



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm, on 12th January 2021, 'virtually' via Zoom as published due to COVID-19 and social distancing directives.

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

Parishioners/Visitors Present: Cllr Nick Chapman (NC)

820-01/21 Apologies

Cllr Lee Breckon (LB).

821-01/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 15th December 2020 (Appendix A)

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

822-01/21 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

823-01/21 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report

CC Breckon no report filed although best wishes for 2021 and continued working relations and support received via the Clerk.

DC report as follows:

Budget and scrutiny preparation currently being undertaken, with possible electoral ward restructuring although this is to be confirmed later this month.

Consultation document relating to the 'Rail Freight' starting in spring with formal application possibly by the autumn with community engagement on-line.

County elections, bi elections and Police/Crime Commissioners elections scheduled for May could potentially 'move' due to current restrictions, which is to be debated.

Telephone befriending service is now open for referrals.

Blaby Lottery are helping community groups.

BDC website has achieved number 1 status again.

Waterways improvement scheme - Blue Bank 'Everards Brewery' progressing.

Approved by Full Council

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Test and trace payment are being processed with in excess of £40k made with £446K + awarded to support local businesses with further progression of Covid winter support grants.

824-01/21 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

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

825-01/21 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>				
Clerk (Salary and Expenses)	£459.76	£0.00	£459.76	100308
HMRC (PAYE Jan)	£92.00	£0.00	£92.00	100309
Lexis Nexis (Charles Arnold Baker 12th Edition)	£119.99	£0.00	£119.99	100310
P Holyman (3xbottles champagne TPC award winners, shelving & maps for community response store, wine to replace goody bag)	£88.13	£0.00	£88.13	1 cheque total
P Holyman (engraving parish awards, postage 'letters of commendation', second shelf community store)	£55.64	£0.00	£55.64	£143.77 100311
Payment received				
VAT Refund (Jul - Nov)	£383.32			

Accounts listing Proposed/seconded: EH/MW **Decision:** Accepted unanimously
Finance Sub Committee meeting notes circulated to all prior to meeting.

Content Noted.

At this point Cllr Wright left the meeting

826-01/21 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E January 2021 mtg)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
None Received	

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F January 2021 mtg)

Format	Contents
Email/Letter	
None Received	

**827-01/21 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G) and Neighbourhood Plan
PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 16.12.2020 - 12.01.2021**

None received

PH Advised for information:

'Land off Moat Close'

Natural England had agreed to the ploughing of a small area of the field. The remaining larger part of the field has been recognised as being of regional importance in relation to 'ridge and furrow' which must be preserved.

Approved by Full Council

To be noted - BDC are progressing with the designation of the 'ridge and furrow' aspect of the field as a 'Natural Flood Defence'

FVNHP

PH advised that Howes Percival solicitors had raised a challenge, on behalf of the owner of the land, to BDC against the inclusion, within the FVNHP Local Green Spaces, of the small area of land off Moat Close (as mentioned previously), which has now been ploughed.

828-01/21 Freedom of Information

Request received by the Clerk from Howes and Percival, for all details held within the Parish Councils files relating to 'Land off Moat Close' from the past 5 years to be released.

All members included within initial reply advising of receipt and confirming response date by 28th January 2021

Noted

829-01/21 Risk Assessment and Management Policy and Fixed Asset Register

Fixed Asset Register

Circulated to all prior to meeting.

MW asked if the recreation ground wall was deemed as an 'asset'.

EF to review.

EF findings - Although originally included within the Fixed Asset Register several years ago, the wall is understood to be an integral part of the recreation ground. The recreation ground is owned by Fields in Trust and managed by Thurlaston Parish Council, through the Recreation Ground Sub Committee, under registered Charity No: 1088907.

MW also questioned ownership of 2 dog bins.

EF to review.

EF findings that no dog bins are deemed as assets nor owned by the Parish Council

Decision: Accepted on clarity received. EF to publish

Risk Assessment and Management Policy

Circulated to all prior to meeting.

Decision: Accepted. EF to publish

830-01/21 Christmas Tree

Current location, visible to all. The owners had applied for planning to 'trim' although it had been declined by BDC due to extensive pollarding.

Decision: Agenda item June.

831-01/21 TPC Working Park/TPC Community Working Party

Rolling agenda item as work detail progresses and volunteers confirmed.

832-01/21 Exchange of Members Information

1) PM advised concerns had been raised within the farming community relating to various planning applications and the planning process.

NC advised as a member of BDC Planning. Planning process deems that each application meets specific policy criteria. Refusal can only be given by way of proven points and/or policies.

The Parish Council is only a consultee for any planning applications with no authority to decline or approve.

NC recommended any concerns, issues or specific questions in relation to any planning decision made, please refer directly to the Clerk or District Councillor for guidance and support.

- 2) TE advised that changes within the woodyard are being made. Will monitor and refer to BDC if necessary.
- 3) PH confirmed the Christmas Window Display had been a great success with 30+ entries. The judging had taken place 22nd December with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners receiving a winner's certificate and some family sweet treats.
- 4) PH confirmed all recipients of the Parish Awards had been presented with their awards and the letters of commendation had been posted.
The Silver Jubilee Cup had, unfortunately been damaged by the engravers, although this was going to be replaced and engraved fully with all previous recipients at no charge to TPC
- 5) PH advised the new Sovereign Play Equipment had been 'flagged' with some issues following the independent Annual Inspection report.
Decision: EF to arrange a site inspection with PH and Sovereign. Once completed, EF to arrange meeting of the Recreation Ground Sub Committee.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

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

Recreation Ground Sub Committee Meeting tbc

Full Council meeting: **TUESDAY** 9th February 2021 to be held 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.05pm

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