



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm, on 16th June 2020, 'virtually' via Zoom as published due to COVID-19 and social distancing directives.

Present: Councillors Paul Holyman (Chair), Roni Tinsley (RT) (Vice Chair), Trevor England (TE), Esther Harrison (EH), Maggie Wright (MW), Philip Marshall (PM), Elaine Foxon (EF) (Clerk/RFO) and CC Breckon (LB) (in part)

Parishioners/Visitors Present: None

745-06/20 Apologies

None

746-06/20 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting Held 16th June 2020 (Appendix A)

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

747-06/20 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

748-06/20 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report

LB present and updated/reported as follows:

LB/EF continue to remain in regular contact with assistance provided where possibly, more recently with the Dusty Fox planning application.

COVID-19 - LCC estimate at a long and slow recovery from the pandemic and its implications County wide, which are and will remain closely monitored.

DC report as follows:

Blaby District Council Offices remain closed at the moment with the majority of staff still working from home.

Recovery plans are underway but need to take account of social distancing guidance which will take some time to implement.

The Community Hub continues to operate and is expected to do so for some time to ensure our vulnerable residents are supported.

Waste collection are operating as normal as they have done throughout the COVID 19 crisis.

LCC have reopened the Whestone tip on an appointment basis.

Several committees have started to operate virtually to ensure council business can continue.

The Council is supporting local businesses through the Government grant scheme(s) and is looking to implement the Discretionary Business Scheme just announced.

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The Environmental Health team are advising on government guidance and how to follow social distancing measures correctly.

Planning and Enforcement teams are also operating.

A full Council meeting was held virtually on 19th May where the Green Strategy was approved.

749-06/20 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

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

750-06/20 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>				
Chq raised outside of meeting approved May				
Elephant & Castle (Clayton) COVID-19 donation via BDC Grant	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	100262
For approval June				
Clerk (Salary and Expenses (June)	£543.35	£0.00	£543.35	100263
HMRC (PAYE June)	£103.80	£0.00	£103.80	100264
P Holyman (wildflower seed 49.90, ties for Daniel Newton Wood 9.48, Zoom May 14.39)	£73.77	£0.00	£73.77	100265
LRALC Webinar x2 places EF/PH	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	100266
Thurlaston Village Hall (COVID-19 donation via BDC Grant)	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	100267
Monies in/Payments Received				
BDC Community COVID-19 Support Grant (Rec 26.05.20)	£500.00			

Proposal: Reimbursement of Zoom monthly subscription fee to PH to be paid 'up front' June 2020-February 2021.

Decision: Accepted unanimously - EF added to accounts to be paid and cheque raised.

Revised accounts listing Proposed/seconded: EH/MW **Decision:** Accepted unanimously

To be noted - 'thank you' for recognising the costs incurred by Thurlaston Village Hall during COVID-9 continue to mount with insurance in excess of £1000, utility bills etc; by the Village Hall Committee. EH - where possible village and Parish Council support to be maintained for this vital community facility.

751-06/20 Audit 2019-20 - Review and Approval of Annual Governance Statement

Internal Auditor report circulated to all prior to meeting - **Noted**

Decision: Accepted unanimously

752-06/20 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
Email	Discussion relating to request to social media posting 'Spotted Thurlaston' and subject matter as requested by Parishioner - content circulated to all prior to meeting. Decision: EF to advise TPC are a non-political body with no control over the social media comments or content of community groups or individuals. TPC strive for equality and fairness for all.

Email	NALC Coronavirus & the future of local government - Labour commission on local govt., housing & transport circulated to all prior to meeting. Decision: PH to progress and submit response on behalf of TPC.
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CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F June 2020 mtg)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
Email	Received from Louis Miles - circulated to all prior to meeting

753-06/20 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan Planning Applications –From 12.05.20 - 16.06.2020

Ref: 20/0504/RM, Land To Rear Of 45 Desford Road Thurlaston Village Thurlaston
Description: Reserved matters application for the change of use of countryside and erection of 1 no. one and a half storey dwelling with access off Desford Road (including demolition of existing barns).
Decision: No comments as per previous application.

BDC Planning Decisions:

Ref: 20/0234/FUL, The Holt, Desford Road, Thurlaston
Description: Erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated garages and creation of a new vehicular access from Desford Road (Revised Scheme)

Refused, Planning Committee, Blaby District Council

MW supported the refusal of the application although 'appeal' has been submitted and 'pending' relating to 5 dwelling application, refused previously.

Progression: MW to liaise with BDC and Mr Abraham in further discussions and progress the possibilities for development, incorporating full renovations of 'The Holt' alongside the barn renovations within the site.

Ref No: 20/0337/FUL, Dusty Fox Farm Earl Shilton Road Thurlaston Leicestershire

Description: Change of use of land to a mixed use of agriculture and leisure, including erection of detached building for the keeping of animals as a visitor attraction, construction of manege/riding arena and erection of brick walls, pillars and fencing

Refused, Planning Committee, Blaby District

Additional queries raised within original advices of above planning application, with response received from BDC Planning Officer after 'Refusal' circulated to all prior to meeting- To Be Discussed

PH/MW - Comprehensive report noted from BDC and LCC highways noted in the refusal of the application.

FVNHP also referred to/quoted.

PM - advised agricultural and various other detail contained within application there is a high probability for a revised application to be made.

FVNHP

No updates at this time.

754-06/20 Technological Advancement for TPC

The use of personal devices for PC business, the cost implications to provide alternatives, provision of wi-fi within the village hall and the cost implications of village wi-fi hotspot were all discussed.

Decisions: No further progression at his time - cost implications too high.

EH gave various options to improve and ensure GDPR principals as individuals, namely, laptop window pro/encryption with no retention of data.

Shredding option via security protection is available within some packages.

12-digit alpha/numeric password mix drastically reduces risks of 'hacking'

Exchange of Members Information

- 1) EH thanked PM for installing the concrete block as a temporary measure to improve security of recreation ground and reduce the risk of encampments.

Decision: MW to advise BDC concrete block to be removed imminently and access can then be made for grass cutting.

- 2) PH expressed thanks to all involved with the preparing and planting of the wild flowers seed.

- 3) RT raised concerns over the continued use of play equipment even though 'closed' due to COVID-19 and when lifted social distancing and washing of hands will still be required. Are BDC providing any public notices.

Decision: TPC own notices to be printed off and placed in and around the recreation ground. EF advised that due to cost implications BDC will not be providing.

- 4) PM raised concerns over the condition of the football goalpost nets s they seem to be a little worse for wear.

Decision: TE to inspect and if beyond repair PH has a set in storage.

- 5) PM recommended an inspection also of the recreation ground fencing and gate as it is in poor condition and security could be an issue.

Decision: To be progressed by Recreation Ground Committee

- 6) PH advised model 'code of conduct' circulated to all from NALC undergoing consultation.

Decision: PH to review and advise if any issues/concerns

- 7) PH referred to precept comparison circulated to all reflects TPC below national average and within average range for BDC.

Noted

- 8) PH advised monthly cost of 'zoom' £11.99 + admin/VAT £14.39 monthly cost.

Proposal: PH to purchase monthly, ongoing, with full reimbursement until social distancing requirements are reduced/removed to permit the reconvening of public meetings.

Decision: Accepted unanimously.

- 9) EF advised annual leave 14th - 19th July 2020

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

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

Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 21st July 2020 to be held 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.30pm

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

Approved by Full Council

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