



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 6th September 2022

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

Parishioners/Visitors Present: One

Invited Guests/Speakers – Mark Rowcroft, Edward Shuttleworth and Flavia Bernabo – from Exagen, in relation to Normanton Energy Reserve Development

1050-09/22 Apologies
None

1051-09/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held 5th July 2022 (Appendix A)
Proposed/seconded: EH/MW **Decision:** Accepted

1052-09/22 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None received

1053-09/22 Exagen SPV02 Limited
Invited to attend and speak in relation to energy storage development, land north west of Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston.

Clarity on provisional ideas and outline proposal of the site and confirmation the land would be purchased not leased to accommodate battery storage facility, with a lead time for implementation 2027/2028.

Noise - Bunding options for the site under design consideration.
Woodland trust discussion to partner with the development in line with Normanton Wood.

Transport assessment to be fully reviewed. Advised that all management of abnormal loads would be undertaken with the police at a pre-determined time with minimal risk and disturbance.

Highways/Roads – currently in a poor state in and around the designated area. Exagen advised a survey would be undertaken prior to planning or as part of the planning application which would be reviewed with any potential works/improvements possibly forming a condition of any planning approval

Flooding – the impact on run off would be tested.

Approved by Full Council

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Planning – Ecology assessment to be undertaken with submission in October, then progression to consent with outline conditions, Summer next year.
Members stated the ecology assessment was imperative.

Benefits discussed including perpetuity 'community benefit fund' which would be managed by a third party, to receive and process applications for local funding for local people and projects within a set radius of the site.

Parish Councillors reiterated concerns with inaccuracy of original detail, namely public consultation event and media publications and coverage held in the wrong Town and within the wrong District.

Highest level of justified concern remains with accessibility and any form of increased traffic in and around Thurlaston as the roads are not safe or feasible for commercial vehicles let alone abnormal loads that would be required to transport the battery units required for this project.

Concerns raised with financial stability and sustainability as the company has only been in operation for 2 years.

Lengthy discussion with various details, information discussed and reviewed.

Full agreement from Exagen to improve communications with the Parish Council with the progression of the development in every which way.

RT thanked Exagen Members for attending.

1054-09/22 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report

CC Chapman or CC Breckon did not file or submit a report with no apologies for non attendance received.

DC Wright in attendance, with no significant projects or issues to report upon from Blaby District due to summer recess but highlighted the following:

[FOXCONNECT](#)

A new demand responsive transport service has become available in South West Leicestershire from 27 July - FoxConnect.

FoxConnect is funded by the Government's Rural Mobility Fund, which aims to trial on-demand bus services in rural and suburban areas. The objectives of the DRT service, as set out by the Department for Transport (DfT) are to:

- Improve access to employment, education, healthcare and other services.
- Enable greater social inclusion and reduce isolation.
- Provide a public transport offer that attracts a diverse customer base.
- Support the Government's commitments to tackling air pollution and reducing carbon emissions by reducing reliance on private vehicles

FoxConnect is a partnership project between Woods Coaches, National Express, Liftango and the council.

The new demand responsive bus service allows customers to book the bus via an app making it a convenient and flexible way to travel around South West Leicestershire. Key destination points for work, leisure or onward travel have been identified as part of the service development and will be included as pick-up and drop-off points to encourage frequent use. These include:

- Fosse Park
- Next HQ
- Carlton Park
- Enderby Park & Ride
- Narborough Train Station
- Hinckley Train Station
- Magna Park

Serving multiple villages in the area, the new service will give customers the opportunity to choose exactly where they are picked up and dropped off from making it quick, convenient and flexible.

Areas covered by FoxConnect include: *Thurlaston, Huncote, Littlethorpe, Whetstone, Croft, Cosby, Stoney Stanton, Sutton in the Elms, Primethorpe, Sapcote, Broughton Astley, Aston Flamville, Sharnford, Frolesworth, Leire, Dunton Bassett and Narborough.*

The app will be available to download from OS stores from 27 July and Google Play store very soon, journeys can also be book over the telephone on 0116 216 5555.

As a newly designed service, it is planned to encourage as many people in the areas served to use it as possible and to celebrate the launch, there are three brilliant incentives available from 27 July:

- The first 500 people to register on the app and get a free journey – this can be a return journey for a single traveller or two free one-way journeys for you and a friend
- 500 free transfers available at Enderby Park and Ride
- 10% discount available on travel for individuals who upload their FoxConnect wallet with credit as follows:

Wallet upload value	Travel value
£20	£22
£30	£33
£40	£44
£50	£55

All the incentives will be subject to availability and demand and will run until 30 September 2022.

1055-09/22 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

Those raised and presented to Exagen only, no other comments or issues received or noted.

1056-09/22 Minutes of Finance Sub Committee meeting held 12th July 2022 (appendix H)

Circulated to all prior to the meeting with the following proposals and decisions recorded:

Proposal: Platinum Jubilee aerial photographs – 2 to be purchased and framed to replace the previous versions on display in the Elephant and Castle and also the Village Hall.

