



## **THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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

**Parishioners/Visitors Present:** None

#### **988-04/22 Apologies**

Esther Harrison (EH)- **Noted and Accepted**

#### **989-04/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 (Appendix A)**

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

#### **990-04/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Thurlaston Recreation Ground Charity (Charity: 1088907) held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 (Appendix H)**

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

#### **991-04/22 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

#### **992-04/22 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report**

**County Councillor Report** - No Report Filed

#### **Blaby District Council March 2022 Report**

#### **Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review**

The second consultation for the Parliamentary Constituency boundary review has begun.

The new proposals include the abolition of the South Leicestershire Constituency and the creation of "Mid Leicestershire", "Blaby, Oadby and Wigston" and "Leicester West and Glenfield" Constituencies.

The Boundary Commission for England is again inviting the public to view and comment on their proposals on their consultation website [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk) by email or letter.

They are holding 32 public hearings across the country. To take part in the public hearings please visit: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/public-hearings/>

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**All responses must be received by 4 April 2022.**

**If you have any enquiries, please contact the Boundary Commission team at 02072761102 or [information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk](mailto:information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk)**

### **Love Blaby Lottery turns Four!!!**

The Council launched its online community lottery four years ago and has raised over £115K for local charities, community groups and sports clubs in the district.

The birthday draw took place on Saturday 26/2/2022. Now is a good time to start supporting or to renew your tickets.

- It's £1 per week to play.
- 60p from every £1 goes straight to our good causes
- You can choose which local good cause to support.
- And be in with a chance to win up to £25,000 per week.

For more information about the Love Blaby Lottery visit:

<https://www.blabylottery.co.uk/newsanniversary-prize-promotions>

### **Beat The Streets is coming back**

Many residents will remember the successful Beat the Streets Programme which the Council has previously run in the district to encourage children and families to walk, cycle and scoot to schools, the shops, and record these journeys on the beat boxes.

The Council are planning to run this again for the third time. Beat The Streets North Blaby District will cover the north of our district from Glenfield covering Braunstone Town, Kirby Muxloe and LFE through to Enderby.

Blaby District Council's contribution for this programme is wholly funded through external funding by DEFRA for our Countdown to Clean Air project.

### **Community theatre performance a success**

Over 60 people attended a sold-out performance of "Olidlocks and the 3 Bears" as part of the Welcome Back Fund. In partnership with the Health and Arts Development Service, and the Economic and Community development team, Garlic Theatre put on a wonderfully funny and warm-hearted celebration of the classic story.

Garlic Theatre held their young audience spellbound with puppets, music and some steaming bowls of porridge!!!

The aims of the initiative were to encourage residents back out into their local communities and high streets. The event was held at Glenfield Memorial Hall and residents attended from all over the district to enjoy the theatre performance.

### **Blaby District Council Report April 2022**

#### **Huncote Leisure Centre and surrounding site.**

A report is going to Full Council at Blaby DC on April 5<sup>th</sup> making recommendations to ensure the Huncote site is made safe for the long term and to request additional resources for the long-term management of the site. It is proposed to increase the Huncote Major Incident Reserve from £500k to £600k to allow for

further works to be undertaken to ensure the safe and ongoing management of the site. The report is also proposing approval of a Contaminated Land Officer for a fixed term 2-year post. The appointee will undertake a review of the authority's contaminated land strategy and to include assessment of all potential contaminated sites within the district. The Leisure Centre and the surrounding site, including the public footpaths and parish council sports field will continue to remain closed for the foreseeable future whilst the work is ongoing.

### **Blaby Hall Projection Event**

The Blaby Hall Light Projection Event was organised using 'Welcome Back Funding' from the European regional Development Fund. The event took place at Blaby Hall from 5 to 8pm across two evenings, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The Light show itself was projected onto the building at Blaby Hall showcasing different images from our Tourism Offer within the District.

A large marquee was installed in the grounds at Blaby Hall and housed 26 local businesses. The event gave the businesses an opportunity to promote their business to a new audience, generate sales and imbed themselves within Blaby District.

Gather Create Grow (group behind the Cosby Yarn Bomb) provided craft activities at the two events and also provided installations to line the driveway at Blaby Hall and provide areas of interest and photo opportunities for visitors. The event attracted nearly 2,500 visitors across both evenings and was a great success for the businesses in attendance.

### **Recent Parks and Open Spaces Work**

In the last few months, the Parks and Open Spaces team have been working on various projects to enhance and improve our strategic open spaces.

In Whetstone Way, 400 trees have been planted in partnership with Leicestershire County Council for the Local Authority Treescapes Fund. These new additions hope to help and support biodiversity.

Over in the Osiers Nature Area in Braunstone Town, access improvements have been made with overhauled gates and a new surface to the park's service road. Fifteen trees have also been planted in the Osiers, donated by the Blaby and District Lions Club as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative 2022.

Other green spaces, including Whistle Way in Narborough, Bouskell Park in Blaby and Fosse Meadows in Sharnford will be receiving works soon. This will include new fencing, drainage and ditching works for flood prevention.

### **Re-launch of Parish Liaison Event**

An important meeting for Parish Councils to give their thoughts to Blaby District Council about interest and concerns for the area has been revamped.

Parish Liaison meetings are important sessions that have taken place for a number of years and ensured that open communication has always been in place between Parish Councils and the District Council.

### 993-04/22 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

No parishioners present.

### 994-04/22 Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer 2021-2022 Holiday Entitlement

**Proposal:** to carry forward 10 hours remaining to enable completion of iLCA

**Decision: Accepted**

### 995-04/22 Minutes of Finance Sub Committee Meeting Held 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Appendix K)

The minutes were circulated to all prior to meeting.

