



## **THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting**

**Held at 7pm, on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 'virtually' via Zoom as published due to COVID-19 and social distancing directives.**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Holyman (Chair), Roni Tinsley (RT) (Vice Chair), Esther Harrison (EH), Maggie Wright (MW), Philip Marshall (PM), Elaine Foxon (EF) (Clerk/RFO) and

**Parishioners/Visitors Present:** Cllr Nick Chapman (observer)

#### **766-09/20 Apologies**

Cllr England (TE), CC Breckon (LB)

#### **767-09/20 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting Held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 (Appendix A)**

**Proposed/seconded:** RT/PM **Decision:** Accepted unanimously

#### **768-09/20 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

#### **769-09/20 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report**

EF advised, as requested in LB absence:

I wanted to say well done to the parish council on the ridge and furrow field and the Abraham situation.

Really good and dedicated work and you should all be very proud of yourself. Not sure who has the link into the BBC but really well done. Hopefully the actions to be taken can protect the field as an asset to be protected for the future.

Press release that was released as the rates of covid 19 in Oadby and Wigston and Blaby are rising dangerously high. OWBC is 2<sup>nd</sup> in England and Blaby is 29<sup>th</sup>.

At the moment we have the use of the rule of six, but there may be pressure to remove that freedom and bring in other measures.

DC report as follows:

#### **Blaby District Council Report – September 2020**

#### **Community Hub**

The Hub was set up in March following the Coronavirus lockdown to support Blaby residents. So far 550 residents have been directly assisted and 1250 shielded residents have received welfare calls. The Hub will continue to be part of the Council's daily business going forward to enable a quick response to any future COVID-19 emergency.

Approved by Full Council

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## Special Coronavirus Community Grants

The Community Grants Scheme for 2020-21 has been re-opened with the first grants awarded on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Changes were made to the first round of the grant programme and priority was given to projects addressing needs that had arisen as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Other changes include a larger amount of funding available, increased small capital and revenue grants from £500 up to a maximum of £1,000 and more flexibility introduced to help organisations that have lost income. For more information visit:- [www.blaby.gov.uk/communitygrants](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/communitygrants) , email [grants@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:grants@blaby.gov.uk) or call 0116 2727566.

## A Place to Grow Reopens

Community garden **A Place to Grow** has now reopened and is operating. There is currently a registration system in place, so anyone interested in attending will need to fill out the registration form and contact Blaby DC Leisure team.

## Launch of New Voluntary & Community Sector Webpage

There is a new page on the Blaby District Council website dedicated to supporting local charities, community groups, sports clubs and venues through recovery from the impacts of Coronavirus. Anyone needing further advice for their voluntary sector organisations is also able to submit an online form to request help or contact community development officers on 0116 2727718, 0116 2727762 or 0116 2727566

## Business Hub

Blaby District Council established a Business Hub to help and support local firms and businesses during the challenges of COVID-19 and also to assist with planning their recovery. There is a dedicated webpage for the Business Hub which is a self-service area with current resources, support and information on a range of issues. There is also a Business Support request form which can be completed and sent through and an Account Manager will be allocated and make contact to offer dedicated support.

## Free Call blockers

The National Trading Standards Scam Team has free call blockers available to the general public. Any enquiries to 01323 463600

[Call.blockerproject@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Call.blockerproject@surreycc.gov.uk)

## 770-09/20 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

None present with no questions or concerns raised or received directly.

## 771-09/20 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C)

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

| <b>Accounts Payable</b>  | Nett<br>invoice<br>total | VAT    | Invoice<br>total inc<br>VAT | Cheque No: |
|--|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| <u>TPC Invoices</u>  |                          |        |                             |            |
| BDC (Grass cutting Apr - Jun)  | £310.80                  | £62.16 | £372.96                     | 100276     |
| Clerk (Salary and Expenses Sept inc pay increase backdated 01.04.20) | £470.63                  | £0.00  | £470.63                     | 100277     |
| HMRC (PAYE Sept)   | £101.80                  | £0.00  | £101.80                     | 100278     |
| Information Commissioner (Data Protection renewal)                   | £40.00                   | £0.00  | £40.00                      | 100279     |
| LRALC (Employment law 24.06.20 - PH attended)                        | £40.00                   | £0.00  | £40.00                      | 100280     |
| <b>Monies in/Payments Received</b>                                   |                          |        |                             |            |

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**Accounts listing Proposed/seconded:** PM/MW **Decision:** Accepted unanimously

PH advised back dated pay award implemented as per terms and conditions of Clerk’s employment.

**772-09/20 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)**

**CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E July 2020 mtg)**

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| Email/Doc | Received c/o PH and MW relating to footpaths.<br>Suggestion received relating to bridle way and relocation with tree planting etc; although this would take the bridle path away from Daniel Newton Wood.<br><b>Decision:</b> PH to approach for informal chat first. |
| Email/Doc | Received from ICO - Freedom of Information complaint, details of which circulated to all prior to meeting.<br><b>Decision:</b> EF to progress as detailed.  |

**CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F July 2020 mtg)**

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| Format               | Contents |
| Email/Letter         |          |
| <b>None received</b> |          |

**773-09/20 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan Planning Applications –from 22.07.2020 - 14.09.2020**

Details discussed and reviewed at the Planning Committee meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

**Ref:** 20/0821/VAR, The Paddocks Bungalow Farm Leicester Road Thurlaston

**Description:**

Variation of condition 2 (plans) and 9 (no. of caravans) imposed on planning permission 16/1478/FUL for Change of use of land to allow siting of 10 static holiday lodges - approved 9.1.2017, to site 3 additional caravans.

