



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 8pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 7th December 2021

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

Parishioners/Visitors Present: Bob Whelband, Ms Greenwood (in part)

952-12/21 Apologies

None

953-12/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 2nd November 2021 (Appendix A)

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

954-12/21 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

955-12/21 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report County Councillor Report

CC Chapman addressed ongoing issues and plans in relation to the new variant of Covid 19.

Confirmation that the Highways Community Grant application had been submitted, accepted and any decision will be advised upon once received.

RT thanked Cllr Chapman for attending the awards event prior to the Full Council meeting and presenting the awards.

At this point Cllr Chapman wished all present a happy, healthy Christmas and 2022 and left the meeting.

Blaby District Council – December 2021 Report

White Ribbon Campaign 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021 was White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon is the annual, international campaign to end violence against women.

On White Ribbon Day and the 16 days of action that follow, Blaby DC are asking people in their communities, workplaces and organisations to come together and say "no" to violence against women.

Visit Blaby – Let’s Go Blaby District

Followers and reach (number of people seeing posts) for the Visit Blaby Social Media channels on both Instagram and Facebook continue to grow with some of the most popular posts featuring local business spotlights including the Bakers Arms in Blaby and Narborough Hall.

Travel blogger Krista the explorer recently visited Kirby Muxloe Castle with the post on Instagram gaining 2090 likes!!

The Visit Blaby website content has also developed further with new inspiration, spotlights and event pages added.

Find out more by visiting the Council’s website and look up Visit Blaby District.

Council joins charity tractor run

Blaby District Council is joining the 200-strong charity vehicle display of tractors as it travels through the district in December.

Archer’s Festive Tractor Run passes through Blaby, Whetstone, Cosby and Countesthorpe on Sunday 19th December, as part of the route for the huge display of festively decorated vehicles to raise money for the Leicestershire MS Therapy Centre and East Midlands Air Ambulance.

This year Blaby District Council will be getting in the festive spirit and joining the run with four bin lorries and a tractor from the council’s fleet of vehicles. All of the vehicles taking part will be decked out in Christmas themed decorations.

The vehicles should arrive in Cosby at around 5.15pm, before passing through Whetstone by 5.30pm. They’ll then roll into Blaby Town Centre by 5.45pm and down through Countesthorpe for approx. 6.20pm, before heading for Peatling Magna and back to the centre of Lutterworth.

More information about Archer’s Tractor Run can be found on their Facebook Event page at www.blaby.gov.uk/tractor-run

Ready to be Campaign

A new communications and marketing campaign was launched at the beginning of November to help improve resident’s general wellbeing.

The campaign will run until February and signposts residents to the services, activities and guidance available to them to help with any feelings of isolation, loneliness, inactivity, or general struggles with wellbeing.

Residents will be encouraged to be feel Ready to Be: -

- Active – start a new hobby or join a club.
- Connected – with friends, family and wider community.
- Inspired – by your surroundings.
- Creative – take up a new skill.
- Together – make time for loved ones and reach out.

The Missing Link

A joint project with the Woodland Trust has been completed which sees the linking up of Countesthorpe Country Park with Blaby District Council’s Oakfield Park. Providing 0.7km of traffic free meandering paths through Woodland Trust land from Countesthorpe Country Park through to Bouskell Park, Crow Mills and Glen Hills nature Area and beyond to Everards Meadows and the city.

The project was managed by Blaby District Council and funded from Section 106 contributions.

There has been a huge amount of positivity shown on social media as the new paths have opened up a previously boggy area of land accessible to welly wearing walkers and four legged friends enabling the local residents to experience this beautiful wooded area without getting stuck in the mud.

Electric Vehicle Demonstration

The fully electric refuse collection vehicle, the Dennis E-Collect, which was launched to the market in January this year has been trialled by our collection crew. They have given it a big thumbs up. Not only producing zero emissions these are some of the other benefits that won over the collection crews: -

The electric motor is virtually silent creating a comfortable cab environment.

Electric bin lifts are also silent which is a benefit to the staff and the residents not being woke up by noisy diesel engines.

The responsiveness of the vehicle between each bin is much nippier than the diesels and resulted in rounds getting done 30 minutes quicker than normal (although the overall top speed limiter of 37 mph didn't go down all that well with drivers when travelling to the tip on the A46!)

Only 50% of the battery was used each day.

What next?

Lots of work is already happening behind the scenes to work out exactly what infrastructure requirements are needed to ensure a reliable supply of electricity to recharge.

Blaby DC will also be looking into opportunities to upskill existing staff to be able to service E vehicles

In the meantime, managing the transition between diesel and electric alternative renewable fuel is being looked at, such as hydrotreated vegetable oil. Blaby DC hope to switch their existing diesel fleet over next year.

