



## **THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Roni Tinsley (RT) (Chair), Trevor England (TE) (Vice Chair), Paul Holyman (PH), Esther Harrison (EH), Philip Marshall (PM), Elaine Foxon (EF) (Clerk/RFO)  
CC Lee Breckon (LB)

**Parishioners/Visitors Present:** None

#### **910-09/21 Apologies**

CC Chapman (NC) DC and PC Wright (MW)  
Noted and Accepted

#### **911-09/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Appendix A)**

**Proposed/seconded:** PH/PM **Decision:** Accepted

#### **912-09/21 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None received

#### **913-09/21 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report**

CC Report -

Portfolio change to Resources now for LB previously NC.

Deficit currently on month 4, with gaining funding priority and saving money.

Currently 80% of staff working from home within County Hall which is under constant review to ensure services etc; are being maintained.

DC report as follows:

I have put together a few points for that may be of interest to Parish Councillors for the September Report.

#### **Community Awards Nominations**

Nominations have opened for Blaby District Council Community Awards which close on Wednesday 15th September 2021. **So, a tight deadline.** Three categories are open for nominations:-

1. Volunteer of the Year
2. Young Volunteer of the Year
3. Community Group of the Year.

There are good cash prizes and details can be found on the Blaby DC website and in the Blaby DC News Release you will have received from Ian Cockerill, Communications Officer on 19th August.

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Anyone interested in nominating can find out more and nominate online by visiting [www.blaby.gov.uk/community-awards](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/community-awards) or request a paper form at [vcshub@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:vcshub@blaby.gov.uk) or by calling 0116 2727566.

### **Community Open Day**

A Community Open Day at a Place to Grow is being held on Saturday 4th September. For more information contact [samantha.clarke@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.clarke@blaby.gov.uk)

### **Financial Statement**

The Council's 2020/2021 Financial Statement was published on the website on the 30th of July 2021.

### **Welcome Back Fund**

Blaby District Council has been successful in securing up to £182,000 of funding from the £56m Government allocation to improve the appearance and strengthen the identity of our High Streets and Neighbourhood Shopping Areas.

### **Hinckley National Rail**

The Development Consent Order (DCO) Process for information.

1. Pre-application (current stage)
2. Acceptance - submission of the application to the Planning Inspector (PINS) (28-day period)
3. Pre-examination - interested parties, including the host authorities register to be able to make their relevant representations (3 months process)
4. Examination - Hearings, representations, statement of common grounds on all matters being considered as part of the application (6 months process)
5. Recommendation and Decision - PINS to make their recommendation within 3 months of the close of examination. The Secretary of State then has a further 3 months to make the decision whether to grant or refuse the DCO. (6 months)

Post decision - 6-week Judicial Review Period. From submission to PINS the process takes approx. 14/15 months.

Public Consultation - The statutory public consultation was anticipated to be in August 2021. However, this has now been moved to September 2021, which will run for 8 weeks. This may well slip further due to the lack of Highway Modelling information.

### **Blaby District Council Boundary Change**

The 24th of August was the start of a 10-week public consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission, inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Blaby District Council. Consultation will close on 1st November 2021. After consideration of all representations, draft recommendations will be published in Feb 2022. A further period of consultation on draft recommendations will take place with final recommendations in July 2022. New electoral arrangements will come into effect at the Local elections in May 2023. The initial recommendation is to reduce the number of District Councillors to 36, a reduction of 3. For further information contact [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### **914-09/21**

Following receipt of detailed 'acceptable' highway fund projects received from LB and circulated to all prior to meeting the content of which was discussed with advices from LB.

**Proposal:** Rumble Strips Desford Road and Croft Road with exact location to be confirmed with site visit from LCC highways.

**Decision:** Accepted.

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**Proposal:** Crocodile teeth to 'extend' from rumble strips again subject to sit visit from LCC highways and approval.

**Decision:** Accepted.

EF to confirm in writing to LB/NC as soon as possible.

**915-09/21 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk**

No parishioners present.

