



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, on 14th January 2020, at Thurlaston Village Hall

Present: Councillors Paul Holyman (Chair), Roni Tinsley (RT) (Vice Chair), Trevor England (TE), Esther Harrison (EH), Maggie Wright (MW), Nick Bates (NB), Elaine Foxon (EF) (Clerk/RFO)

Parishioners/Visitors Present: 2 parishioners, Sergeant Andy Cox and Rebecca, Blaby District Council Community Safety Partnership

680-01/20 Apologies

Mr Jim Abraham (JA)

681-01/20 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting Held 10th December 2019 (Appendix A)

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

682-01/20 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

At this point Chair, introduced Sergeant Cox following many concerns raised within the village due to events over the past few months.

Sergeant Cox reviewed the recent incidents within Thurlaston Parish over the past few months and confirmed that no, one individual, had been the 'target' nor were they specific to Thurlaston. The crime figures show no increase or 'spike' during 30th October 2019 - 9th January 2020.

Rebecca and Sergeant Cox advised the following recommended 'protection and security' methods - 'Ring' door bell

Forming Neighbourhood Watch Group which can be supported by BDC Community Safety Partnership in the initial stages.

Rural Watch - also recognised and can be used in conjunction with NHW Group.

Registering with Neighbourhood Link - which is communications directly from the local Police with up to date and accurate information on any local issues/policing concerns etc; and its free.

PH thanks both for attending and large article to be included within the Thurlaston Matters next edition, scheduled end of January.

EF to update TPC website 'news' also with relevant links where possible.

Approved by Full Council

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683-01/20 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report

CC - No report filed.

DC report as follows:

Watery Gate Lane, Thurlaston

Gates are set to be put in to stop motorists, who ignore road closed signs, and then get stuck in the ford. Between 2014 and 2018 the fire service has been called out 10 times and LCC Highways department 19 times to Watery Gate Lane. The water levels have risen significantly during recent years.

684-01/20 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

Issues raised and addressed within the Police discussion.

PH advised concerns raised by a Parishioner following work undertaken to recreation ground chain linked fence. Inspection of fencing undertaken with TE. All secure and 'fixed steady'. No further action required by TPC.

685-01/20 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C)

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

Accounts Payable	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT	Cheque No:
<u>TPC Invoices</u>				
BDC (dog bin/litter bins Oct - Dec)	£265.20	£53.05	£318.25	100227
Clerk (Salary and Expenses Jan)	£460.84	£0.00	£460.84	100228
Donation - Lakey Myton Hospice (Santa Sleigh)	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	100231
HMRC (PAYE Jan)	£77.60	£0.00	£77.60	100029
Thurlaston Village Hall (Hall hire Oct - Dec)	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	100230

Monies in/Payments Received

None

Proposed/Seconded: MW/TE Decision: Accepted unanimously.

Finance Sub Committee meeting notes circulated to all prior to meeting with the following actions recommendations, proposals and decision:

Quarterly Review 2019-20 Accounts and review of income and expenditure to date.

Action: Proposal to Full Council for any unspent, allocated funds, at the end of the financial year, to be transferred to 'General Reserves from 1st April 2020 for 2020-2021 financial year.

Decision: Accepted, Unanimously.

EF advised invoiced in error twice by RBL relating to one of the wreaths for 2019. £35.50 cheque raised at December meeting, although NOT presented to the bank as yet, pending advices.

Proposal: Cheque for £35.50 to be presented to the bank and funds retained as an additional donation from TPC to RBL of £17.75.

Decision: Accepted, unanimously

EF advised cost of 'Billy and Belinda Bollards' identified as per request received at December meeting of Full Council at £469.30 although this excs installation and is also the 'moveable' version, not 'fixed' (permanent installed)

Noted: Insufficient space on either pavement outside the Primary School and will restrict pedestrians.

Approved by Full Council

Action: Recommendation to Full Council to source possible alternatives to improve pedestrian safety and continuous parking issues.

Decision: EF to research further on 'moveable' Billy and Belinda bollards, with costs etc; with progression, if agreed by Members to converse with LCC regarding siting within grass verges at the entrance of the village.

686-01/20 Precept

£18,000 'in principal' accepted by Full Council July 2019 meeting.

Full analysis and review undertaken of projected income and expenditure to ensure provisional precept figure correct by Finance Sub Committee.

Review of BDC confirmed 'base rate' as follows:

Council Tax Base of 287.05 dwellings. The outcome of this is that for 2020/21 the Parish Council Tax Rate will be £62.71, compared with £52.81 for 2019/20 – an increase of £9.90 per annum Band D (0.19p per week).

