



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, on 18th February 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: 5 parishioners, Mr and Mrs Keatley, & Jim Abraham (JA)

695-02/20 Apologies

None

696-02/20 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting Held 14th January 2020 (Appendix A)

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

697-02/20 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

RT - 'Planning' content relating to 'The Holt' as Mr Abraham present.

Accepted

PH - Agenda item 'Grant application' request made by Thurlaston Village Hall.

Accepted

698-02/20 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report

CC - No report filed.

DC report as follows:

Blaby DC February 2020

A reminder that the Community Safety Strategy Consultation is open until 13th February 2020. The Blaby and Hinckley Joint Community Safety Partnership will be producing the new Community Safety Strategy for 2020-2023. Residents are being encouraged to say what their community safety concerns are and where they think focusses should be.

The weblink below is available via the Council's website or via the Community Safety Facebook Page.

Weblink: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CSPstrategyconsultation201920>

Health and Fitness-JUST

Blaby DC are working with 9 different sport and physical activity providers to deliver 25 sessions each week.

JUST get involved provides women with the opportunity to explore a variety of sport and physical activities over a 12 week period.

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By signing up to JUST participants will receive free and subsidised sessions. They will receive special prizes if 10 or more sessions have been attended.

To find out more visit www.justsouthleicestershire.co.uk

Beat the Street

Beat the Street, the innovation physical activity game is set to return to the District from 26th Feb to 8th April.

The scheme is designed to inspire people to make small changes such as walking or cycling to school every day to improve health and help to re-set the way in which physical activity is embedded into everyday life.

For more information email: ben.austin@blaby.gov.uk

Telephone: 0116 2727699

A copy of BDC Leaders Statement for 2020

Elections 2019

The Election Team have seen another busy year in Electoral Services, a team which grows from 2 or 3 officers to over 200 members of staff on election day and at the count.

The scheduled District and Parish Council elections were held in May and then at relatively short notice confirmation was given that we were to take part in the European Parliamentary elections in June. In July the Electoral Services team moved onto the annual canvass which progresses through the summer months and into the autumn, checking all voter registration details are up to date in time for publication of the revised register on 1 December. As the year progressed it became obvious that we would end the year with another huge effort to organise the first December UK Parliamentary General Election in almost 100 years!

Elections are a whole team affair, whether it be the core team, poll or count staff or those supporting all the other services we provide back in the office during election day. Elections are a unique time that allows the Council teams to come together and show how everyone can all work together and continue to achieve the highest level of service, even during those busy and pressurised times and we should all be very proud of the work the teams do so well together as one team

699-02/20 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

Mr and Mrs Keatley raised further questions relating to their complaint raised with the Parish Council, which had been responded to a number of times and clear answers given.

Following lengthy discussions, the following was agreed to and accepted:

Photos and chronological details of events to be sent to the Clerk by the residents for the Clerk to review with the Vice Chair and EH.

EF to forward a copy of the Parish Council complaint policy.

At this point Chair, advised the agenda item 'planning' would be 'moved' and 'heard', due to the time constraints of guests and members of the public present.

700-02/20 Planning

PH introduced Mr Jim Abraham (JA), owner of 'The Holt' once again to all present.

JA advised that all comments and recommendations had been noted and a plan for 3 properties was awaiting submission to Blaby planning. JA confirmed no legal undertaking covering the non-development of the Moat Close field had been obtained and as such the possibility of obtaining a covenant to stop future development of the field will not be possible but JA had no plans to develop this site.

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

PH thanked JA for attending.

Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 15.01.20 - 18.02.2020

Ref: 20/0155/FUL, Desford Crossroad Service Station, Hinckley Rd, LFE,

Description: **CONSULTEE ONLY** - Erection of a Coffee Shop with Drive-Thru and Associated Works

Decision: No adverse comments to be recorded.

FVNHP

No updates at this time.

701-02/20 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>Commemorative Event 2020</u>				
P Holyman (Union Flags x24)	£54.40	£0.00	£54.40	100235
<u>TPC Invoices</u>				
BDC (Grass cutting - 2invs Jul - Sept and Oct - Dec)	£603.48	£120.70	£724.18	100234
Caboodle Creative (TPC 4pg Newsltr, Community resilience questionnaire and ass docs)	£363.00	£72.60	£435.60	100236
Clerk (Salary and Expenses (Feb)	£461.04	£0.00	£461.04	100237
Clerk (Salary and Expenses March to be accounted for due to no mtg)	£449.14	£0.00	£449.14	100239
ESPO (rocksalt)	£54.00	£10.80	£64.80	100240
HMRC (PAYE Feb)	£77.40	£0.00	£77.40	100241
HMRC (PAYE Mar to be accounted for due to no mtg)	£77.60	£0.00	£77.60	100242
LRALC (Internal Audit 19-20)	£210.00	£0.00	£210.00	100243
LRALC (Training)	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00	100244
Sovereign (Final payment signed o/side of mtg expenditure approved)	£7,412.38	£1,482.48	£8,894.86	100232
Royal British Legion (lamp post poppies 75 x £3)	£225.00	£0.00	£225.00	100245
Thurlaston Village Hall (£500 grant £500 donation)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	100246
Monies in/Payments Received				
VAT Refund (upto 31.12.19)	£1,121.89			

