as our fellow County Councillor and your District Councillor, Maggie.

We are always here to help.

Thankyou for reading this report.

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Village Hall Report.

Under the guidance of a strong Management Committee the Village Hall continues to provide an exceptional facility for the Village. The past year has been yet another very successful year for the village hall which is starting to see a resurgence in activity following the COVID pandemic.

As usual an ongoing programme of works has been completed during the year which has ensured that the Village Hall continues to attract users from near and far. Work includes:

- The enclosure of the former play deck area leading to the creation of a new storage area.
- Replacement of the lighting within the Hall and also along the outside of the Hall.
- New blinds in the rear meeting room.
- Numerous smaller maintenance and upkeep works have been carried out to keep everything up to date and compliant with health and safety standards.

The costs of running the Village Hall have, in line with everything else, increased significantly in the past year. The Hall's main cost is energy where prices have more than doubled. The Management Committee is doing everything in its power to keep hire costs down, but increases in rates have been necessary and will be kept under review.

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 to all.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Paul Holyman
11th April 2023