

# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 11 December 2013 7.30pm

## THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Cllr	David Waine	DW
Cllr	Charles Day	CD
Cllr	Ellis Morgan	EM
Cllr	Tina Tsoutakos	TT
Cllr	Roger Blaney	RB
Cllr	Roger Jackson	RJ
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

Apologies : Ian Edwards (ill).  
8 members of the public were in attendance

## ACTION

### 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by TS.

### 2.0 MATTERS ARISING

#### From AGM

#### 2.1 Poor state of the road adj the railway line

RJ has spoken to NCC who has sent an inspector to investigate and consider that it is not in a critical state

#### From other meetings

#### 2.2 Tree cutting

Roland Duce trees in the copse adj to Tonic to be discussed with him when the PC meet him to discuss other issues

Clerk

#### 2.3 First aid course

All agreed a course to be arranged after mid February. Clerk to circulate e mail/poster asking for volunteers

Clerk

#### 2.4 Loose BT cover

Has been reported to NCC

#### 2.5 Planning application Ref 13/01347/FUL Beck Lodge, Beck St

RB will follow this up as it has now been granted permission but work commenced before an application had been made

RB

#### 2.5 Maintenance of banks on the A612

RJ has had confirmation that they will be cut by NCC next year in the rural cut

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 7.42pm

### 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

#### 3.1 Possible closure of Fiskerton tip

RB and RJ reported that this could happen in 2014 as a cost saving measure. Encourage villagers to sign the petition against closure

Clerk

#### 3.2 Crime

RB reported that there seems to be a minor crime wave locally at present. Reminder to all to be vigilant

#### 3.3 Possible village gateways

Member of the public queried the possibility of village "gateways" being installed to slow traffic and give the village a better appearance. Clerk reported that funding has been applied for to do this under the LIS scheme and we shall know in Jan 2014 if we have been successful.

#### 3.4 Funding from NCC

RJ has £500 available if Thurgarton have a project. PC to discuss.

ALL

RJ will see if NSDC or NCC can provide legal help for transferring the lease for the hall

RJ

#### 3.5 Shooting over the bridleway near Hill Farm

This happened recently. EM asked that anyone who witnesses this should report it to the PC. TS is going to follow up with Thoresby gamekeeper.

PUBLIC  
EM

#### 3.6 Bus consultation

RJ reported that the 100 service will possibly be cut to 2 hours after 6pm and at weekends. The public can review this issue on line and comment. Clerk has contacted NCC re CD's concerns over safety of the new bus stop at the top of the hill.

PUBLIC

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.50pm

4.0	<b>PLANNING</b> None	
5.0	<b>STRATEGY ROLES</b>	
5.1	<u>DW : Crime/communications</u>	
5.1.1	<b>Crime</b> DW reiterated the issues reported by RB in 3.2 above	
5.1.2	<b>Hill Farm</b> DW reported that this is no longer a residential school due to government cuts; this will probably remain the situation	
5.1.3	<b>Communications</b> DW agreed that the website needs updating and this will be done after every PC meeting	
5.2	<u>EM : village maintenance</u>	
5.2.1	<b>NCC feedback</b> EM pleased that RJ has got commitment from NCC to do A612 banks next year as this is a problem area for the village. In the interim, PC will pay for the banks to be tidied asap before next spring. Clerk will contact Peter Yates Nettles on the A612 and The Hollows banks will be sprayed in the spring	Clerk Clerk/TS
5.2.2	<b>Bulb planting</b> EM thanked all those who took part in the various areas of bulb planting	
5.2.3	<b>Remembrance service</b> EM commented that the memorial service had been very well attended by 80 people and thanked all those involved. War memorial is to remain lit.	
5.3	<u>TM : Corner Croft/phone box</u>	
5.3.1	<b>Corner Croft</b> TM has not yet progressed this work but will do so asap so the Jan/Feb deadline for funding is met	TM
5.3.2	<b>Phone box</b> TM apologised for not presenting ideas for this and will put out ideas to the wider village via the e mail. A defibrillator could be sited in the box. TM will check the current situation re the PC taking over the box and also will report the repair needed as there is a pane of glass broken	TM
5.3.3	<b>Tree grant</b> TM has applied for a grant for some new trees and is waiting for a letter of support from NSDC before submitting	TM
5.3.4	<b>NALC AGM</b> Attended by CD and TM. The AGM focused on a tribute to Andy Stewart who has not yet been replaced as president. TM reported on 3 important issues which were discussed : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community right to bid on local buildings. The PC can send a notice to the local authority expressing interest.</li> <li>• Paddy Tipping agreed to look at speeding in rural areas</li> <li>• The “Good Councillor Guide” is available on the NALC website</li> </ul>	
5.4	<u>TT : Emergency warden</u>	
5.4.1	<b>Flooding</b> See attached report re the working party	
5.4.2	<b>Village wide meeting 14 Jan</b> This is proposed to take forward the idea of volunteering within the community for both emergency issues and beyond. TT will deal with advertising	TT
5.4.3	<b>Meetings with landowners</b> TT to arrange with Roland Duce, Thoresby and Savills	TT
5.4.4	<b>Loose grills</b> There are loose grills to the culvert under the footpath by Tonic. TT to report to NCC	TT
5.5	<u>CD : Highways</u>	
5.5.1	<b>Mirrors</b> CD will buy 2 mirrors and get them fitted around the village hall. CD will contact the resident on Priory Rd corner to gain permission to fit a mirror there	CD
5.5.2	<b>Speeding up to Hill Farm</b> CD encouraged anyone who sees cars speeding here to take number plates and report them to the Clerk	PUBLIC
5.6	<u>TS : other items</u>	

