



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm, on 13th October 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), Trevor England (TE), Philip Marshall (PM), Elaine Foxon (EF) (Clerk/RFO)

Parishioners/Visitors Present: None

779-10/20 Apologies

None

780-10/20 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 15th September 2020 (Appendix A)

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

781-10/20 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

782-10/20 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 2nd in England and Blaby is 29th.

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 26th 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 , email 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

783-10/20 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

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

784-10/20 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C)

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT	Cheque No:
Accounts Payable				
Clerk (Salary and Expenses)	£526.14	£0.00	£526.14	100281
HMRC (PAYE Oct)	£104.40	£0.00	£104.40	100282
LRALC Training (PH Employment law/EF Accessibility)	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	100283
PKF Littlejohn (External Audit 2019-2020)	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	100284
SLCC Membership 2020-2021	£126.00	£0.00	£126.00	100285
Monies in/Payments Received (Appendix C Oct 2020 Mtg)				
BDC 2nd Instalment Precept		£9,000.00		

Approved by Full Council

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

Meeting notes of the Finance Sub Committee meeting held 6th October, circulated to all prior to meeting
- Noted

785-10/20 Precept 2021-2022

Revised 3 year financial plan circulated to all prior to meeting.

Provisional precept recommendation of £21,600 made for 2021-2022, £24,900 made for 2022-2023 by Finance Sub Committee.

Discussion relating to low 'reserves', with the 'idea' reflective of 50% of running costs or 6 months operational costs.

Proposal by MW, £23,000 for 2021-2022 with review undertaken by Finance Sub Committee prior to November Full Council meeting, with comparable data, where possible, of other parish/Town Councils within Blaby precept values.

Decision: Agreed. Finance Sub Committee to meet, via virtual platform, 7th November 2020.

786-10/20 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E October 2020 mtg)

Format Email	Contents
Email/Doc	Email relating to Shire Environment Grant Scheme, circulated to all - RT to lead RT advised various ideas in progress, such as rainwater collectors near the planters to improve watering capabilities, more trees for Daniel Newton Wood, teracycle etc; Proposal: scheme name 'Thurlaston Green Scheme' Decision: Accepted. RT to progress with regular up date to Members.
Email/Doc	Email received from LCC special Projects - Wildflower Verge project 2021-22. Application form to be returned b end of November if TPC wish to engage again and site location. Circulated to all prior to mtg. Decision: RT/PH to identify other areas and potentially extend current area.
Email/Doc/Comms	Relating to A47 car boot following questions raised at Sept mtg. All comms circulated to all prior to mtg. - Noted
Email/Doc/Comms	Copy email received by PH/MW from Mr Abraham relating to The Holt field - PH/MW to lead. Clarity incident number obtained from the Police although civil matter not criminal. 'Breach of the Peace' no evidence found. Decision: Legal advice to be sought as and when deemed necessary and required.
Email/Doc/Comms	Communications and costings relating to grounds maintenance work and offer of works to Simon Harrison. Decision: Costs accepted Simon to discuss regularity and requirements of duties with Susannah to ensure continuity.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F October 2020 mtg)

Format Email/Letter	Contents
Email/Doc	Received from LCC relating to proposed gates at ford - watery gates. Consultation closed. TPC noted and 2 questions raised with complete answers.

787-10/20 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan Planning Applications –from 15.09.2020 - 13.10.2020

Ref: 20/0883/CLE, The Mulberrys, Desford Road Thurlaston

Description:

Certificate of lawfulness (existing) for change of use of agricultural land to extended rear garden (for a period of 10 years plus)

Decision: No Objections

FVNHP

No updates at this time.

788-10/20 Vexatious & Unreasonable Behaviour policy

Document circulated to all prior to meeting.

Proposed by PH for adoption by Full Council.

Decision: Approved unanimously. EF to publish on TPC website.

789-10/20 TPC Working Group/TPC Community Working Party

Rolling agenda item as work detail progresses and volunteers confirmed.

790-10/20 Christmas

MW and PH have spoken with Randall and Jeannie, representing the Carnival Committee, and they are both supportive of us combining to deliver the OAP's of the Village a Xmas gift pack/hamper. The Carnival Committee are able to contribute £500 towards the cost with the remainder provided by the Parish Council should underwrite the remainder of the cost.

To put this in perspective there are approx. 90 households in the Village with OAP residents (some couples and some singles). If we say a cost of maximum £15 per household that would mean a total cost of circa. £1350, which means a Parish Council contribution of £850 maximum. It may be less depending upon final cost of the gift.

This amount is within our budget and much less than we would spend on community events over a 'normal' year.

Decision: Approved unanimously.

791-10/20 TPC Newsletter

Content discussed and approved.

Decision: EF/PH to finalise and send to NCox with delivery w/c 26th October.

792-10/20 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) 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.

- 2) TE raised concerns over increase in dog mess again - Noted
- 3) MW Desford Road, improved restriction signage for lorries as repeat offenders have been noted.
- 4) MW asked if sufficient sand bags held.

Decision: PH/RT advised order placed via resilience fund.

- 5) PH Christmas Lights - cherry picker has been sourced and is still available. Release of cheque for £250 required - expenditure already approved.

Decision: Agreed. EF to send a letter to residents to confirm permission for use of tree.

- 6) Remembrance Day - MW will be representing TPC.
- 7) Ph advised Daniel Newton Wood official naming ceremony has been agreed with Daniels family to be undertaken 9th April, Daniels birth date, next year.
- 8) PH confirmed Poppies and flags will be in place by the end of October.
- 9) EF advised annual leave 15th October - 25th October.

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 10th November to be held 7pm

Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 17th November 2020 to be held 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.50pm

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

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