



## **THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting Held at 7pm, Thurlaston Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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

**Parishioners/Visitors Present:** 1

#### **1187-09/23 Apologies**

County Councillor Lee Breckon, Nick Chapman, Parish Councillor Maggie Wright (MW),

**Noted and Accepted**

#### **1188-09/23 To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Appendix A)**

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

#### **1089-09/23 Request for Dispensations for Matters Where Councillors Have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None received

#### **1090-09/23 County Councillor and/or District Councillor Report**

CC report – advised just returned from recess no major issues, concerns or projects to note.

DC report filed as follows:

#### **Blaby District Council September Report 2023**

- **Air Quality improves in the district**

Improvements in Air Quality in the district may mean that 3 Air Quality Monitoring Areas can be revoked. These are Narborough Road South, the B4114 in Enderby and Narborough and Enderby Road Whetstone. Monitoring over the last 5 years has shown consistently low levels of nitrogen dioxide, well below Government targets (including before and after the pandemic).

- **Date Announced for the Start of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Plans examination**

The Planning Inspectorate are due to start its examination of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange scheme on **12<sup>th</sup> September**. The examination into the 662 acres scheme, earmarked for rural land south-west of Elmesthorpe, will take around 6 months. This will be a public meeting and anyone who has registered their interests in being involved in the HNRFI examination process is entitled to attend. People will also be able to join the meeting on Microsoft Teams if they can't attend in person.

Approved by Full Council

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Anyone wishing to attend in person or speak on the procedural matters must register with the Planning Inspectorate by **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Blaby District Council will submit its Local Impact Report and Written Representation in October. These will outline the significant concerns and numerous aspects of the scheme.

The HNRFI members Reference Group, made up of Council Officers and District councillors will be meeting on **4<sup>th</sup> September**.

- **Rogue Taxi Driver Prosecuted**

A rogue taxi driver who lied about having a previous licenced revoked and operated under false pretences for six years has been prosecuted by Blaby District Council.

- **Huncote Field/footpath Reopens after closure due to elevated gas levels discovered during routine maintenance in November 2021.**

As you will be aware we received the good news that the footpaths and fields rear of Huncote Leisure Centre reopened on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This was after confirmation that the specialist contractor had confirmed three specific areas are now safe and could be reopened to the public. However, the BMX tracks and the rear of the Leisure Centre remain closed and cordoned off as gas readings are still fluctuating in these areas. The contractor is expected to be on site during October/November to undertake further work. In these locations. The Environmental Services team at Blaby DC continue to visit the site twice a week to take readings and adjust the gas management system to ensure it is operating effectively. As District Councillor I am in regular contact with Blaby DC Senior Management to monitor the ongoing situation. I know this is an important amenity to the Community and wish to see it opened as soon as possible, subject to it be safe to do so.

- **Strike Action Called Off – The three**

The planned three-week strike action by the GMB union members was called off following discussions between the GMB officials, the Leader of the Council and senior management. As part of the negotiated agreement, both parties have committed to a series of proactive measures and the following key points were agreed: -

1. Independent Review of Job Evaluation.
2. Review of Task and Finish Working Arrangements.
3. Review of Approach to Bank Holidays.

Waste Collections have returned to normal within the district.

### **1191-09/23 Parishioners Time**

Coffee morning 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the afternoon.

Church meeting open to the public 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **1192-09/23 Conclusion of Audit 2022 – 2023**

External Auditors report circulated to all prior to meeting for information.

Detail and content Noted.

**Decision: EF to publish**

## 1193-09/23 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	Pay reference
<b>August via BACS</b>					
Clerk	August Salary & Expenses	£580.85	£0.00	£580.85	BACS 04.08.23
Paul Holyman	reimbursement of lamppost poppies RBL (S137)	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00	BACS 18.08.23
S Harrison	mow/strim, Enderby Rd/Desford rd Apr-Jun	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00	BACS 14.07.23
Thurlaston Village Hall	Grant - internet	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	BACS 18.08.23
<b>September</b>					
Blaby District Council	Annual Grass Cutting Apr-Jun	£362.70	£72.54	£435.24	BACS 08.09.23
Create	Autumn newsletter	£242.50	£48.50	£291.00	BACS 08.09.23
Clerk	September Salary and Expenses	£580.85	£0.00	£580.82	BACS 04.09.23
HMRC	PAYE August	£140.80	£0.00	£140.80	BACS 08.09.23
HMRC	PAYE September	£140.80	£0.00	£140.80	BACS 08.09.23
Moore	External auditors	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00	BACS 08.09.23
Thurlaston Village hall	hall hire Apr - June	£42.00	£0.00	£42.00	BACS 08.09.23
HSBC Bank charges applied 30.05.23 - 29.06.23		£8.00	£0.00	£8.00	
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### Received