Decision: Accepted RT to progress.

Proposal: Community Christmas Tea – financial contribution/donation in support of the event to be made, sum to be agreed.

Decision: Accepted.

Proposal: Sum of £300

Decision: Accepted. EF to raised cheque for October meeting

Proposal: Chapel Donation - Various community events/projects within and by the Chapel are being undertaken and widely accepted and enjoyed with minimal costs to all those attending or taking part. £100 donation to aid with continuation of these events.

Decision: Accepted. EF to raised cheque for October meeting

1057-09/22 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C) -

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

Accounts payable

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT
Clerk	Salary and Expenses (Aug)	£537.14	£0.00	£537.14
	Salary and Expenses (Sept)	£556.92	£0.00	£556.92
ESPO	Diary 2023	£3.60	£0.72	£4.32
HMRC	PAYE - Aug	£113.40	£0.00	£113.40
	PAYE - Sept	£116.00	£0.00	£116.00
	HSBC Bank charges applied 30.05 - 29.06.22	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00
	HSBC Bank charges applied 30.06 - 29.07.22	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00

Specific to Community Event

Skypix	A4 and A3 prints of aerial village photo (payment made and released Aug)	£267.50		
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Received

E Harrison	Platinum Jubilee Pics BACS rec July	£ 16.00		
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Accounts listing Proposed/seconded: EH/MW **Decision:** Accepted

Bank balance/statement presented – **Acknowledged.**

1058-09/22 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E September 2022 mtg)

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Application	Grant application from Amanda Edmondson on behalf of her son Jacob Edmondson (County Tennis Player) inc receipts relating to selection to play in 'Play Your Way Wimbledon' for the sum of £350.00 Review of application made and receipts. Proposal: Donation for total kit costs to be made £247.00 Decision: Accepted. EF to progress and raised cheque within October accs listing. EF to request update on tournament placing.
Newsletter	Received from SLCC and link circulated to all prior to meeting relating to 'Civility and Respect Pledge' for consideration/adoption Decision: Accepted. EF to progress
Email	SAAA 2022 Opt Out – The SAAA are responsible for appointing external auditors to all applicable opted-in smaller authorities. This notification is to advise appointment of auditors to each county for 2022-2023 until 2026-2027. TPC option to 'opt out' of the next 5 year audit appointments to be made. Decision: Remain.
Email	Received from Hedgehog Highway Project giving an option on how to support and protect hedgehogs. Proposal: Register for the project and donate to the Primary School, cost £150.00 to be paid.

	Decision: Accepted. RT to progress with the school. EF to progress and raise cheque for October meeting.
Email	Notification of registration to withdraw x55 bus service - Noted

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F September 2022 mtg)

Format - Email/Ltr	Contents
Email	Fox Connect project – local responsive transport service. Details circulated to all and published on TPC website.

1059-09/22 Planning (inc Planning Applications as per Appendix G)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – from 06.07.2022 – 06.09.22

Ref: 22/0604/FUL*, The Holt, Desford Road, Thurlaston

Description: Change of use from outbuilding (incorporating garages, greenhouse, potting shed, gym and office) to dwelling house (c3)

Decision TPC: Object. Objection filed.

Ref: 22/0540/HH*, Fair View, Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston

Description: 1.5 storey rear extension and loft conversion

Decision: No adverse comments received

Ref: 22/0570/FUL*, Holly House Farm, Forest Road, Huncote – Consultee Only

Description: Conversion of sheds to dog daycare facility and kennels and conversion of stable to boutique kennels.

Decision. No adverse comments received

Ref: 22/0112/FUL*, Oaklands, Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest West – Consultee Only

Description: Amended documentation

Decision: No adverse comments received

Ref: 22/0742HH, Little Acre, Croft Road, Thurlaston

Description: We are proposing a dormer to the existing bathroom. We will reclad the existing dormer so that both dormers will match.

Decision: No adverse comments received

Ref: 22/02/EIASC Land North West of Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston

Description: Environmental impact assessment screening opinion for a proposed 500MW battery energy storage system development.

Extension requested and granted by 24 hours for comments to be received by 7th September 2022. Invitation to attend Parish Council meeting 6th September accepted.

Decision: Environmental Impact Assessment screening essential

*Expiry date for comments to be received to BDC prior to date of next meeting of the Parish Council - planning application detail circulated to Planning Committee, no adverse comments received unless stated.

1060-09/22 TPC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party

Rolling agenda item - No updates.

1061-09/22 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) TE advised wildflower verge had been strimmed
- 2) TE requested discussion of Eric Slack memorial.
- 3) PM advised communication post box had been installed and checked on a regular basis, with nothing received to date.

- 4) PM advised Daniel Newton Wood progressing well and works continue.
- 5) RT requested follow up on drop kerb issue to improve accessibility for all within the village as recorded within June meeting
Action: EF to chase CC Nick Chapman.
- 6) RT advised youths had been spotted on the village hall roof. Local Beat team to be notified.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee Meeting: 20th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 4th Oct 2022 at 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.50pm

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

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