**916-09/21 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C)**

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT	Cheque No:
BDC	Grass cutting (Apr-Jun)	£320.12	£64.02	£384.14	100345
Blaby District Council	Dog/Litter bin emptying (2nd quarter)	£290.99	£58.20	£349.19	100346
BDC	Annual cost to empty addit litter bin (instal Apr)	£399.00	£79.80	£478.80	100347
Clerk	Salary and Expenses - Sept	£517.49	£0.00	£517.49	100348
A Foxon Groundworks	Monthly Play equip inspection (July & Aug)	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	100349
HMRC	PAYE Sept	£105.20	£0.00	£105.20	100350
<b>Received</b>					
HMRC	VAT refund upto 31.05.21 rec 09.07.21	£592.58			

**Accounts listing Proposed/seconded:** TE/EH **Decision:** Accepted

Finance Sub Committee minutes noted.

**917-09/21 Audit Review 2020-2021**

As per Finance Sub Committee minutes, review of the Internal Auditor appointed 2020-2021 undertaken.

**Proposal:** To reappoint Mike Spencer as Internal Auditor

**Decision:** Accepted. EF to notify Mr Spencer and obtain written confirmation of costs.

**918-09/21 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)  
CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E September 2021 mtg)**

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Email	Received from BDC relating to flood protection designation, Moat Close field, Thurlaston. Costs £1200 provisionally agreed 850-04/21, minute reference, confirmation this is still acceptable and to proceed. <b>Decision:</b> Accepted
Email	Relating to the possible transfer of ownership, should this be presented by BDC of the allotment site at Holt Crescent. <b>Noted.</b> When further update received agenda item for full discussion and options.
Email	Received from BDC relating to costs involved for replacing and installing a new dog bin/dual purpose bin, Moat Close entrance of the recreation ground. Costs and advices circulated to all prior to meeting. <b>Decision:</b> Dual purpose bin required. EF to notify BDC and order.

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Email	Received from a parishioner via RT regarding an increase in vehicles parked on the grass verge and road, opposite the entrance to Moat Close. Email advices sent by EF but email bounced with advices. <b>Content Noted.</b>
Document/Email	Received in relation to Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange. Detail circulated to all prior to meeting. Advices, if any to be noted. <b>No Comments</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F September 2021 mtg)**

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Email	Confirmation comments recorded in relation to initial Boundary Commission recommendations

**919-09/21 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G)**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 07.07.2021 - 07.09.21**

**Ref:** 21/0695/HH\*, 7 Holt Crescent, Thurlaston

**Description:** First and second floor side extension

**Decision:** No Objection

\*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.

**920-09/21 Recreation Ground Play Equipment & Security**

EF advised concerns raised with Sovereign are still ongoing with detailed, dairy of events sent and any acknowledgement awaited.

Annual independent play inspection scheduled imminently; findings awaited.

Quote received for replacement gate and associated works to improve security of main entrance.

**Proposal:** revised quote to inset entrance to permit car length off highway, with additional now top fencing and removal of height restrictor

**Decision:** Agreed, EF to progress.

**921-09/21 Community Event**

Platinum Jubilee

Provisional ideas circulated to all by RT.

Meeting agreed to progress week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September (Finance Sub Committee) meeting to be 'moved'

**922-09/21 TPC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party**

Daniel Newton Wood

PM advised large quantity of trees had been sourced from Barnard Nurseries.

PM advised flay, prepare, plant, tree guards, compost and bone meal and requested personally to 'take over' the area to ensure its progression, stability and growth.

**Decision:** All members thanked PM for the sourcing of the trees and the offer to personally 'take over' the area to ensure its continued growth.

**923-09/21 Exchange of Members Information**

- 1) PM advised fencing 'missing' near the main entrance to the recreation ground on the tree side.
- 2) PM advised hedge owned by the school is overgrown and encroaching onto the footpath
- 3) EH advised confirmed Chapel extension complete and 'open'
- 4) EH advised residents Nursery Close have noticed the horse field is overgrown although aware it is the tenants responsibility.
- 5) TE advised flower verge works completed

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- 6) TE advised fishing lake near watery gates remains closed.
- 7) EF advised 'unavailable' from 13<sup>th</sup> September actual duration unknown. Out of office would advise contact Members for assistance.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.55pm

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