None Received

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

Finance Sub Committee meeting notes circulated to all prior to meeting - **Noted**

## 1194-09/23 Correspondence Received (To be discussed appendix E and for info only F) CORRESPONDENCE – TO BE DISCUSSED (Appendix E September 2023 mtg)

<b>Format - Email/Letter</b>	<b>Contents</b>
Consultation	Received from LCC, parish Consultation – National highways and Transport public satisfaction survey, circulated to all prior to meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Appendix F September 2023 mtg)

<b>Format - Email/Letter</b>	<b>Contents</b>
Email	Response from LCC c/o CC Chapman and Breckon relating to the removal of the rumble strips, Croft Road, circulated to all prior to meeting.

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**1195-09/23 Old School Surgery**

RT advised meeting held with a request for a further meeting to be made with lead GP in attendance. Review of the recent NHS survey had been made with confirmation the Practice is currently within the lower quadrant for service etc;

In excess of 8000 patients registered with the surgery, with the survey reflecting concerns raised. Patient Liaison Group critical to obtain answers and push for improvements, with Stoney Stanton and Elmesthorpe Parish Council providing grants to sustain the group.

**Proposal:** Thurlaston Parish Council to donate £50 to support and sustain the Patient Liaison Group.

**Decision:** Agreed. RT to obtain clarity on how/where donation to be made.

**1196-09/23 Action List**

Review of outstanding issues and update of actions.

To be reopened and challenged further – 1171-06/23 1 relating to the removal of traffic calming measures along Main Street, explanation received via LCC Highways unacceptable.

Trace original issues recorded relating to installation of play equipment via Sovereign and add.

**1197-09/23 Planning (inc Planning Applications as per Appendix G)**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS –from 05.07.23 – 04.09.23**

**Ref:** 23/0732/HH, 3 Enderby Road Thurlaston Leicestershire LE9 7TF

**Description:** Single Storey Rear Extension

**Decision:** No Objections

**Ref:** 22/0112/FUL\*, Oaklands, Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest West

**Description:** Amended documentation received.

**Decision:** NO Further comments to be made

**Ref:** 23/0253/FUL\*, Thurlaston Sports Club, Earl Shilton Road, Thurlaston

**Description:** Amended documentation received.

**Decision:** NO Further comments to be made

\*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.

**1198-09/23 Recreation Ground 'Rules of Use'**

Content to be drafted and reviewed at October meeting.

**Progression lead by EH. EF to check Fields in Trust site for templates**

**1199-09/23 HNRFI**

National Planning inspectorate progressing.

**1200-09/23 Fosse Villages Shaping Our Future**

Junctions of concerns within the Fosse Villages have been highlighted and submitted to create a larger vision and awareness of the current highways network.

**1201-09/23 TPC Community Working Group**

The second 'Big Help Out' event scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 with a list of outstanding works compiled from the initial event and also further projects identified.

Refreshments will be available within All Saints Church with funding of the provisions from the Parish Council on production of receipts.

**1202-09/23 Exchange of Members Information**

- 1) PM confirmed Santa and his Sleigh are available to visit the Parish near Christmas.
- 2) TE reported concerns with the Main Street parking ongoing.
- 3) TE advised no further progression or details received from David Harrison regarding the possible donation of land to TPC.
- 4) PH noted D Day 80<sup>th</sup> celebrations 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 around the country, possible Beacon lighting for Thurlaston Parish to be considered, action list entry for follow up October meeting.
- 5) RT advised to ensure clarity on donations made by TPC to All Saints Church over the years, letters on file or minute detail reflecting donation amount and purpose to be forwarded to PCC.

**Decision:** EF to progress.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s) Calendar:

Finance Sub Committee, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Budget and Precept

Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7pm

Chair declared the meeting 'Closed' at 8.30pm

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