Income and expenditure, spreadsheet circulated to all prior to mtg - **Noted**

**Proposal:** All underspends to be transferred to 'General Reserves' commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Decision:** Accepted

HSBC Credit 10.06.2020 of £38.12 held not TPC's and confirmed via HSBC at the time and remains 'as credit' as not requested to be returned by original 'payee'.

**Proposal:** To accept incorrect deposit 10.06.20 - conf via HSBC and to now be accounted for within March receipts and 2021-2022 financial year

**Decision:** Accepted

### 996-04/22 AUDIT 2021-22 Review and Approval of Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 Annual Return Doc page 5)

Section 1 Annual Return doc page 5 circulated to all prior to meeting

**Decision:** Understood and Accepted

### 997-04/22 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 | Cheque No: |
|---|---|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|
| 2Commune                                    | website hosting, support and annual licence     | £670.00            | £134.00 | £804.00               | 100388     |
| Draycott JD                                 | Hedgecutting                                    | £45.00             | £9.00   | £54.00                | 100389     |
| Clerk                                       | Salary and Expenses - Apr inc b/dated pay award | £719.53            | £0.00   | £719.53               | 100387     |
| G Seller                                    | Memorial order - Plaque                         | £100.00            | £20.00  | £120.00               | 100390     |
| HMRC  | PAYE - Apr                                      | £160.20            | £0.00   | £160.20               | 100391     |
| LRALC                                       | LRALC & NALC 22-23 membership                   | £284.92            | £0.00   | £284.92               | 100392     |
| Whitehall                                   | Payroll Services                                | £360.00            | £74.00  | £444.00               | 100393     |
| HSBC Bank charges applied 30.01.22-27.02.22 |   | £14.00             | £0.00   | £14.00                | N/A        |

#### Received

| <u>Received from:</u> | <u>Description</u>  |           |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| HMRC                  | VAT Repay (received Jan 2022 bank statement, within 2021-22 financial yr              | £1,262.33 |
| National Lottery      | Grant for QE Platinum Jubilee   | £4,200.00 |
| Donation              | Deposit 10.06.2020 as per Finance Sub Committee minutes, now accepted by Full Council | £38.12    |

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

Approved by Full Council

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## 998-04/22 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

### CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E April 2022 mtg)

| Format -<br>Email/Letter | Contents  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Application              | Application for use of Thurlaston Recreation Ground received from Thurlaston Carnival Committee for June 2022<br><b>Decision:</b> Accepted on condition proof of insurance, risk assessments etc; EF to monitor |
| Email                    | Request for use of recreation ground for parking 10 <sup>th</sup> September 11am onwards for wedding<br><b>Decision:</b> Accepted. EF to reiterate no liability for vehicles parked.                            |

### CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F April 2022 mtg)

| Format -<br>Email/Letter | Contents   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Email                    | Received from LCC updating on the 2022 to the LCC Urban Verge Wildlife Scheme - already enrolled and circulated to all for info when received. |

## 999-04/22 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G)

No details for discussion

### 1000-04/22 Allotments, Holt Crescent Site

Discussion in relation to the future ownership/responsibility of the current Holt Crescent site.  
Clarity from EF that the site is named within the FVNHP as a designated 'open space'

**Decision:** Register of Interest in transferral of ownership from Blaby District Council to Thurlaston Parish Council to be made with FVNHP specific detail supporting documentation. EF to progress.

### 1001-04/22 Village Flagpole

Update on the possible use of All Saints Church existing flagpole following informal meeting.  
Meeting notes circulated to all prior to meeting.

**Proposal:** RT to progress points raised within informal meeting with feedback to date.

**Decision:** Accepted.

**Proposal:** Parish Council to purchase 'community' flagpole to be installed within recreation ground to ensure accessibility and unrestricted use in the future.

**Decision:** Accepted. EF to progress. Cost centre - community fund.

### 1002-04/22 TPC Newsletter

Content mainly relates to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and community events weekend.

**Proposal:** A5 flyer to be produced instead of newsletter, specific to Platinum Jubilee.

**Decision:** Accepted. RT to progress.

### 1003-04/22 PC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party

Meetings have been held relating to the progression of events and running order of the weekend.  
Meeting notes and details circulated to all regularly.

National Lottery Grant Application successful - see accounts, monies received.

## 1004-04/22 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) Details received via email from EH present in their absence:  
Light lunches starting on 26.04.22 and every fortnight thereafter at the chapel at 10.30am. Feel free to drop in for some or all of the time. There will be home baking! This is not just a "seniors" group. All ages i.e. parents and tots welcome.  
The chapel has been gifted another mini-bus from a care home that has closed. We made good use of the two vehicles with the recent YPF swim night. If you ever know of a need in the community that we can help with let me know.  
We plan to restart the monthly trips for seniors with the minibus(es). This will be a bookable trip to a stately home or historic town. No cost for travel - just the cost of entry to the house. Please let me know of anyone you know who might be interested. We have the lift on the bus so there is disabled access.
- 2) TE Advised the woodyard noise had escalated again and this had been reported direct to BDC.
- 3) PM requested clarity on 'Daniel Newton Wood' plaque. EF advised ordered and anticipated delivery by the end of the month.
- 4) RT advised goal posts required moving and general 'spring clean' at the recreation ground required, sooner, rather than later.  
**Decision:** Date to be agreed with Members to undertake various jobs.
- 5) EF advised annual leave 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7pm.

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.30pm

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