



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, Thurlaston Chapel Meeting Room on 11th January 2022

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

Parishioners/Visitors Present: Ms Greenwood (in part)

965-01/22 Apologies

Paul Holyman (PH) - **Noted and Accepted**

At this point, the Chair advised additional item to be 'heard' within the meeting following receipt of late correspondence received 'Bank Charges and Banking Arrangements' prior to agenda item 'Accounts'

Decision: Accepted.

966-01/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 7th December 2021 (Appendix A)

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

967-01/22 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

968-01/22 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report County Councillor Report

CC Chapman advised the recent application relating to 'rumble strips' in two locations with the Parish had been successful and 'signed off' with progression on suitable locations to be confirmed with LCC Highways and CC Breckon and Chapman.

CC Chapman advised Hinckley National Rail Freight Consultation opening 12th January 2022 for consideration by all and clarified this is an initial consultation with generalisation of plans and content.

Decision: Planning Committee meeting 25th January 2022 to enable draft response for submission to Full Council 1st February 2022. EF to progress with one item agenda.

At this point Cllr Chapman left the meeting. RT thanked Cllr Chaman for attending.

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Blaby District Council Report - January 2022 Report

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – (STATUTORY CONSULTATION 12TH JANUARY – 9TH MARCH 2022)

Many residents will have received a letter from Tritax Symmetry giving locations and dates of the Statutory Consultation. I urge as many people as possible to attend these events and submit their comments and concerns. This development will have a massive impact on our District if it is given the go ahead by the Secretary of State.

Tritax state in their letter that they have been working hard to develop proposals in readiness for the Statutory Consultation but Leicestershire County Council as the Highways Authority have disagreed with this statement by issuing a letter to Tritax with the following content:

Further to the 'Local Authority Officers' Working Group' meeting called by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Ltd on 1 December, the County Council has reviewed the content of the public consultation (planned to commence w/c 12th January) and wishes to make the following observations:

The proposed consultation material is extremely limited and skirts around the major issues to the extent that it is of little use to residents wishing to form a view on the scheme

The scheme proposer is pursuing carbon offsetting and providing no attempt to reduce localised pollution from expected HGV and diesel train movements

The consultation document presents information to the public based on modelling results that are not agreed with the Highways Authorities (and may be subject to change). This brings into question the validity of the public consultation as proposed as there is uncertainty on the extent of the highway impacts. Clearer descriptions of mitigation proposals are needed to allow residents to form views

The Local Highway Authority is yet to be provided evidence to demonstrate that a bypass around Sapcote and Stoney Stanton is not needed, despite this option being excluded from the consultation material

As a result of the above, the County Council is unable to support the planned public consultation and is of the view that the proposer should delay it until agreement is reached on the likely mitigation measures required to offset the impacts of the scheme.

On 5th January Blaby District Councillors attended a Zoom presentation by Tritax and it is fair to say that LCC's letter is an accurate reflection of the lack detail being provided.

Public Exhibitions:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Elmesthorpe Village Hall	Wed 19 th Jan	2pm – 8pm
Stoney Stanton Village Hall	Fri 21 st Jan	12.30pm – 6.30pm
Elmesthorpe Village Hall	Sat 22 nd Jan	10am – 1pm
Burbage Millennium Hall	Mon 24 th Jan	3pm – 8pm
Sapcote Methodist Church	Wed 26 th Jan	2pm 8pm

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The George Ward Centre	Fri 28 th Jan	2pm – 8pm
St Francis Community Centre	Sat 29 th Jan	10am – 1pm
Ashby Road Sports Club	Mon 31 st Jan	2pm – 8pm
Narborough Parish Centre	Tue 1 st Feb	1pm – 9pm

Webinars:

Tue 25th Jan 2pm – 4pm

Wed 2nd Feb 6pm – 8pm

Contact details:

Email: hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk

Tel: 0844 556 3002 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm)

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Residents Survey 2022

The Residents Survey provides the residents of Blaby District with the opportunity to have a say, whether that is on services, how the Council spends its money, the community they belong to or the effects of the pandemic. The survey includes consultation about Council Tax levels.

