



## **THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7.45pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

**Parishioners/Visitors Present:** None

#### **1092-12/22 Apologies**

None

#### **1093-12/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 (Appendix A)**

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

#### **1094-12/22 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None received

#### **1095-12/22 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report**

CC Breckon provided the following update:

As LCC Resources Lead member, LB advised budget consultation due out shortly to review and feedback.

PH requested any comments, progression with the 'levelling up' and fairness with financial distribution. LB confirmed this had been raised in Parliament with a review promised, although limitations, to what, if anything, can be achieved.

RT thanked CC Breckon for attending the annual award event prior to the Full Council meeting.

#### **Blaby District Councillor Report – December 2022**

##### **News Releases**

The following News Releases have been published during November:

- Prospective Councillor Event (see below)
- Priorities set for £2m Prosperity Fund
- Plans refused for Blaby homes over bin lorry concerns
- Cork Lane Public Enquiry
- Fines for homeowners in Braunstone Town

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### **Prospective Councillor Events**

If you are interested in standing to be a Blaby District Councillor at the Blaby District Council elections in May 2023 then you are invited to attend the Prospective Councillor Events as follows:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6pm – 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, 10am – 12pm Council Chamber

### **Blaby District Parish Councils Group**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7.30pm

Venue: Annexe Suite, Station Road, Glenfield LE3 8BQ. Situated at the rear of Nags Head and adjacent to Morrison's Car Park

Contact John Springthorpe for further details on: [springtor@btinternet.com](mailto:springtor@btinternet.com)

### **Bring your business to our Christmas Fair**

It's time to start talking about Christmas! This year Blaby DC will be hosting a special festive family event on Friday 09 December.

Join us for a spectacular family occasion in the warm surroundings of our Council Chamber from 5-8pm. We've even managed to persuade Santa to come along!

Entry and parking are free on site at our Narborough offices, Desford Road, LE19 2EP.

Local businesses will also have stalls at the event, where you can browse and buy their goods, as well as helping our local small businesses.

Food and drinks will also be available. We can't wait to see you and your friends and family at our Christmas Fair.

### **Report from South Leicester Community First Responders**

South Leicester Community First Responders gave a presentation to Blaby District Council with the following surprising facts:

- ❖ All members are volunteers giving up their own time to provide a valuable service.
- ❖ It costs the group £2500 to fully equip each responder.
- ❖ Our main costs include our Defibrillator (AED) which is £1700 and our kit bag, including the pouches, costs around £320.
- ❖ We raise our funds independently to purchase our equipment, kit bags and uniforms.
- ❖ We attend a variety of jobs, such as:
  - Cardiac arrests
  - Major trauma
  - Mental health concerns
  - Emergency medical conditions
  - Generally unwell patients
- ❖ There are over 30,000 out of hospital arrests every year
- ❖ East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) cover 6,425 square miles with only 2,700 staff members.
- ❖ EMAS respond to over 616,236 999 calls a year, which is why our job is so important.
- ❖ OCTOBER REPORT
  - 250+ volunteered hours
  - 72 call-outs
  - 4 Cardiac Arrests
  - 17 Breathing Difficulties
  - 9 Chest Pains
  - 4 Seizures
  - 5 Off-Duty Alerts

South Leicester Community First Responders are the nominated charity of Cllr. Iain Hewson – Chairman of Blaby District Council.

### **Community Group of the Year – Voting is open**

We have received eleven nominations for the Community Group of the Year category in this year's Community Awards.

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This year our winner and runner up will be decided by a public vote, rather than by a judging panel. Voting is open until Friday 16 December 2022. Please remember to visit our [Community Awards webpage](#) during the voting period to read about all of the nominees and cast your vote! Please do share the weblink to encourage local residents to get involved in voting. There is also a form for anyone preferring to vote by post.

## **HNRFI**

Tritax are expected to submit the HNRFI application to the Planning Inspector during January 2023. The process will then take approximately 18 months before a decision is made by the Secretary of State.

## **MPs raise Rail Freight Hub concerns with Transport Secretary**

Leicestershire MPs Alberto Costa and Dr Luke Evans have written to the Transport Secretary to reiterate their concerns over the proposals for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) with the formal planning application expected to be submitted early next year.

