

# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2011

**Present:** Councillors I Edwards (Chair)  
N Butler  
K Pritchard  
D Waine  
T Monaghan  
T Sheil  
  
Cllr Stewart (NCC)

Apologies: Cllr Brady

Two members of the public attended the meeting, which commenced at 19.30hrs.

### ACTION

1. The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were approved (with two corrections) and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:
  - a. The replacement interactive sign opposite the Red Lion promised by NCC Highways by the end of January had still to arrive.
  - b. The replacement paper box had been installed in the Coach & Horses car park.
  - c. The Manor Farm bridleway issue remained outstanding.
  - d. The issue of repairs to the footpath on Priory Road had been brought to the attention of NCC Highways (Jo Horton).
  - e. The clerk had contacted NCC Highways regarding the overhanging trees on A612 opposite the Red Lion. Clerk
  - f. The clerk would contact Hansons regarding noise issues reported on 25 Feb (11.30 & 11.55 pm)
3. The meeting was closed at 19.35hrs to allow questions/statements from the public.
  - a. Cllr Stewart had chaired a meeting on 23 Feb of interested Parish Councils to discuss the withdrawal of rural bus services on cost grounds. Agreement had been reached to fund 2 buses/week on the rural route to Southwell and Newark (via Bleasby, Fiskerton etc) with an expected passenger uptake of approx 15 passengers. Costs were not expected to be excessive.
  - b. Cllr Waine advised of the introduction of a "red bus" apparently in direct competition with the existing 100 service. Cllr Stewart advised that this was a privately funded enterprise and that NCC could therefore do nothing about it.

- c. The quality of the new footpath between Thurgarton and Goverton was considered to be unsatisfactory. Cllr Stewart understood that NCC Highways would be rectifying the problem.
- d. A light on A612 was considered to be in a dangerous state. Cllr Pritchard was aware of the problem and would be dealing with the issue.
- e. Mr Bows advised the meeting that he was in favour of the proposed development at Woodside Farm.
- f. Mr Bows, whilst thanking Cllr Stewart for initiating the work, advised that the latest repair to the manhole on A612 by The Dumble was not up to standard and therefore likely to degenerate yet again.
- g. Mr Bows believed that Bell & Webster had consistently broken their stipulated working hours limitation (7am to 7.30pm) during their tenancy of the site, and that the matter should be brought to the attention of N&SDC Planning.

Cllr Pritchard

Clerk

The meeting was re-opened at 19.50 hrs.

#### 4. Future of the Council

The Chairman made a statement to the Council regarding its future. The clerk would obtain the requisite documentation and also produce a notice advertising vacancies on the Council. It was noted that if an election was required on 5<sup>th</sup> May, potential candidates would need to notify N&SDC by 4<sup>th</sup> April (noon) in order to stand.

#### 5. Future spending plans

Cllr Pritchard advised that provision of a new and appropriate bus shelter would be likely to cost more than £5K. It was noted that holding an election for new councillors on 5<sup>th</sup> May would cost approximately £700. It was agreed that any decision on future spending would be held in abeyance until after the Annual Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 7. Correspondence

- a. Invoices for annual subscriptions for CPRE and NALC had been received.

#### 8. Planning

There were no planning issues.

#### 9. Finance

The account balances as at 02/03/11 were:

Current Account:	£	4617.87
(Parish Plan element)	£	1358.97
CS Account:	£	1186.16

The Council approved the following payments:

N&SDC Dog waste bin emptying.	£	71.03
NALC annual subscription 2011/12	£	84.33
CPRE annual subscription 2011/12	£	29.00

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda

Future of the Council, Election – 5 May, Annual Meeting - 11 May

12. Arrangements for the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday, 20th April 2011, commencing at 19.30 hours.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hrs.