This feedback from the public helps monitor progress against the Blaby District Plan priorities, to plan for the future and inform how it shapes services.

The survey is due to be launched on the 10th January and run for about 6 weeks. The plan is to make the survey available online and social media, through the email mailing list, parish and village communications, hard copies sent out to a sample of residents and also placed in libraries across the district.

Any queries please contact corporate.performance@blaby.gov.uk

Armed Forces Coffee and Well-being Morning

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has kindly awarded £10,000 to Blaby District Council under their Forces for Change programme. This funding allows the council to put on monthly 'Coffee and Wellbeing' mornings for members of the Armed Forces Community within Blaby District.

The 1st Coffee morning took place on Wednesday 15th December in the Brooks Room at the Council Offices and was well attended. Gather Create Grow (the group behind Cosby Yarn Bombers) provided the wellbeing element to the session through craft activities and will support the group over the next 12 months to produce an installation which will be showcased across the district.

White Ribbon Campaign:

Blaby supported White Ribbon Day on 25th November and held 16 days of action to encourage raise awareness of domestic abuse and end men's violence against women. Actions included asking members to sign the pledge never to commit, excuse or stay silent about violence towards women, a video about our support for White Ribbon, flying the white ribbon flag at the Council Offices, sending healthy relationship resources to schools, a press release, staff awareness sessions and a social media awareness campaign. The 16 days culminated in the Police, Fire Service and BDC staff holding a community beat surgery on Fosse Park, encouraging shoppers to sign the pledge.

Community Beat Surgery

Police, Fire Service and BDC staff were at Fosse Park to hold a Community Beat surgery on 11th December. As well as information on White Ribbon and Domestic Abuse, staff were there to advise on fire safety, burglary prevention, hate crime and celebrating safely. Feedback was that it was really well attended and well received. The service had received some reports of increases in bike thefts in the area so were also on hand to provide some bike marking and lock kits.

Ask for Angela

In response to the national increase in reports of drink spiking and "needle" spiking, BDC attended the Blaby Pubwatch event on 8th December to promote the Ask for Angela campaign. Ask for Angela is a safety campaign where if a person feels unsafe for any reason in a bar or club, they can discreetly ask the bar staff for Angela and that is a sign that the person asking needs help. Several Pubwatch members have asked for posters and staff awareness sessions as a result. BDC have also used funding from our Police and Crime Commissioner funding to purchase drink covers and bottle stoppers as part of our Celebrate Safely campaign to give out at events.

Hampers

We've been blown away by staff who have donated enough food and essential items to fill more than 20 hampers for Community Services service users over the Christmas Period. Blaby has always been really generous and this year has been no different despite fewer people in the offices. A special thanks to Polly Hubbard, Sue Ross, Jan Holland and Ian Parry who gave up their time to sort, pack and wrap the hampers and the whole Community Services team who will be nominating their families in need and delivering over the next week.

Tourism Presentation Slides

Please find below a link to view the Tourism presentation slides that were presented at Full Council on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

[Tourism Presentation Slides](#)

Please also find below an update from the tourism department:

[Tourism update](#)

S106 Open Space Contributions

The following S106 Grant Funding applications for held Off Site Open Space contributions were submitted to the Planning Obligations Monitoring Group for consideration at the meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2021:

[S106 Open Space Application](#)

Glen Parva Prison Newsletter

Please find the latest version of the Glen Parva Prison Newsletter below:

[Glen Parva Prison Newsletter](#)

969-01/22 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

No parishioners present.

970-01/22 Bank Charges and Banking Arrangements

EF advised, following receipt of December 2021 bank account name change and bank charges had been noted.

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Following research, the bank account has been changed by HSBC to a Business bank Account from 1st November and was longer operating as a Community Bank Account, nor was this form of bank account available. TPC will incur monthly 'running cost' charges of £8 per month for maintaining the account and activity charges as and when.