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

Approved by Full Council

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702-02/20 Grant Application

EF presented grant application on behalf of Thurlaston Village Hall to assist with redecoration of the main hall for £500.00

Proposal by TE: As the village hall provide crucial support and facilities for the community, this application should be accepted with a further £500 donation from the Parish Council.

Decision: Accepted unanimously. Revised total of £1000 to be recorded within accounts payable detail.

703-02/20 Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
Email Request	Received from EF relating to Sept 15 th meeting date - either appoint 'minute taker' for the meeting or 'move' to Sept 8 th or Weds 16 th . Decision: Move to Weds 16 th September. EF to update mtgs listing.
Email	Notification from BDC increase of 3% for 20-21 financial year for Grounds Maintenance Contract. Provision already calculated within precept detail of 10%. Decision: Noted and accepted
Email	Received from NALC relating to Great British Spring Clean 2020 20 th March - 13 th April. Details circulated to all prior to meeting. Progress or defer on this occasion. Decision: Defer on this occasion
Email	Received via TP website 'contact us'. Offer from residents of the village who run their own Fire Safety business (trojan event fire cover) wishing to offer services and provide annual servicing of the portable fire extinguishers and fire blankets within the Village Hall, chapel and Church for free to 'give back'. Decision: Accepted with thanks. EF to notify Marion (TVH), Steve Nash (Chapel) and Jerry at the Church.
Email	Received from PH confirmation of 'Community Grants End of Project Form' relating to BDC and the new play equipment - Noted
Letter	Received from LRALC advising of internal audit appointment and cost £210.00 for 2019-20. Auto renewal to 'Internal Audit Service' will be ongoing, effective from 2020-21 unless LRALC notified otherwise. Decision: Accepted. £210 to be recorded within accounts payable detail
Email	Request to order 50 new lamp post poppies at a cost/donation to RBL of £3.00 per poppy due to TPC current supplies deteriorating condition. Decision: Accepted. £225.00 to be recorded within accounts payable detail. EF to progress order.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
None received	

704-02/20 Community Resilience Sub Committee

Terms of Reference circulated to all as per proposal to form at January meeting.

Decision: Accepted

PH/RT advised survey forms to all residents to obtain clarity on valuable resources and locations incorporating GDPR consent are now ready and will be published with link via TPC website also.

705-02/20 Complaint Policy

Review of Complaint Policy circulated to all prior to meeting.

Decision: Accepted

706-02/20 Parish Green Projects

PH advised progression of the wild flower verge below daffodils/Holt Crescent has been agreed and approved with LCC.

PH advised cost of bee wildflower see mix £63.00

Proposal: PH to purchase the seed and progress upon receipt with preparing the area and planting with volunteers.

Decision: Accepted unanimously.

Tree planting and formation of 'Thurlaston Wood' and 'Wood Naming' competition.

Date for the community tree planting confirmed as 29th February 2020.

Posters to be produced by EF and circulated to all Primary School children to 'Name the wood' with 2 prizes -

British Tree book - PH to source

Treetops crazy gold family ticket - EF to source

Closing date: 24th March with judging panel to be appointed and 'winner' to be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 14th April 2020.

Decision: Accepted

707-02/20 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) TE/PH confirmed attendance at the recent Councillor training sessions held at LRALC.
- 2) PH advised the Young Achievers Cup is still 'missing'.
Proposal: EF to source cost and purchase a new one ensuring previous recipients are recorded by engraving on to the new one their name and year.
Decision: Accepted.
- 3) Following the announcement from NB at January meeting of formal 'resignation' with his final attendance being at February Full Council meeting, PH expressed thanks for the work and commitment undertaken for and on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Thurlaston.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee meeting to be held 25th March 2020 - End of year detail

Annual Parish meeting to be held 6.30pm Tuesday 14th April 2020 - Clerk and Chair present only

Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 14th April 2020 to be held 7pm at Thurlaston Village Hall

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.50pm

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

Approved by Full Council

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