

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 04 January 2012

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Toni Smith	Chair	TS
David Waine	Deputy	DW
Neville Butler	Councillor	NB
Charles Day	Councillor	CD
Ian Edwards	Councillor	IE
Tony Monaghan	Councillor	TM
Ellis Morgan	Councillor	EM
Roger Blaney	NSDC Councillor	RB
Andy Stewart	NCC Councillor	AS
Annie Duquemin	Clerk	Clerk

11 members of the public were in attendance

1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ACTION

These were approved and signed by TS

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Footpath to Bleasby

TS thanked AS for his work to get the new footpath improved

2.2 Overhanging trees

TS reminded AS to deal with this as a matter of urgency

AS

2.3 Rusted sign

This is the sign by the bus stop. Clerk will contact NSDC

Clerk

2.4 Bell and Webster building

RB has spoken to the Planning Dept at NSDC who could not find the original plans but the assumption is that the B and W building is likely to be subject to reinstatement.

2.5 Noise from Hansons

RB has spoken to Environmental Health at NSDC who confirm that Hansons have no knowledge of activities which may be giving rise to noise at night. If members of the public hear noise, send details of date and times to the Clerk who can investigate further.

2.6 Light from Hansons

RB has spoken to Environmental Health at NSDC who have asked Hansons to re-angle the lights. There is planning permission for 32 lights.

2.7 Manhole cover

AS will deal with this. AS thanked resident for his involvement to date.

AS

2.8 Precept

Agreed at the last meeting that there will be no change from last year. Clerk to tell NSDC

Clerk

2.9 Emergency shed

IE to agree time with TM and CD to look at the shed. All other councillors have been shown

IE

The meeting closed at 7.43pm and was then reopened to the public.

3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Bridleway behind Manor Farm

The extinguishment of the bridleway was due to go to NCC committee on 21 Dec 2011 but was taken off due to a full agenda.

The residents of Manor Farm outlined the history behind the proposal to extinguish. They confirmed that they now agree to leave the bridleway in place up to the back of Manor Farm ie from the path which crosses from the Methodist chapel to Priory Park. From an investigation undertaken by the PC, there is evidence of an old path going right through to Beck St and this would be sufficient evidence for someone in the future to apply for the right of way to be reopened. At the present time, no-one has applied to do so. The PC's view is to retain and protect rights of way wherever possible for the benefit of all.
TS thanked the residents for coming and giving background information.

3.2 Car parked on Beck St

Residents of Beck St will speak to the owner as it blocks the route of the road sweeper.

3.3 New drain on Beck St

Due to incorrect camber of the road, water is not draining to the new drain and this is causing damage to the Rectory wall. AS to look into the matter.

AS

3.4 Planting

AS handed over a cheque to contribute to the planting. TS thanked him.

The meeting closed to the public at 8.10pm and was then reopened.

It was agreed that Planning matters would be moved up the agenda to item 4.0

4.0 **PLANNING**

4.1 Red Lion application ref 11/01264/FUL

This has been refused.

4.2 Checkers Farm application ref 11/0939/FUL

This has been refused.

4.3 Magadales application ref 11/01330/FUL

This has been refused but an incorrectly numbered refusal notice has been sent out by NSDC. A new one will be sent out in due course.

4.4 Stoneacre application ref 11/01621/FUL and 11/01622/CAC

Concern was expressed by all Councillors that the proposal was too large for the plot and the context of Thurgarton

Vote : unanimous objection

5.0 **CHRISTMAS**

The PC's Christmas decorations were a huge success and had a very positive impact on the village. TS thanked all the Councillors.

5.1 Cost of the lighting installation

TM confirmed that there was no cost involved.

Clerk to write to the following to thank them for their help and cooperation :

- Tonic (to include a cheque for £10 to cover the cost of the electricity)
- Anne Tattersfield
- Amptron Electric
- Tim Sheil

Clerk

5.2 Next year

All agreed to repeat the decorations next year with a bigger tree and the lights to be on from 4pm to midnight. The lights are to be stored in the emergency shed. Members of the village hall committee to be asked to consider doing some decoration to the hall next year.

CD

5.3 Advent windows

TS commented on how successful the scheme had been, and asked the Clerk to formally thank Tamsin Greaves for organising it.

Clerk

- 6.0 WAR MEMORIAL**
All agreed :
- The ceremony should be an annual event
 - The memorial could be lit during November. Tonic to be asked if this was acceptable
 - An uplighter could be added to the system. Clerk to investigate costs
- Clerk
- 7.0 STRATEGY PAPER**
TS has drafted a paper with suggested responsibilities for Councillors. This will re-circulated in the light of some suggestions made.
NSDC have offered training for doing a website and also for a newsletter. Clerk to investigate.
- TS
Clerk
- 7.1 Minor spends**
TS asked Councillors to come up with ideas for minor spends. Final decisions will be made at the Feb meeting. Some ideas received so far :
- Improved signage to church/chapel/hall/cricket ground to be located near Tonic
 - New village signage at the village gateways
 - New bus shelter (possibly like the one near Tall Trees).
 - New dog waste bin (to be located at the bottom of the steps on The Hollows)
 - New noticeboard
- Clerk to investigate costs
- Clerk
- 8.0 MAY AGM**
To be held 16 May 2012.
TS wants the meeting to have the theme “Celebrating Thurgarton” and would like the public to be encouraged to come.
EM will check his availability and may be prepared to do a history talk
- EM
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 9.1 Trent Safer Neighbourhood Meeting : 12 Jan 2012**
DW unable to go this time. EM will take his place
- EM
- 9.2 Seminar on Localism : 22 Feb 2012**
TS, DW, IE and TM to attend.
Clerk to confirm attendance and remind all nearer the time
- Clerk
- 9.3 Planning documents by e mail**
All agreed to continue with hard copies
- 9.4 “Effect on Thurgarton”**
TS explained that the residents’ e mail had been correct in that new housing developments in Southwell could have effects on Thurgarton eg more traffic etc. However, the point was that there were no current plans for Thurgarton itself to have new developments.
- 9.5 Contact details**
All approved the proposed contact details which the Clerk will display on the noticeboard
- Clerk
- 9.6 Members’ Interest forms**
TM to complete and give to Clerk asap
- TM
- 10.0 FINANCE**
Last statements received :
- Current account £6082.02
 - Reserve account £1186.61
- Cheques in : £100 from NCC for planting
Cheques to be paid : Tonic £10, David Waine £50
- Clerk
- 11.0 AOB**
- 11.1 Potholes on Priory Road**
Ken has been chasing NSDC. He will liaise with CD
- CD

12.0 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

- Diamond Jubilee : are we celebrating/deadline for applying for grant available
- Minor spends
- Strategy roles
- May AGM : confirmation of date and format/agenda

13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Methodist schoolroom

The meeting was closed at 9.01pm

14.0 CIRCULATION

All councillors

Village e mail

IE to give Clerk key so minutes can be displayed on noticeboard

IE

TS and DW to draft short note to be included in village newsletter

TS/DW