Mr Costa, MP for South Leicestershire where the site would be located near the village of Elmesthorpe, has previously raised the planned rail hub in debates in Parliament, and has been supported by Dr Luke Evans, MP for Bosworth, whose constituency borders the proposed site.

In their letter to the Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon Mark Harper MP, the MPs expressed their concern over the rail hub's environmental impact on nearby Burbage Common, a site of Special Scientific Interest, the site's effect on local infrastructure with 8,000 people expected to be employed at the hub, and the potential disruption for passenger train services at nearby Narborough station with one-mile-long freight trains expected to service the new interchange.

Both MPs have also previously issued surveys to their constituents in South Leicestershire and Bosworth seeking local views on the rail hub's impact, with Mr Costa planning a further survey in the New Year.

Mr Costa said, *"With the planning application for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) expected to be submitted early next year, I am pleased to once again be working closely with Dr Luke Evans MP, my constituency neighbour, in making strong representations to the Transport Secretary over our constituents' concerns."*

*"As I have mentioned in Parliament previously, the sheer size and scale of the proposed Rail Hub could have a hugely detrimental impact on our local environment and infrastructure in this part of Leicestershire, and therefore the Government needs to be made aware of the considerable concerns my constituents, and those in Bosworth, have over these plans before taking any decisions."*

Dr Luke Evans added, *"Following news that Tritax have concluded the consultation into the viability of a Rail Freight Interchange in Hinckley I have also written to the developers to request a list of any amendments made to the proposals previously shared with us. While lowering the maximum height of the building from 33m to 28m is welcome, many questions from our community regarding the strain on transport links remain unanswered."*

*Alberto and I will continue to work together on this, ensuring the Government are aware of the concerns raised by many people across both Bosworth and South Leicestershire about the impact this will have on our infrastructure and the local environment, particularly our wonderful Burbage Common"*

## **1096-12/22 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk**

None present

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## 1097-12/22 Accounts (to be paid appendix B, received appendix C) -

The account detail below was presented to Full Council:

### Accounts payable

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	Nett invoice total	VAT	Invoice total inc VAT
Clerk	Dec Salary including backdated pay award	£932.84	£0.00	£932.84
Clerk	Expenses	£54.79	£0.00	£54.79
Create	Newsletter Autumn/Winter edition	£230.00	£46.00	£276.00
S Harrison	Grounds maintenance July - October	£225.00	£0.00	£225.00
HMRC	PAYE December	£254.07	£0.00	£254.07
Myton Hospice	Lakey Santa Sleigh Donation	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
D Tibbles	Donation towards the cost of cherrypicker hire to install and remove xmas tree lights	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
Lisa Clayton	Elephant & Castle donation towards the electricity costs for xmas tree lights	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
HSBC Bank charges applied 30.09.22 - 29.10.22		£15.00		£15.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2,061.70</b>	<b>£46.00</b>	<b>£2,107.70</b>

### Received

HMRC VAT Refund upto 30.09.22 (received Oct b/st) £1,291.02

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

## 1098 – 12/22 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

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

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
None received	

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

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
None received	

## 1099-12/22 Planning (inc Planning Applications as per Appendix G)

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 02.11.22 – 06.12.22

Ref:22/1110/HH\*, 45 Moat Close Thurlaston Leicestershire LE9 7TN

Description: Retention of dormer to front (including loft conversion) and single storey rear extension

**Decision TPC:** Comments recorded

\*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.

## 1100-12/22 TPC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party

Rolling agenda item - No updates.

## 1101-12/22 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) PM advised 'Santa Sleigh' progression and will be ready for 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm.
- 2) EH 'Thank you' for the kind donation to Thurlaston Chapel.
- 3) EH advised the annual youth camp should be re-established as an annual event, at a new site, from next year 'Barton in the Beans'

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- 4) EH confirmed that Thurlaston Chapel currently has access and use of 2 mini buses which has provided more opportunities in activities for all ages.
- 5) PH advised approx. 25 lamp post poppies are required due to damages.  
**Action:** EF to progress
- 6) RT advised following the departure of the Vicar for Thurlaston Church, no replacement has been appointed. Approx 2 services a month although no clarity. No details with regards cemetery, weddings, christening etc; either.  
**Action:** EF to the Diocese of Leicester with questions and invitation to attend any meeting in 2023.
- 7) EF annual leave 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.40pm

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