

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	Ian Edwards	IE
Cllr	Tony Monaghan	TM
Cllr	Roger Jackson (arrived after the public had left as he had attended another meeting)	RJ
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

Apologies : Ellis Morgan, Roger Blaney(other commitments), Tina Tsoutakos (holiday),
4 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

2.1 Tree cutting

Roland Duce trees in the copse adj to Tonic : CD reported that cutting has started

2.2 First aid course

Date has been organized 12 March 7-9.30pm. PC will pay for the hall cost. Details to be circulated

Clerk

2.3 Planning application Ref 13/01347/FUL Beck Lodge, Beck St

See response from RB at end of minutes

2.4 Maintenance of banks on the A612

Peter Yates has quoted £120+VAT to do A612 banks and bank on Priory Rd. Approved.

Clerk

2.5 Roger Jackson £500

RJ is offering £500 from his budget. PC discussed what it could be spent on and agreed that village gateways would be put forward. All approved. Clerk to confirm asap. It was noted that the flood monitor which has been installed in The Beck has cost £632 but TT is seeking funding elsewhere for this.

Clerk

2.6 Upgrowth on footpath along Station Rd

Has been reported again to NCC who have put it on their list of jobs to do.

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 7.40pm

3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Woodside Farm

Member of the public queried when the Chair had visited Woodside Farm. Chair answered that she had visited last autumn and had not entered the farm buildings, other than subject to the planning application. Member of the public queried whether the proposed annexe attracted Council Tax. TS replied that she doesn't know.

3.2 Footpath alongside the Beck

Member of the public noted that the footpath alongside the Beck was very narrow due to overhanging hedges and shrubs. The PC believe that this is not an official NCC footpath. EM and Clerk will check the state of it when they do the village walkabout in February.

Clerk/EM

3.3 Emergency meeting

Member of the public thanked the PC for an informative and well run emergency meeting. He pointed out that the depth of the Beck seemed much less than in the past. CD stated that the bed couldn't be lowered as pipes would be exposed which would block the flow of water. CD will refer the comment to TT.

CD/TT

3.4 Reminder to Creagh re noise

See response from RB at end of minutes

3.5 MH cover on A612

This has been repaired badly. CD will follow up with NCC.

CD

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.50pm

4.0 PLANNING

4.1 Ref : 13/01752/CPRIOR Woodside Farm.

Unanimous approval. However, TS reminded the PC that the law changed in 2013 and PC's are no longer consulted on change of use where other agencies such as Highways do not consider that the change could cause a problem.

5.0 STRATEGY ROLES

5.1 DW : Crime/communications

5.1.1	Crime DW attended the regular crime meeting in Southwell on 22 Jan. The spate of local burglaries in and around the area had previously been reported by DW at the last PC meeting. Jim Ward, as Neighbourhood Watch coordinator had also put out information relating to this via the village e mail. DW mentioned the concerns about the safety of the new bus stop to the police at the meeting. DW said that he had asked PC Keith Crowhurst to write an article to go in the next Thurgarton People re feedback from the crime meeting and ongoing liaison between JW and the other neighbourhood watch coordinators around the village.	DW
5.1.2	Communications DW reiterated the policy of the PC in relation to communication around the village : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anybody attends a meeting as a representative of the village and there is something urgent to report, then this can be communicated via e mail/other means straight away. • If there is no urgency, then the matter should be reported back at the next PC meeting when the PC will decide what action to take. 	
5.2	<u>EM : village maintenance</u> (feedback by Clerk on behalf of EM who was absent)	
5.2.1	NCC feedback Path to Bleasby alongside the lake has had fence posts erected but no wire as yet. NCC have been informed. Awaiting repair of stile on Station Rd and leaning FP sign beyond the hall. Also waiting for NCC to remove posts from adjacent to Methodist church. Ref complaint re the FP alongside the Beck : this is not an official FP but has always been used by locals. PC can ask owners to trim hedges if necessary. Nettles on the A612 and The Hollows banks will be sprayed in the spring Grit bin ref 103039963 on Priory Rd has now been filled.	Clerk/TS
5.2.2	Best Kept Village This is in hand	EM
5.3	<u>TM : Corner Croft/phone box</u>	
5.3.1	Corner Croft TM is doing scheme and will be applying for funding from LIS, LaFarge, BIFFA, WREN. TS urged TM to contact Karen Tarburton to make sure deadlines are not missed. Clerk offered to help if required.	TM
5.3.2	Phone box TM has reported the broken glass which will be removed. TM advised that adoption should not be done by the PC at this stage as the box will be refurbished and not removed. Adoption could be considered at a later date.	
5.3.3	Tree grant It looks as though we shall get a grant of £500 for tree planting on Corner Croft	
5.4	<u>TT : Emergency warden</u> (feedback by CD on behalf of TT who was absent)	
5.4.1	Flooding The Beck has now been fitted with the flood monitor and it is being set up. Messages can be sent out to various people as the Beck rises. CD will give details of the website where this can also be observed.	CD
5.4.2	Village wide meeting 14 Jan This was very well attended by about 100 people. 7-8 coordinators have been identified and they will be met with shortly to take the Emergency Plan forward. There are also many people who have agreed to be volunteers.	
5.4.3	Meetings with landowners TT and CD have met with Gary Clarke the farmer who farms the field beyond Station Rd, the IDB and Savills (on behalf of Trinity) and the IDB will model what would happen if the field adj Station Rd was allowed to flood. TT still to arrange a meeting with Roland Duce and Thoresby as other PC issues need to be discussed with them.	TT
5.5	<u>CD : Highways</u>	
5.5.1	Mirrors CD will go ahead with these	CD
5.5.2	Drains CD will map all the drains in the village for ease of reporting problems. There is a drain blocked on Bleasby Rd which has been reported and the one opp Tonic. CD also want NCC to ask The Red Lion to unblock the drain on their hill up to their car park	CD/NCC
5.5.3	Speed cameras This is in the 2014/15 budget so will be c/f until later	