EF had researched other high street banks with all reflecting that after an initial 'free banking' period charges would be implemented in a very similar manner and monetary value and had advised Finance Sub Committee accordingly.

EF also advised advice had been sought from Mike Spencer, appointed Internal Auditor who had further supported the findings with no other recommendations for any bank, for the size of TPC and banking services required.

Proposal by RT: Change banks

Decision: Declined, unanimously

Proposal by PM: Remain with HSBC, with constant monitoring by RFO of fees and review of all banking options available

Decision. Agreed, unanimously

971-01/22 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C)

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

To Be Paid

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT
Astley Computers	Pro forma invoice Clerk new laptop agreed Dec mtg	£980.00	£0.00	£980.00
A Foxon Groundworks	Monthly play equip Inspections (Nov & Dec)	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
Blaby District Council	Oct - Dec Grass Cutting	£320.12	£64.02	£384.14
Clerk	Salary and Expenses - Jan	£537.67	£0.00	£537.67
HMRC	PAYE Jan	£107.40	£0.00	£107.40
HSBC	Bank Charges applied 30.11-29.12.21	£13.00	£0.00	£13.00

Received

None

Accounts Listing Proposed/seconded: EH/PM **Decision:** Accepted

972-01/22 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E January 2022 mtg)

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Ltr	Received from LCC relating to Snow Warden scheme. Decision: Stay 'as is' volunteers as per previous year.
Email	Confirmation of formal precept request made to BDC for TPC and breakdown of increase £7.77 per year, which is 0.15p per week for Band D property - Noted
Consultation Notice	LCC Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme - invitation to comment relating to Bus Service Improvement plan - details circulated to all prior to mtg (not received until Sunday 9 th January 2022) - No comments

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CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F January 2022 mtg)

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Consultation Notice	LCC advising consultation of Leicestershire’s statement of Community Involvement Review 2022 - details circulated to all prior to mtg - Noted and no comments

973-01/22 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 08.12.21 - 11.01.2022

Ref:21/1386/FUL, Hill Farm, Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston

Description: Construction of a 36.1-hectare solar park to include the installation of solar photovoltaic panels to generate electricity (up to 22MW) with associated substations, transformers, inverters, perimeter fencing, access tracks, CCTV and landscaping.

EF advised the Project Manager for the development had confirmed although unable to attend the meeting in person, available virtually should any questions or assistance be required.

Decision: No formal objections, comments to reflect developer has noted TPC concerns raised previously. EF to progress

974-01/22 Risk Management and Fixed Asset Register

EF advised circulated to all prior to meeting for review.
No questions had been received or raised.

Proposal by RT: to accept Risk Management Statement

Decision: Agreed. EF to publish

Proposal by RT: to accept Fixed Asset Register

Decision: Agreed. EF to publish.

975-01/22 TPC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party

No updates.

976-01/22 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) PM advised inspecting Daniel Newton Wood on a regular basis with a high percentage of saplings showing as ‘taking’ to the conditions.
- 2) PM requested, if willing and able, could the dog bin currently located in the gateway to the field opposite the Garden Centre be relocated adjacent to stile/kissing gate. This would ultimately improve usage and accessibility.

Decision: Agreed. Once complete PM to notify EF to notify BDC

- 3) PM had been asked about the consideration for the installation of a flag pole, at a suitable location within the parish. MW advised only concern would be ownership of land prior to installation once a suitable location found. The grounds of the village hall maybe an option with ownership already known.

Decision: EF to contact Thurlaston Village Hall committee to ask if consideration could be given for installation.

- 4) TE increase in expired event posters within the Parish. Has been removing them personally although as and where possible, reminders to organisers to be made to remove once event has passed.

5) EH requested assistance with regards the light removed by LCC Highways from outside the Chapel. Previously located at the height of the street lighting columns above the main entrance door which illuminated the junction. It has been removed due to age and upgrade required, but has not replaced. Concerns raised over junction and pedestrian safety.

Decision: EF to progress with CC NC/LB.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Planning Committee Meeting - 25th January 2022 7.30pm

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 1st February 2022 7pm.

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.20pm

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