956-12/21 Parishioners Time Inc. Local Concerns Reported to Members/Clerk

No parishioners present.

957-12/21 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
Blaby District Council	Jul-Sept Grass Cutting	£320.12	£64.02	£384.14
Blaby District Council	Emptying dog bins/litter bins 3rd Quarter	£290.99	£58.19	£349.18
Caboodle	Newsletter December	£205.00	£41.00	£246.00
Clerk	Salary and Expenses - Nov	£615.57	£0.00	£615.57
P & L Clayton	Donation cost of electricity Xmas Tree lights	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
HMRC	PAYE Dec	£120.80	£0.00	£120.80
R Tinsley	Reimbursement awards evening refreshments	£62.60	£0.00	£62.60
Simon Harrison	Various groundwork verges	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00
Secure a Field Thurlaston	Removal of old with supply & installation of new gate & fencing Rec ground + keys and lock	£4,485.52	£897.10	£5,382.62
Community Group	Xmas afternoon tea donation	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
Cheque signed and released prior to mtg				
Happy Days Children Charity	Supply and use of Santas Sleigh Donation (Lakey)	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00

Approved by Full Council

..... Chair/Vice Chair @ Meeting Date.....

Received

None

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

EF advised current bank balance, actual funds following outstanding cheques waiting to be cleared and VAT return to be filed as of 30th November 2021.

Decision: Accepted, Noted income and expenditure as per 2021-2022 budget.

958-12/21 3 Year Financial Plan

Update 3 year plan as per the Finance Sub Committee meeting notes 28th September circulated to all prior to meeting with the budget/actuals spreadsheet for 2021-2022.

Reviewed and noted

Action: EF to upload onto TPC website

959-12/21 Draft Budget for 2022-2023

Draft budget detail circulated to all.

Proposal by Parish Council Chair, Cllr Tinsley: to accept the draft budget.

Decision: Accepted and approved unanimously.

960-12/21 Precept 2022-2023

Proposal by Parish Council Chair, Cllr Tinsley: Precept for 2022-2023 to be set at £28,500.

Decision: Accepted and approved unanimously.

961-12/21 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F)

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

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
Ltr	Received from BDC relating to increase in costs to bin servicing rates 2022/23 - £2.99 increase of 0.22p and £4.25 increase of 0.46p (TPC has 2 of these) Decision: Accepted
Quote	Received from A Foxon Groundworks relating to remedial works within the recreation ground. Decision: Accepted exc jungle climber works due to Sovereign ongoing issues. Action: EF to reiterate, in chronicle order, issues direct to Sovereign, 14 days response time, pending legal action.
Quote	Astley Computers replacement laptop with office home and business complete set up. Concerns raised but understood, in relation to hourly rate charges for installation and clarity given relating to Microsoft office package costs confirmed as life of computer. Decision: Accepted. EF to progress.

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

Format - Email/Letter	Contents
None received	

962-12/21 Planning (inc Planning Applications Appendix G)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 03.11.21 - 07.12.21

Notification of prior Approval of Proposed Development

Ref: 21/1303/HHPD* - Fair View, Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston

Approved by Full Council

... .. Chair/Vice Chair @ Meeting Date

Description: The erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house by 7.0m, for which the maximum height would be 4.0m and the height to the eaves would be 2.75m.

Decision: No comments at this stage. Will be thoroughly reviewed on receipt of formal application

Ref: 21/1254/VAR - The Holt Desford Road Thurlaston Village Thurlaston

Description: Variation to planning permission 18/0494/HH to amend approved plans to replace timber doors with bi-fold doors, revise lintel design, and change garage to gardener's office.

Decision: No adverse comments at this time although concerns raised that the building is resembling that of a residential property more and more.

*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.

963-12/21 TPC Working Party/TPC Community Working Party

No updates.

964-12/21 Exchange of Members Information

- 1) PM advised Santa Sleigh will be 'running' for Santa to visit 17th December, the carol singing night.
Decision: EF to request promotion within Primary School newsletter and post on TPC website.
- 2) PM confirmed all the new trees had been planted in Daniel Newton Wood with assistance from Mrs Marshall with plants, bulbs and wood chip being prepared.
Decision: EF to send Letter of thanks for Mrs Paula Marshall. EF to source cost of plaque for January meeting, wording - 'Daniel Newton Wood'
- 3) RT advised issues with sports ground parking had been raised with the local Police Beat Team by EF.
- 4) EF advised Elephant and Castle application for recreation ground use had been received relating to the community Boxing Day, 'Annual Pram Race'
Decision: Accept.
- 5) RT advised defib pads had been changed.
Decision: EF to reorder for stock.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee Meeting - provisionally 4th January 2022 7.30pm

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 11th January 2022 7pm.

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 9pm

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