<b>5.6.1</b>	<b>Village hall</b> At PC strategy meeting, all agreed to support the legal fees up to £2000 associated with the transfer of the lease.	
<b>5.6.2</b>	<b>Trinity land on Bleasby Rd</b> At PC strategy meeting, all agreed to ask Trinity if they would let the PC take over the land. This will be included in the meeting with Trinity/Savills	TS
<b>5.6.3</b>	<b>Retford Conference 8 Jan</b> Re building communities. TS asked for volunteers to go	ALL
<b>5.6.4</b>	<b>Noise from the industrial area</b> TS has had amicable meetings with Creagh and Hansons to discuss noise issues with following results : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creagh agree that they worked outside their allowable hours in the summer and apologise for this. RB will ask enforcement officer to write to Creagh reminding them.</li> <li>• Hansons have 24 hour working permit. They will take the following measures to try and reduce noise levels : review bearings in their fans (Xmas 2013), put up CCTV to understand where tipping is happening (Xmas 2013), do more tipping during daylight hours. These measures should mean less noise.</li> </ul> <p>TS encouraged the public to report noise to the Clerk as this will enable a noise monitor to be installed by NSDC. RJ will speak to Envir Health re the village having a noise monitor fitted  TS also discussed the issue of litter from lorries which is a problem in Thurgarton and Hoveringham. Both companies will tell their drivers.</p>	RB  RJ
<b>5.7</b>	<u>ALL : Vulnerable residents</u> All discussed the fact that villagers could be asked for the name of vulnerable residents but there could be a data protection problem. However, the PC could be made aware if there are residents having problems	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> None	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	Balances as follows : current a/c £4454.83, reserve a/c £1187.80. Cheques for which invoices/e mail is required : Approx £400 owed to TS for bulbs and EM is owed for the wreath.	EM/TS
<b>8.0</b>	<b>MINOR SPENDS</b> Tonic to be paid for 2012 and 2013 Xmas and memorial. TM to organise All agreed to leave the war memorial light on until end Jan (it will be put back on after the Xmas tree has been taken down) £30 approved to pay for a rainfall gauge monitor	TM  TM
<b>9.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<u>Stile on the way to the station (across the field)</u> EM has reported to NCC but there is no money available at the moment	
<b>9.2</b>	<u>Footpath to the station (along the road)</u> This is overgrown. Has been reported to NCC but not done. Clerk to report again	Clerk
<b>9.3</b>	<u>Flag post at Corner Croft</u> All noted that the flag was flying at halfmast for Nelson Mandela's death. Resident to be thanked.	EM
<b>9.4</b>	<u>Strategy meeting</u> The PC held a strategy meeting on 9 Dec to discuss amongst other things, the decision of the level of the precept for 2014/15. Any issues not discussed at this meeting will be included in the next meeting minutes	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b> 14 Jan village meeting to discuss volunteering/emergency response at the hall 7.15pm 22 Jan PC meeting 7.30pm at the Methodist Church The meeting closed at 9pm	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>CIRCULATION</b> All councillors Village e mail	