

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 25 September 2013 7.30pm

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Cllr	David Waine	DW
Cllr	Charles Day	CD
Cllr	Ian Edwards	IE
Cllr	Tony Monaghan	TM
Cllr	Ellis Morgan	EM
Cllr	Tina Tsoutakos	TT
Cllr	Roger Jackson	RJ
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

Apologies : Roger Blaney (at other meeting).
10 members of the public were in attendance

ACTION

1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved and signed by TS. Unanimous approval

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

From AGM

2.1 Poor state of the road adj the railway line

Carried forward : RJ will investigate

RJ

2.2 Parking adj the station possibly in Hansons car park

TM will talk to Hoveringham PC to see if they want to share station parking at Hansons

TM

From other meetings :

Noise from industrial area

2.3 Clerk will speak to Hansons and Creagh re working hours/noise. In the meantime, anyone who hears the noise should let the Clerk know

PUBLIC

Mirrors

2.4 CD has found a price for mirrors : £25 each supply only. CD to check with Highways if they can be sited where we want them ie Priory Rd and opp the hall.

CD

Flies

2.5 TS reported that there had been a lot of flies over various parts of the village throughout the summer but there didn't seem to be a particular source. If anyone has been blighted with flies, please let Anne Oliver know tel 830233

PUBLIC

Contact with Thoresby re maintenance of ditches etc

2.6 RJ will talk to the farm manager John Baker and liaise with TT

RJ

Meeting closed at 7.38pm and was opened to the public.

3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Tree cutting

A resident asked if the PC could remind the owner of the trees in the woodland to the left of The Hollows just beyond Tonic to carry out some maintenance. They are owned by Roland Duce

Clerk/EM

3.2 Access across Thoresby land from Orchard View to the church

A resident asked if this was permissible. TS read out a letter received from Thoresby 17/05/13 which stated that access was permitted but TS reminded everyone that they mustn't cause a nuisance eg allowing dogs to foul etc. An extract from this letter is included below for reference :

3.3 *"Thoresby Home Farm are willing to continue allowing access along the track but only on a permissive basis reserving the right to close off this track at any time"*

Field spraying

A resident reported that Thoresby had sprayed a field behind his house on A612 3 times in 6 days and it had caused him, his family and others nearby to feel lethargic and ill. He is considering writing to NSDC Environmental Health. TS expressed concern at this and both agreed that the PC could contact Envir Health on the resident's behalf if precise information was forwarded to the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

4.0 PLANNING

None

5.0 STRATEGY ROLES

5.1 DW : Safer Neighbourhoods

DW and Jim Ward had been unable to attend the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting 10 Sept but it was

- reported that Hill House is no longer a residential school; it only takes day children. DW will follow up at the next meeting. DW
- There is still concern over cars speeding up to Hill House and DW reminded all to take number plates if possible
- 5.2** EM : village maintenance
EM reported that the 4th cut by NCC had been a bit later than expected. PC have paid for the strimming to the high path on Priory Rd
EM will ask NCC re further maintenance of the banks on the A612 as these are difficult to maintain. EM
Suggestion that the stinging nettles need spraying off and there could be more planting done ready for next year. TS will order bulbs and possibly some perennial geraniums etc. Volunteers need to be mobilised. TS/Clerk
Other issue still outstanding : path along the side of the Methodist chapel EM
- 5.3** TM : Corner Croft
TM reported that a meeting had been held with CC residents, N&S Homes and RCAN on 4 Sept which was well attended by CC and some other Thurgarton residents. Ideas were put forward for improvements to CC land and RCAN have pulled these together into a scheme. TS asked TM to check the deadline for funding and to get a drawing from RCAN so that all can see the ideas. TM
Clerk to do cheque for £5; TM to send e mail confirming payment. TM
- 5.4** TT : Flooding
TT handed out an updated flood warden statement and minutes of the meeting 23 Sept (see attached) and she summarised both documents. TT confirmed the position re Council Tax : you are only eligible for a refund if you move out of your house; if you live in eg one or two rooms you may be eligible for a reduction. TT will do summary notes to go out in TP and on e mail. TT
TT will include the flooding of the Dumble on the A612 in the study meeting which is to be held in early October TT
- 5.5** IE : Church
There is a lot of work going on following the flooding. IE is meeting with NCC and Thoresby to follow up flooding issues in relation to the church. The hedge alongside the road by the stables has been cut back and although the ditch is full of debris, it is being cleared.
- 5.6** CD : Speeding
CD will take this up with NCC Matt Duckworth as there has not yet been a meeting re the speed reduction options for Bleasby Rd which need to be weighed up by the PC CD
- 6.0** **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.1** 40mph zone leading into Hoveringham
Details of this have been circulated
- 6.2** Declassification of weight limit on A612
This is aimed at getting the majority of heavy traffic off the A612 and onto the A46
- 6.3** LIS submission
RJ took the completed form and will deliver to NCC by the deadline. PC have applied for village gateway items ie planting, signage, gates to slow traffic and refurb of existing village sign on Corner Croft
- 6.4** First aid
TT had received a letter from Newark Community First Aid offering training. Clerk to contact them and express interest. Clerk
- 6.5** Winter supplies
PC have received info re winter supplies. TT to liaise with IE for re-stocking shed with salt, sandbags etc. Salt is only for PC use and not for individuals TT/IE
- 7.0** **FINANCE**
- 7.1** Balances as follows : current a/c £5798.23, reserve a/c £1187.65.
Clerk reported that some cheques had been written since the last statement and the balance is now about £4500. To be confirmed at next meeting when latest statement will have been received
Cheques :
None signed at the meeting
All agreed that £500 had been earmarked for bulb buying.
- 8.0** **MINOR SPENDS**
None but EM will buy wreath for memorial service. Approx £30.
- 9.0** **AOB**
- 9.1** Remembrance Day service
TM to check it is OK with Tonic to keep the light on from the service until Christmas and to pay for

- lighting last year. TM
- Service to be 10 Nov 12 noon similar to last year. EM will advertise EM
- 9.2** Signs outside the Coach and Horses
EM has had complaints about the new signs : their appearance and the fact they sometimes block pulling out of Bleasby Rd. Signs to be on the pub curtilage not the pavement.
- 9.3** Sailing Club
Hedge to CC is also a problem with visibility. Clerk will chase N&S Homes re cutting it back. Clerk
- TM reported that NCSC are getting an extension of the lease on their existing site but that they are also seeking a lease and permission to develop on the large lake by the station. TM will check latest update. TM
- The old lake by Hansons is to be used as a fishing lake and trees are being cut down. TM will check this too. TM
- 9.4** Old noticeboard
TS suggested that this could be used as a village noticeboard for social events. Anyone who wants to place notices can contact the Clerk.
- The meeting closed at 9.10pm
- 10.0** **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**
30 October
Meeting 6 November cancelled.
11 December
15 January
all to be at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church
The meeting closed at 9.05pm
- 11.0** **CIRCULATION**
All councillors
Village e mail