

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 10 October 2012

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

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

Apologies : Roger Blaney.
1 member of the public was in attendance

- 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING** **ACTION**
The minutes were approved and signed by TS
- 2.0 MATTERS ARISING**
- 2.1 Overhanging trees**
There was general frustration that these have still not been dealt with. AS will give NCC the Clerk's phone number to arrange a site visit. **AS/NCC**
- 2.2 Personal e mails**
These have been removed from the village noticeboard contact sheet
- 2.3 War memorial uplighter**
This is now in place and needs testing to check how long it will be kept on **TM**
The meeting closed at 7.40pm and was then opened to the public.
- 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- 3.1 Overhanging trees on Priory Road**
It was confirmed that the landowner had responsibility for the trees by the salt box and they will be contacted along with others under the review of village maintenance that is taking place. **TM/EM Clerk**
The member of the public pointed out that a tree was overhanging a street light on the A612 bank and this will be dealt with by NCC under point 2.1 **NCC**
- 3.2 Bollard lamp**
One is not working; CD will report to NCC **CD**
- 3.3 Nottingham Rd street sign**
This sign is on the floor. CD to report to NCC **CD**
- 3.4 Acrid smell**
The member of the public asked if a letter could be written to Thoresby but it was agreed that we should wait to hear feedback from Roger Blaney as he had offered to investigate this. **RB**
- 3.5 Village maintenance**
The member of the public stated that strimming had been badly neglected this year. The hedge at Corner Croft is also particularly bad and needs to be cut back severely. It was agreed that this was being addressed in the review of village maintenance. **TM/EM/ Clerk**
- 3.6 Signage for the church etc**
AS suggested we contact NCC for a quote and he may be able to offer funding so let him know when we are ready **Clerk**
The meeting closed to the public at 7.50pm and was then reopened.
- 4.0 PLANNING**
- 4.1** Creagh Products application ref 12/00927 : pending
TS reported that she had applied for an extension of time for PC comments. TS summarized the history including the fact that RB had found an e mail from 5 years ago and that NCC had lost the original files. All agreed that the passage of time and the above points meant that the factory was going to stay in place eventhough this was disappointing.
TS to respond to the application and make the following points :
- Where does the septic tank drain as this could present a future hazard? **RB**
 - Use of Beck St not currently allowed by HGVs; office staff to be asked not to use it either
 - Are new working hours applicable to the whole site. (see previous minutes for discrepancy)

	Vote : unanimous in favour	
4.2	8 Priory Park application ref : 12/01173FUL : approved	
4.3	Land at the rear of the Red Lion application ref : 11/01828/FUL : IE reported he had heard from RB that the applicant had lost their appeal.	
5.0	ALLOTMENTS	
5.1	TS reported that it was the responsibility of the PC to consider providing allotments within the parish. Roland Duce has offered his walled garden to be converted to allotments. Clerk has been working on the design with Kevin the gardener. The Gardening Club will administer the scheme on behalf of the PC.	
	Clerk will check PL insurance	Clerk
	TS will send village e mail round to see who may be interested in having a plot	TS
	PC agreed that they would consider plots being taken up by ¾ Thurgarton residents and ¼ others.	
6.0	STRATEGY ROLES	
6.1	<u>DW : Communication</u>	
	DW reported that the village website is getting a lot of hits. Jim Ward is acting as back up to Darryl North.	
	Village hall is having a calendar put on the website. All agreed the hall looks very good newly painted and with hanging baskets.	
	Thurgarton People is covering its expenditure and has been very well received	
6.2	<u>TM : Environment</u>	
	<u>Impact area 1</u>	
	All congratulated EM on the volunteering day which was very successful and the area worked on around Beck St, the layby etc looks good.	
	Clerk will get quote for possible sign (see item 3.6)	Clerk
	<u>Impact area 2/3</u>	
	TM wants to adopt the telephone box and is looking into wild flowers on the A612 banks. TS suggested that an overall scheme for impact areas 2 and 3 should be drawn up and the residents of Corner Croft should be talked to.	TM
	<u>Diamond Jubilee trees</u>	
	The village is being given some trees by Jane Seddon, a teacher at Bleasby School. We need to agree where they can be planted; they are arriving in November.	TS
	<u>Impact area 4</u>	
	TS and Clerk are meeting Savills to discuss ownership/opportunities on 11 Oct 2012.	TS/Clerk
	<u>Maintenance meeting with NCC</u>	
	EM summarized the meeting held on 1 Oct 2012. NCC would take on cutting and strimming of NCC land (5 cuts a year) if PC wanted them to at no cost. If PC do their own cutting of these areas, NCC will pay PC an amount per m2. EM and Clerk are marking up a plan so that a measure can be done to ascertain how much NCC would pay PC if they take on their own maintenance. Decision will then be made as to the way forward.	EM/ Clerk
6.3	<u>TS : Ethical Framework</u>	
	TM signed members' interests document. All to sign hospitality register for TS to return to NSDC.	ALL
6.4	<u>CD : Highways</u>	
	CD has produced a new survey which can be delivered to Bleasby Rd residents. Return date end Nov.	
	CD will put up postbox on the village hall	CD
6.5	<u>NB : Tarmac</u>	
	NB reported that Tarmac restoration is nearly complete. The new footpath from the station to Rose Cottage, Hoveringham will be done.	
7.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
7.1	<u>Citizen award</u>	
	Information has been put on the noticeboard	
7.2	<u>Lengthsman feedback meeting</u>	
	13 November. EM will attend	EM
7.3	<u>Letter re Diamond Jubilee trees</u>	
	See 5.2 above	
7.4	<u>Defibrillator</u>	
	Ongoing. EM suggested more villages could be involved. Clerk could contact Bleasby and Hoveringham if required.	
7.5	<u>Waste core strategy</u>	
	TS to circulate	TS

8.0	FINANCE	
8.1	Current account : £8167.22 (includes 2 nd precept payment) Reserve account : £1187.06 Cheques written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal auditor chq no. 000747 Clerk reported that the external auditor has nearly completed the accounts .	
9.0	MINOR SPENDS	
9.1	CD suggested that the PC should consider spending more to carry out maintenance within the village. Clerk to check when precept decision is made for next year. All to consider list of items which may need money spending.	Clerk ALL
9.2	<u>Gateways at village entrances</u> Clerk to get costs. Not yet done. To be rolled over as part of TM environment work	Clerk
10.0	AOB	
10.1	<u>War memorial service</u> To be held on 11 Nov at 12 noon EM will buy wreath, Clerk to ask Ellie DS if she will lay wreath Post mtg note : EDS says she will do it.	EM/ Clerk
10.2	<u>Christmas tree</u> PC to buy. EM and IE will organise	EM/IE
10.3	<u>Roland Hoggart</u> Roland is now in a nursing home and receives visits from some villagers.	
10.4	<u>Chair discretionary fund</u> TS reminded councilors that the fund could be used if someone had a suggestion	
10.5	<u>Path to train station</u> This has been ploughed over again. TS to discuss with Savills at the meeting with them	TS
10.6	<u>Speed trap</u> Police had a van in the layby on 7 Oct 2012	
11.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS 21 November 2012 IE and EM will be unable to attend. The meeting was closed at 9.15pm	
12.0	CIRCULATION All councillors Village e mail TS and DW to draft short note to be included in village newsletter and on e mail	TS/DW