

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 22 November 2012

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Deputy	David Waine	DW
Cllr	Neville Butler	NB
Cllr	Charles Day	CD
Cllr	Tony Monaghan	TM
Cllr	Roger Blaney	RB
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

Apoloiges : Ian Edwards, Ellis Morgan, Andy Stewart
4 members of the public were 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**
Councillors expressed frustration again that these have still not been dealt with. EM has had a site visit with NCC and they said they would cut the dead sections down plus any other bits that are overhanging eg in front of streetlights, ash saplings but that it was not a priority at the moment. **NCC**
- 2.2 Personal e mails**
These have been removed from the village noticeboard contact sheet
- 2.3 War memorial uplighter**
TM has put up screen to alleviate any problems of brightness for neighbours but there have been no complaints. Light will be turned off on Dec 1st when the Xmas tree lights are turned on. All agreed that it was a very good feature to have the memorial lit in the centre of the village and opinion will be sought at the AGM to see if the village agrees (agenda item) **Clerk**
- 2.4 Acrid smell**
RB reported that
- i) Manure : Thoresby have been told by NSDC they were not complying with voluntary CoP re manure standing and being spread (max 2 days)
 - ii) Plastic in compost : Oxtan Estates have been told by NSDC that the proportion of plastic was too high
- 2.5 Allotments**
Chair of the Gardening Club is looking into a scheme for the management of the proposed allotments. TS has written article to go in Thurgarton People to see who may be interested in an allotment. Clerk to check insurance **Clerk**
- 2.6 Diamond Jubilee trees**
TS reported that 5 of the trees given to the village have been planted at the rear of the hall in a ceremony involving some village children. Ideas for other places to plant next spring are welcome. TM suggested planting one at either end of the path across the field to the station. **ALL**
- 2.7 War memorial service**
Held on 11 November. 75 people attended. TS thanked EM, IE and Ellie Duquemin-Sheil.
- 2.8 Path across the field to the station**
TS has reported to Savills who agree that it should be kept clear and not ploughed up every year. Savills will be reminded to chase the farmer. **TS**
The meeting closed at 7.48pm and was then opened to the public.
- 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- 3.1 Area in front of Corner Croft bungalows**
2 people from Corner Croft attended the meeting on behalf of all the residents. The residents pointed out some issues they would like dealt with : lamppost needs replacing, seats need decorating, path is uneven. They are generally in favour of some work being done. TS explained that the PC are interested in getting involved in a scheme to improve the area in agreement with NSDC (owner of the land) and N&S Homes (who manage the development on behalf of NSDC). RB commented that NSDC would be unable to put money into a scheme but that N&S Homes might; he will discuss with them and report back. **RB**
- 3.2 Overhanging trees**
Refer to item 2.1. A member of the public complained about the lack of action on the A612 trees and asked that the PC carry out the work. TS explained that the responsibility for maintenance of the area

	was currently being assessed with NCC so that a proper plan can be established for the future	
3.3	<u>Roland Hoggard</u> RB confirmed that he will be visiting Roland in the near future	
3.4	<u>Creagh Planning application 12/00927</u> RB reported back on the issues the PC had queried in relation to this application : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic tank will have to meet EH requirements • Creagh will be asked to request their employees not to use Beck St for access • The new, extended working hours are applicable to this application only 	
3.5	<u>Possible weight restrictions on the A612</u> RB reported that new weight restrictions for lorries other than those using the local area could be brought into effect on the A612; consultations will commence in 2013. It could have an effect on Bleasby Rd.	
3.6	<u>Chequers Farm</u> Buildings at Chequers Farm are in very poor repair. RB suggested the PC could consider a possible redevelopment along the lines of Hexgreave Hall, a live/work scheme. He has not been approached by any interested parties but would like to gauge PC interest The meeting closed to the public at 8.00pm and was then reopened.	ALL Clerk agenda item
4.0	PLANNING	
4.1	Creagh Products application ref 12/00927 : approved See item 3.4	
4.2	Land at the rear of the Red Lion application ref : 12/01375FUL : refused	
5.0	STRATEGY ROLES	
5.1	<u>EM : Lengsthman meeting attended 13 Nov</u> EM was not present at the PC meeting but had passed a summary of the meeting to the Clerk who reported that the Lengthsman project had received positive feedback from the villages who were trialing it. All agreed to await further feedback from EM at the next meeting	EM
5.2	<u>TS : NALC meeting</u> This meeting had also discussed the Lengthsman scheme and feedback had not been enthusiastic. The 50% NCC money stops after 2 years and so funding required for the scheme has to be paid for by raising the precept. CD pointed out there maybe possible contractual difficulties in employing a Lengsthman. TS suggested further discussion was needed at the proposed strategy meeting.	ALL Clerk agenda item
5.3	<u>TS : Maintenance</u> This is ongoing with NCC who now have a map of the village and are reviewing it so that the PC will have information ready to make decisions about maintenance for the ensuing years. TS met with Stephen Tipping from NCC and agreed the following : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC will deal with overhanging hedge diverting the path between Bleasby Rd and the A612 • NCC will see if the stile can be moved at the Bleasby Rd end of this path so it is safer • NCC will undertake 2 strims pa on the Toll House path up to the gate and will contact Roland Duce re the overhanging trees on this path. 	TM
	TM has marked up the village map with the areas which the PC usually strims and will send to Clerk TM queried how giving the maintenance to NCC would affect village planting. All agreed to review once we have info back from NCC Matt Duckworth and TGC re planting ideas.	ALL
5.4	<u>TS : Trinity</u> TS and Clerk met with Savills to review Trinity land and responsibility. They accepted responsibility for areas of the village as marked on map e mailed to Clerk. NCC have agreed to chase Savills if work to the Bleasby Rd/A612 footpath is not carried out ie fencing etc	TS/Clerk
5.5	<u>TM : Environment</u> TM reported that he had been in touch with Corner Croft (CC) residents. Residents from 3 bungalows will represent those in poorer health. TM commented on 2 issues with annotated photographs to explain : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance eg Thurgarton sign, lamppost etc • CC is at the centre of the village and so could be a focus for fetes, coffee mornings, wildlife, bird boxes etc 	
	Unanimous support so TM to come up with proposals as follows before the strategy meeting : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans/ideas for the area • Approximate costings. • NB: once TM drafted a proposal as above and it is presented to and agreed by PC Clerk will contact other agencies for involvement and possible funding-money maybe available from N&S Homes, Rotary, TCA. 	TM
	Clerk has spoken to and e mailed N&S Homes who seemed keen to get involved CD asked the PC	