Proposal: Precept of 18,000 2020-2021 to be set and BDC notified.

Decision: Accepted

687-01/20 Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E)

Format Email/Letter	Contents
Email	Received from PH relating to approx. 1500 trees available for planting and request for resources to assist and where to advertise/notify of any not used. Hawthorne and blackthorn to be used fir hedge. Hazel, cherry blossom and beech to be utilised where possible. Decision: Community planting day to be promoted via TPC newsletter 29 th February @ 9am. Bob Whelband and PH to work on 'design' and structured planting scheme. 'Thank you' letter to be sent to Andy Bell (Yennards Farm) and John King (East Midlands Landscapes).

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F)

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Notice	Received from LCC relating to reduction in speed limit, specific area of A47. Circulated to all prior to meeting and 'published' TPC website.

688-01/20 Risk Management and Fixed Asset Register

Review of Risk Management and Fixed Asset Register conducted by Finance Sub Committee and circulated to all prior to meeting.

Fixed Asset Register

Proposal by RT: Speed Sign to be removed as recognised as 'beyond economical repair' with EF to note, Annual Return figures to reflect deletion.

Decision: Accepted

Risk Assessment

Proposal by RT: Full Council 'accept' with no amendments.

Decision: Accepted

689-01/20 Community Resilience Plan

Proposal: formation of Sub Committee 'Community Resilience' in line with the development of Community Resilience Plan

Decision: Accepted.

Proposal: PH as Chair, RT as Vice Chair

Decision: Accepted. Unanimous.

Proposal: Terms of reference to be finalised and presented to Full Council for February meeting

Decision: PH to progress.

PH/RT advised survey forms to all residents to obtain clarity on valuable resources and locations incorporating GDPR consent.

Article for the newsletter to be progressed by PH.

PH advised £300 budget initially to produce required materials.

Decision: Agreed

690-01/20 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan. Planning Applications –from 11.12.19 - 14.01.2020

None Received

PH advised Mr Jim Abraham, owner of 'The Holt' was unable to attend and all communications between himself, as appointed representative for Full Council and Mr Abraham had been circulated to all on each occasion, which had confirmed Mr Abraham architects were in the process of producing plans and planning application for the 3 house development of the Holt site. Unfortunately, Mr Abraham also advised that the Johnsons would not enter into the legal undertaking covering the non-development of the Moat Close field. As such the possibility of obtaining a covenant to stop future development of the field will not be possible.

Decision: Following a full discussion it was agreed, that in view of this development, Council would remain consistent with the previously adopted position of objecting to the development of the site on grounds as previously outlined.'

FVNHP

No updates at this time.

691-01/20 BDC Planning Enforcement Policy Consultation

Recommendations following review by the Planning Committee, was that no adverse comments to be made by TPC.

Decision: Accepted. No comments to be recorded.

692-01/20 Newsletter

Details and content of 2020 first edition discussed and items allocated.

All to be sent to EF asap to enable draft to be produced, approved and published by end of January, with circulation by first week in February.

693-01/20 VE Day Celebrations

PH confirmed marquee, band and inflatables all booked.

WW2 memorabilia and vehicles also confirmed courtesy of Phil Marshall.

Proposal: PH to act as Chair for the community group for this event

Decision: Accepted.

Approved by Full Council

694-01/20 Exchange of Members Information

1) NB announced formally 'stepping down' with final attendance being at February Full Council meeting. PH expressed thanks for the work and commitment undertaken b NB.

Decision: NB to submit written resignation to EF. EF to notify BDC of vacancy.

2) PH advised discussion had been undertaken with Waterloo Housing as Sarah Sutton had been scheduled to attend January meeting. As no concerns had been raised by any party this had not been progressed. MW/PH had undertaken 'walk around' of the site with local site managers with no concerns raised.

3) TE sent 'good wishes' to all on behalf of former Parish Councillor Katrina Judson.

4) TE raised concerns over light pollution in relation to the new floodlights within the Next, Enderby, car park. Very bright and on continually.

Decision: EF to send letter.

5) PH gave an update on the recreation ground new play equipment.

Site survey had been conducted with installation planned provisionally for w/c 28th January 2020 which would take approximately 4 days.

The existing safety matting was still a concern and alternative options for repairs were being progressed.

6) PH advised the new salt bin was now 'in situ' with salt.

7) PH requested support for 'thank you' letters to be sent to residents of 1 Tyers Close (Christmas lights), Martin and Dave Tibbles and Phil Marshall.

Decision: Agreed. EF to send letters of thanks.

Date of next Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 18th February 2020 to be held 7pm at Thurlaston Village Hall immediately followed by AGM for Thurlaston Recreation Ground Charity

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 9.05pm

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