**Decision:** Object

See separate minute detail

PH expressed thanks to MW and Cat Hartley (BDC Planning) and CC Breckon for their assistance to a call out on a Saturday morning relating to Moat Close field.

Genuine concerns raised relating to the risk of flooding and archaeological/historical interest.

No further works or ‘changes’ to the site will be undertaken until reviewed by LCC and BDC and other agencies.

FVNHP

No updates at this time.

**774-09/20 Government Planning**

Draft detailed document circulated via Planning Committee prior to meeting.

**Decision:** All present agreed with content. EF to progress.

**775-09/20 Local Contractor**

As advised prior to the meeting, Susannah Harrison will be unable to continue with certain works for TPC as detailed:

Village Planters (Located on Enderby Road and Desford Road)

- Change the compost (annually)
- Trim/change plants (when needed)
- Water plants (weather depending/weekly)
- Wipe/brush down planter (before village events/when needed)

Grass Verges (Same locations as planters)

- Enderby Road verge – Strim all grass, from the last house to approx. 10m in front of the planter.
- Desford Road verge – Strim the edge from the last bungalow up to opposite the far end of The Holt wall
- Mow all the grass in front of the planter up to same point with strimming.
- Mow behind the planter by approx. 3m.

The weekly, monthly and quarterly play equipment inspections will still be undertaken to the standard obtained via inspection training by Susannah, with reports forwarded to the Recreation Ground Sub Committee.

**Proposal:** Simon Harrison to be appointed as able to undertake all works specified, with the ability and resource for additional tasks, as and when required.

**Decision:** Accepted. EF to progress.

**Proposal** MW: Thank you card and voucher for Susannah.

**Decision:** Accepted. EF to progress.

### **776-09/20 TPC Working Group/TPC Community Working Party**

Agreed progression, with a list of 'jobs' to be raised and circulated to all.

EF required to check with insurers regarding volunteers undertaking works for TPC and insurance required/covered within current policy.

EF to discuss with 2commune 'extension' to existing TPC website for volunteer registration and availability.

Agenda item October, for update.

### **777-09/20 Daniel Newton Wood**

Ceremony postponed due to covid-19 and social distancing, PH has been in discussion with Daniel's parents with 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 a proposed date as this was Daniel's birthday, dependant on local situation at that time.

**Decision:** Agreed.

PM advised inspection undertaken and some 'losses' with the trees planted. East Mids have been contacted with regards further trees if possible, Woodlands Trust have offering 105 trees for £115 per pack - PM to discuss with Tree Warden Bob Whelband.

### **778-09/20 Exchange of Members Information**

- 1) MW raised concerns of the lack of community events within the parish and the immediate future with the impact of covid-19.

EH advised Chapel are progressing with the idea of possibility of a 'virtual' Ladies evening

**Proposal:** Christmas window event, Christmas hampers in conjunction with Carnival Committee as no Christmas meal.

**Decision:** MW/PH/RT to progress with the carnival committee - agenda item October.

- 2) MW Christmas Lights - cherry picker costs possibly 'share' with Croft.

**Decision:** EF to progress with Stuart, Clerk for Huncote.

- 3) EH advised planning application by the Chapel imminent to improve access and facilities - **Noted.**
- 4) RT advised 'basket swing' possible 'bushes' issue, making a noise, 'Saucer' all seems to be 'catching' and 2 seat pads require replacing.  
**Decision:** EF to progress with inspections and ordering of seats.
- 5) RT/PM/MW - A47 car boot traffic concerns, noise from the tannoy and traffic control/impacting on A47.  
**Decision:** EF to send further email to David Freer and request tannoy announcements ideally after 8am, sign to be placed on exit point, advising turn right to the A47 not left through the village.
- 6) PH advised an update had been received in relation to the issue with Moat Close hedge and impact on visibility at the junction. 'No means of enclosure' has been identified by another resident within the deeds of their property within Moat Close which could infer potential breach.  
**Decision:** EF to send a letter requesting reduction in height and depth of existing hedge 2, Moat Close.
- 7) PH Newsletter - all articles to be sent to EF asap for publication late October/early November.
- 8) PH advised Village Hall registered as 'covid secure' and open with compliance to current legislation.
- 9) PH confirmed attend LRLAC AGM with no major issues to report although significant losses incurred due to locum fees (Chief Officer long term leave) and training placed 'on hold' for a period due to Covid 19.
- 10) PH raised the question relating to installation and displaying of Remembrance Poppies in and around the Parish.  
**Decision:** Agreed unanimously. PH to progress.

PH thanked Cllr Chapman for attending and observing.

Cllr Chapman offered a thought for consideration relating to 'linking' Parish Councils and Clerks to enable the sharing of knowledge, issues, concerns and successes in the future.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Unless the situation changes and 'social distancing' directives are reduced or removed these will be held 'virtually'

Finance Sub Committee Meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October to be held 7pm

Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to be held 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 9.10pm

Signed:.....( Chair/Vice Chair)      Dated:.....