- 5.6 IE : Village handyman
- 5.6.1 **Salt bins**
IE reported that both bins are full
- 5.6.2 **Fence around emergency shed**
This is looking very untidy and IE wants to sort out in the spring. Owner will contribute but wants to look at design. IE and Clerk to review what can be done. IE/Clerk
- 5.7 TS : other items
- 5.7.1 **Trinity land on Bleasby Rd**
PC are meeting with Savills to discuss this along with the hall lease issue on 13 Feb. TS
- 5.7.2 **Flood warden training at Brackenhurst 21 Jan 2014**
TS gave feedback on behalf of Simon Sharpe who had attended the course. SS reported that 60 people had attended and the course was 2 hours long. It dealt with the role of a flood warden and road closure procedure. SS recommended that the PC should carry on working alongside Southwell so we should get our coordinators established and start getting training in place.
- 5.7.3 **Flies**
TS reported that she had heard from 3 separate households now who had experienced flies like cluster flies, emerging from the ground and landing on adjacent walls. TS will take this up with Anne Oliver as the issue needed to be kept alive so action could be taken immediately if the position is exacerbated this year by the relatively warm and very wet winter weather. TS
- 5.8 ALL : Vulnerable residents
This issue will now be incorporated into the emergency plan so will no longer be needed as an agenda item.
- 6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**
There is a wind power consultation evening run by NSDC on 23 Jan. TS asked if anyone wants to go
- 7.0 **FINANCE**
- 7.1 **Precept**
TS reported that at the PC strategy meeting on 9 December 2013, the Councillors had discussed raising the precept by £300 based on a budgetary prediction for 2014/15. We have now had confirmation that the Council tax support fund (CTSF) will also be available at around £160. It was agreed unanimously to raise the precept by £300 excluding the additional CTSF particularly in view of the fact that the flood monitor and shed fence had not been accounted for.
- 7.2 **Balances as follows** : current a/c £3983.78, reserve a/c £1187.95.
Cheques written : Ellis Morgan £30 for wreath, Clerk £61.35 expenses.
Tonic are owed £12 pa for 2 years electricity for the tree, war memorial light. TM to get an invoice or email from them asap so it can be paid before the end of the financial year. TM
- 8.0 **MINOR SPENDS**
None
- 9.0 **AOB**
None
- 10.0 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**
27 February 7.30pm at the Methodist Church
9 April 7.30pm at the Methodist Church
The meeting closed at 8.40pm
- 10.0 **CIRCULATION**
All councillors
Village e mail
- Points raised with Roger Blaney after the meeting by e mail**
Planning application Ref 13/01347/FUL Beck Lodge, Beck St
RB reported that it is currently allowable for an applicant to apply for planning permission retrospectively although government policy may change
Noise enforcement : Creagh, Hansons
Enforcement from NSDC have visited Creagh and reminded them of their obligations not to work outside approved hours or enforcement action will be taken. A noise monitor was due to be fitted to a house in Priory Park but the resident has declined. If anyone else is willing to have the monitor this can be arranged but the issue can't be taken forward further without this step. PUBLIC