5.6	to beware of taking responsibility for ownership/maintenance of an area not in their ownership. <u>DW : Communication</u> DW and Jim Ward attended Safer Neighbourhood meeting and reported on the Bleasby Rd speeding survey. Parking issues at Bleasby school were also discussed at the meeting; the police are looking at possible solutions. Police think the stealing of catalytic converters has ceased. TM has contacted The Sailing Club and NSDC asking for links to be set up to the Village website	
5.7	<u>CD : Highways</u> Bleasby Rd survey ongoing	
6.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
6.1	<u>Dispensation</u> All Councillors have to sign as they have an interest in the precept. Unanimous support. Blank copy will be put on the website	TS
6.2	<u>Data protection</u> Noone will attend seminar; TM stated that he was knowledgeable on this subject	
6.3	<u>Bus stop</u> It has been confirmed by NCT that the bus to Southwell should stop opposite Tonic	
7.0	FINANCE	
7.1	Accounts for 2011/2012 have been signed off by Clement Keays Current account : £8117.14 Reserve account : £1187.21 Cheques written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £20.00 Remembrance wreath no.000748 • £167.22 War memorial light no. 000749 • £36.00 Thurg Methodist church no. 000750 • £60.00 Clement Keays no.000751 • £1200.00 Clerk salary (2011/12) no.000752 • £300.00 PAYE for Clerk (2011/12) no.000753 	
8.0	MINOR SPENDS	
8.1	<u>Chairmans fund</u> TS thanked the following people for their work in the village and recommended they should receive a small gift : Toria Parker, Darryl North, Ken Pritchard. Unanimous support. Clerk to organize Ken Pritchard declined the offer of a gift but acknowledged the thanks. Suggestion to ask the village to propose others who need thanking for their valuable work (agenda item)	Clerk Clerk
8.2	<u>Village sign</u> Quote received for this, approx. £1000+Vat. NCC will install FOC. Funding offered by Andy Stewart. Clerk is getting another quote and decision will be made at the next meeting	Clerk
9.0	AOB	
9.1	<u>Flood boards</u> Residents of properties which might flood should let the warden IE know where their flood boards are so he can organize putting them up if people are away.	IE post meeting email
9.2	<u>Telephone box</u> TM has spoken to BT who confirm that the telephone box was not used at all last year but it will not be removed without informing PC first. How could it be used? To be discussed further	ALL
9.3	<u>Banks on A612</u> Gardening Club are coming up with a scheme to plant these areas in keeping with the native planting. TM has been in touch with Naturescape who have suggested to test plant bluebells and snowdrops on LHS looking up the hill above the ivy line. £13 approved expenditure. TM will plant and mark where they are planted.	TM
9.4	<u>Leaves in The Beck</u> People are dumping leaves in The Beck which will increase the risk of a flood and dumping leaves and mower clippings on the wide verge on Station Rd; this is killing the grass. Article to be put in Thurgarton People to remind people not to do this.	Clerk
10.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS 9 January STRATEGY MEETING DATE 11 January at TS house 27 February	

10 April (IE not available)
22 May (AGM)
The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

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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