



Thurlaston Parish Council

Newsletter

Autumn 2016



Thurlaston - the Future

Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan



October 2016

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Thurlaston Parish Council has joined with a number of adjoining Parishes with a view to producing a Neighbourhood Plan (the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan). This will advise how the future development of Thurlaston and the surrounding area will evolve up to 2029.

Over recent years there has been a process of consultation with all local residents and stakeholders. This process has not been without it's difficulties and delays, but we are now approaching the stage where we will be asking all residents in the village to let us have their views on what is proposed.

During late autumn/early winter you will receive a separate Newsletter which summarises the main issues and options for all the Fosse Villages. We would encourage every member of your household to read the Newsletter and let us have your views. Details of how to respond will be included within the Newsletter.

What is a neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a way for communities to contribute to decisions on the future of the places where they live and work. A Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for an area and planning policies for use and development of land. The Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory planning framework for the area and it will be used to decide future planning applications.



Thurlaston vision

for 2029:

- Individual character of Thurlaston is maintained
- Impact of traffic is reduced
- Important open areas are protected
- New homes meet local housing needs
- Linear housing development only along existing roads

The Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan area comprises the following 10 Parishes:

- Aston Flamville
- Croft
- Huncote
- Leicester Forest West
- Potters Marston
- Sapcote
- Sharnford
- Stoney Stanton
- Thurlaston
- Wigston Parva

Local Traffic

We are concerned about the new development at Lubbesthorpe and the impact it will have upon the local road network and in particular increased traffic through Thurlaston. We would like Leicestershire County Council Highways to conduct an investigation into the impact of this additional traffic. This investigation to pay close attention to additional traffic schemes along the A47, Forest Road and through our Village.

D-DAY MEMORIAL

The trees associated with the D-Day memorial have suffered constant failures over the years.

The Parish Council have therefore decided to move the stone to a better place on the recreation ground and in November we will be planting a new tree. The tree was given to the Parish Council at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and has been grown on since.

On Friday November 11th (Armistice Day) there will be a small ceremony to dedicate the planting of a new tree.

Members of the Parish Council and Primary School will meet at 10.45am for a small service with songs and poems, then the planting of the tree by Mr Eric Slack, followed by a 2minutes silence at 11am.

All are welcome to attend.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH CELEBRATION

As part of Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday celebration, Thurlaston Parish Council, with members of the Parish, in May, combined to host an afternoon tea party with music from the era provided by Croft Silver band.

The event was well supported my members of the village and visitors and Thurlaston Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to all who helped behind the scenes and on the day of this event.



More pictures from the event can be found on the Thurlaston Parish Council website.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR – HEARTLINK COMMITTEE



The Parish Council have set up a 'Heart link Committee' specifically for the purpose of fundraising for a village defibrillator. Fundraising started at the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations where a terrific £800 was raised. Since this event, individuals and village community groups have continued to contribute and we have just heard that we have been successful in receiving £1,000 from Blaby District Council and a further £500 from the Carnival Committee. We have also had pledges from the Thurlaston Players and Party in the Park. We are very grateful for all contributions and help from the village residents serving on the Heartlink Committee.

A target of £3,000 has been set to purchase the equipment, house it in a special cabinet on the outside of the village hall, provide training and ongoing maintenance for the first 3 years.

To get us to the required amount we are planning a further 2 Christmas Fund Raisers so please come and join us at the following:

1st December 2016 at 6.30pm 'Christmas tree Light Switch on' (top of Tyers Close).

20th December 2016 'Santa's Carols around the village'

Santa and his troop will be singing carols and travelling the village, starting at All Saint Close at 6.30pm, to Nursery Close, to Tyers Close, to Enderby Road, to Holt Crescent. To Moat Close. All singers welcome. Finishing at the Village Hall at approx. 8pm for mince pies and mulled wine.

ALL are invited to come along for an opportunity to view the equipment, find out more about the defibrillator and sign up for future training.

In the meantime any donations can be sent to the Parish Clerk, Elaine Foxon.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS

The time of year is fast approaching for the Parish Council Annual Awards, which will be held prior to the Full Council meeting on 7th December 2016, at Thurlaston Village Hall.

As undertaken last year, Letters of Commendation will also be presented to members of the Parish, as acknowledgement for their various works undertaken by the recipients that have been beneficial to specific areas or groups or events for the Parish.

The other awards, if nominations are received, which will be presented as part of the Annual Awards are:

Silver Jubilee, Environmental Cup, Young Achievers Cup – these have been awarded for many years for outstanding service in each category over some years and remain for either an individual or an organisation.

Thurlaston Honorary Citizen – Awarded on rare occasions to a person or couple who have contributed to village life.

The above awards will not necessarily be awarded each year however any nomination can be made by a parishioner(s) or Council excluding the Honorary Citizen which is nominated and accepted by Full Council only.

2015 Awards Evening recipients:



2015 Silver Jubilee recipients 'Thurlaston Community Group':



2015 Letter of Commendation – K Houseman, one of the recipients.



PRECEPT 2016-2017

The Parish section of your council tax bill has seen no increase this financial year. Your Council will continue to look after your money carefully, but price rise pressures will only increase over the coming years.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE thurlastonparish.org.uk

September saw the launch of the new Thurlaston Parish Council website, which will enable improved communication and information for all.

If you wish to 'develop' a page for your local community group or organisation please contact the Clerk directly who will help and develop this opportunity for you, or if you simply wish for an event to be published within the calendar.

NEW TENANTS AND LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANSION –

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

The Parish Council would like to welcome new tenants at the Elephant and Castle.

TEA ROOMS

The Parish Council are very pleased to see the tea rooms expanding to include a farm shop (and much more).

We welcome them both to the village and wish them every success.

DOG FOULING

The Parish Council has again received complaints of dog fouling, not only in the recreation ground, but also in the church yard.

We are well aware that the vast majority of owners clean up after their dogs and it is the small minority who let us all down.

Blaby District Council has recently introduced new powers to combat the problem, but it is up to all dog owners to take responsibility.

Could we urge and remind dog owners to carefully clean up after their dogs. It is important in all areas of the village, but especially around and within the recreation ground, where children play.

Dog bins are provided and it costs the Parish Council a lot of money to have them maintained and emptied regularly.

At this time of year, with the dark nights we would urge dog owners to use them.

STREET LIGHTS

Many of you may have noticed some new, more economical LED street lights in the village.

More are due to arrive in October and November and they are apparently 80% cheaper to run

THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Forthcoming Full Parish Council meetings are:

7th December 2016 (inc. Annual Awards evening)

12th January 2017

23rd February 2017

6th April 2017 Annual Parish Meeting - 6.30pm start

6th April 2017 Full Council Meeting – 7pm Start

All meeting dates are displayed within the Parish Noticeboard located near the Primary School and on the Parish Council website with all members of the Parish welcome.

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With the new website all village community groups and organisations can have a 'page' dedicated to them to help promote awareness of events and activities.