

	THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL AGM MINUTES Wednesday 20 May 2015 6.30pm at Thurgarton village hall	
Clerk	THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES Toni Smith David Waine Ian Edwards Charles Day Tina Tsoukatos Roger Aston Neil Davies Richard Davies Annie Duquemin Apologies : Ellis Morgan	TS DW IE CD TT RA ND RD Clerk
1.0	ELECTION AND RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS DW and IE are retiring this year. The following Councillors were nominated as officers and accepted their nominations : Chair: Toni Smith : nominated CD, seconded TT Vice: Tina Tsoukatos : nominated TS, seconded CD	
2.0	INTRODUCTION OF ROGER JACKSON TS introduced Roger Jackson (RJ), the Dover Beck Ward County and District Councillor. RJ explained he will now deal with more local issues and is actively working on the railway sailing lake planning application, the Corner Croft parking problems and the flooding issues.	
3.0	QUESTIONS FOR RJ FROM THE PUBLIC	
3.1	<u>Buffer zones either side of the village</u> : CD asked RJ for support on this and RJ said he has spoken to NCC	
3.2	<u>Broadband</u> : Awaiting decision from BT as to when they will upgrade Thurgarton	
3.3	<u>Attendance</u> at PC meetings: resident thanked RJ for his regular attendance	
3.4	<u>Bus stop adj Corner Croft</u> : RJ says he thinks new bus stop will be marked so no parking allowed in that space on Bleasby Rd.	
4.0	COUNCILLOR REPORTS FROM LAST YEAR	
4.1	David Waine <u>Website</u> : is being refreshed more regularly to keep it up to date <u>E mail</u> : different logos with pictures for PC/Neighbourhood Watch/TCA are now being used to make the system more attractive. The system is still being run very effectively by Jim Ward and Darryl North and DW thanked them for their efforts. <u>Thurgarton People</u> : Thanks to Toria Parker, those who contribute writing and sponsors and advertisers. There are sufficient funds in the bank for another year's publication. Linda Morgan urged more folk to become sponsors and to help with delivery. <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> : DW reported that PC Keith Crowhurst may lose his job so urged all to write a letter of support to Southwell Police. He has been closely associated with Thurgarton over the years.	
4.2	Charles Day <u>Interactive sign</u> : has been fitted on Bleasby Road <u>Buffer zones</u> : An application has been made to NCC for 40mph buffer zones and the PC is awaiting a decision <u>Drainage around the village</u> : drainage issues on the A612 have not yet been sorted as there is a large backlog of work around the County. Bleasby Rd drains and those behind the hall have been cleared	
4.3	Ian Edwards (reporting on behalf of Ellis Morgan who is away) <u>Footpath past Priory Lane</u> : has now been adopted by NCC so should be kept in better order <u>Village appearance</u> : generally the village is looking good. There is ongoing planting and the PC has been more active with getting strimming and maintenance done <u>Resilience shed</u> : fencing and paving have been done around the shed to tidy it up and there are good supplies of aqua sacs, salt and sand bags <u>Churchyard</u> : this is now in very good order as Neil Harris has spent a lot of time maintaining it	
4.4	Tina Tsoukatos <u>Flood Management Scheme</u> : Making good progress with IDB in finding a solution, next meeting with IDB 24 th June <u>Emergency Plan</u> : now all in place, with volunteers trained <u>Road Closure Scheme</u> : now all in place, with volunteers trained <u>Volunteers</u> : will be asking for volunteers for other repair and maintenance jobs around the village <u>Defibrillator</u> : requested funding for CPR/Defib training for around 30 people, one awareness course and 2 hands-on training courses to be provided FOC by EMAS <u>Welcome Pack</u> : still work-in-progress <u>Breaking news</u> : is that a scheme for flood alleviation for Thurgarton should be signed off by the autumn.	

4.5	<p>Toni Smith <u>Councillors</u>: TS thanked all current and outgoing Councillors and reminded attendees that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes. The PC is looking for one more Councillor so asked anyone interested to write to the Clerk. <u>Accounts</u>: TS described the accounts which were circulated to all present. The PC has recently formulated a rolling budget looking 5 years ahead at expenditure. This year, £2000 hasn't been spent on legal fees for the change of lease on the village hall but this will be carried forward. <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> : TS explained that the PC have decided to go forward with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan as it will help to determine the village's plan for new development in the future. Volunteers to undertake this are needed and the rest of the AGM will be used to focus villagers' thoughts on the various issues.</p>	
5.0	<p>OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) The PC had formulated some topics for discussion. Each topic was introduced by a Councillor and the various views put forward by villagers were as follows. These will be taken forward into the implementation of the NP: Transport <i>Need sign to direct people to the station</i> <i>Need timetable for the train in the village</i> <i>Suggestion to promote the use of the train in TP; if we don't use it we will lose it</i> <i>Improve the footpath to the station</i> <i>Car parking needed at the station</i> Localism <i>Community spirit is good in the village</i> <i>Good idea to have volunteers to carry out some work</i> <i>Suggest a "menu" of jobs so folk can sign up</i> <i>Local fundraising needed as well as raising the precept for village funds</i> New housing <i>New developments have been too big recently; need smaller homes which are more affordable and available for downsizing</i> <i>No more housing infill wanted</i> <i>Any new developments should have 2/3 bed houses, no bigger</i> Communication <i>Generally good around the village</i> <i>Welcome Pack a good idea</i> <i>Most will sign up to faster broadband if/when we get it</i></p>	
6.0	<p>CONCLUSION AND THANKS TS concluded the meeting and thanked all for attending. IE thanked TS for her work as Chair in the previous year</p>	