

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 31st AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillors I Edwards (Chair)
N Butler
C Day
E Morgan
T Smith
D Waine

Cllr Stewart (NCC)
Cllr Blaney (N&SDC)

Apologies: Cllr Monaghan

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

ACTION

1. The minutes of the meeting of 27th July 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:
 - a. The clerk had again reported the Council's concern regarding the overhanging trees on A612 opposite the Red Lion to NCC Highways. No action had apparently been taken. Cllr Stewart agreed to pursue the matter with NCC Highways.
 - b. Cllr Stewart confirmed that, following the meeting between Council members and NCC Highways, the latter had agreed that the footpath between Thurgarton and Goverton would be resurfaced to an appropriate standard and that the posts adjoining the path would be removed to facilitate grass cutting. It was hoped that the work would be completed by the end of September. The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Stewart for his efforts in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.
 - c. A letter had been received from the former Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee (Mr Brady) to the effect that the remaining balance (£1358.97) from the initiative be incorporated into the general Parish Council funds to "*be spent under the direction of the Council to further the ideas developed in the Plan, such as making improvements to environment, appearance and amenities of the village*". The clerk would action the matter accordingly.
3. The meeting was closed at 19.36hrs to allow questions/statements from the public.
 - a. In response to a question regarding the speed limit on the A612 between Lowdham and Southwell, Cllr Stewart advised that the current limits were under review but that changes tended to be in response to KSI figures and that cost was also a factor.
 - b. Mr Aston advised the Council that the fly infestation in the area of The Park that occurred last year had still not reoccurred this year. It was not known if the Egg Unit was currently stocked with birds.

Cllr Stewart

Clerk

- c. It was understood that the Stoneacre planning application (11/00884/FUL) had been withdrawn following discussion between N&SDC Planning and the applicant regarding matters of scale of the proposed development.
- d. Given his expertise in this area, the Council agreed that Mr Pritchard continue to represent the Council in dealings with NCC regarding lighting matters.
- e. It was noted that the bollards at either end of the village were damaged, and that the street signs adjacent to the Coach & Horses were rusted through. The Clerk would contact NCC Highways accordingly. Clerk
- f. Cllr Stewart reiterated his offer of funds (£400) for bulbs etc to be planted later in the year (see para 5 below).
- g. Mr Pritchard reported noise emanating from Hansons' site late at night on several occasions during the month. The Clerk would contact the site manager in accordance with agreed practice. Clerk
- h. The light in the public phone box had failed. The clerk would contact BT accordingly. Clerk
- i. The gate on the public footpath behind the Village Hall where it crossed the railway had collapsed. The clerk would contact NCC (footpaths), and Network Rail (if appropriate), to seek rectification. Clerk

The meeting was re-opened at 20.00 hrs.

4. Replacement of Chairman and Clerk

- a. The Council required to ratify the decisions reached by the previously notified informal meeting. Accordingly, the following were elected unanimously:

Chair: Cllr Smith (Nominated Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Edwards)

Vice Chair: Cllr Waine (Nominated Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Butler)

The period of office for both positions was agreed to be 4 years.

- b. An application for the Clerk's post had already been received from Mr Aston. However, in order to meet legal requirements, the post needed to be publicly advertised. Accordingly notices would be placed in the village and on the village email service, and NALC would be asked to circulate details. A closing date for applicants of 30th September was agreed. The Clerk would take the necessary administrative action. The Chair would decide on further action dependant upon whether any further applicants came forward. Clerk
Chair

5. Planting Plan

Cllr Smith agreed to obtain bulbs required for the planting plan. Cllr Morgan would consult with the landowner regarding appropriate planting to disguise the village store shed. Chair
Cllr Morgan

6. NALC Chairmanship Course

Following her election to the Chair, it was unanimously agreed the Cllr Smith should attend the NALC Chairmanship Course on 13th September. The clerk would notify NALC accordingly.

Chair
Clerk

7. Planning

- a. 11/00884/FUL Stoneacre, Bleasby Road. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement house. The application had been withdrawn.
- b. 11/00657/FUL Mayfield, Southwell Road. Erection of a single storey garage extension. The application had been approved by N&SDC Planning.
- c. 11/00831/FUL Yates Engineering workshop, Station Yard. Installation of Solar PV panels to the south facing roof. The application had been approved by N&SDC Planning.
- d. 11/01029/FUL Colt House Magadales Drive. Erection of replacement dwelling. The Council voted 5:1 to support the application.

8. Finance

The account balances as at 31/08/11 were:

Current Account:	£	6114.83
(Parish Plan element)	£	1358.97
CS Account:	£	1186.46

The Council approved the following payments:

NALC Chairmanship course	£	15.00
N&SDC Election costs	£	646.41
Martin Cotton - strim	£	140.00

9. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Morgan agreed to arrange for an inspection of the diseased conifer trees outside Priory Farm.

10. Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda

The following items were noted: planting plan, replacement of Clerk, Christmas decorations

11. Arrangements for the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday, 5th October 2011, commencing at 19.30 hours.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.45 hrs.