

# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 02 July 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 Tsoukatos	TT
Cllr	Roger Jackson	TJ
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

5 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies : Roger Blaney (hols)

David Waine chaired the meeting as Toni Smith had given prior warning that she could be late arriving FROM WORK

**ACTION**

### 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by TS.

TM pointed out that he had been in attendance at the meeting on 14/05/14 but it had not been recorded.

TM pointed out that he had not received an e mail re the meeting on 12/06/14. Clerk to ask for receipt when sending out e mails

Clerk

### 2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Defibrillator/contact with EMAS so far unsuccessful. TT suggested that Clerk could contact Philip Jessop who ran the first aid course.

Clerk

2.2 Noise from Creagh or Hansons/parking by lorries. All agreed the noise from Hansons (Creagh have now gone) has increased again. To be monitored. EM will ask lorry drivers who they are working for and Clerk to inform NCC as it considered dangerous for other drivers trying to pass

EM/Clerk

2.3 Quotations. Clerk had been in touch with NSDC who confirm that 1 oral quote with written invoice is acceptable for works up to £5K. For work from £5K to £50K, 3 quotes are required.

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 7.37pm

### 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Elmcroft planning application

Resident stated that they had no objections. House will go on the market in September.

3.2 Neighbourhood Plan initial survey

- Resident queried the NP survey; to be discussed later in the meeting
- Resident queried why there had been a question about increased precept in the survey and what relevance was it to compare with other villages. DW explained that costs for work within the village were increasing and that the PC will be issuing an article about this in the next TP due out in August. He also pointed out that at the last 2 AGMs, the prospect of an increase in the precept had been discussed and appeared to be accepted by those present as being necessary.

3.3 Village hall lease

Resident queried the survey question about the hall lease. TS said that it had taken a very long time to get a response from Savills. Sam Spencer offered help in negotiating with Trinity. See 7.6 below

3.4 Flooding

Resident queried the promises made by Rober Jenrick when he visited Thurgarton prior to his election as our MP. RJ confirmed that Rober Jenrick had raised the issue in the House of Commons.

3.5 CPRE

Resident queried the fact that the PC took a decision not to join CPRE this year and suggested that CPRE could be helpful if the PC are faced with large local planning applications in the future. The decision was made as the PC always attempt to reduce any expenditure that isn't significantly necessary. TT will investigate their remit to determine how useful this could be before the PC decide what to do.

TT

3.6 Cricket club

Resident asked that the cricket club is included in the final Neighbourhood Plan as it is an important part of the village and will need funding in the future for a new pavilion

3.7 Elevated pavement

- RJ has reported the poor condition to NCC. EM reported that someone had fallen and he had been in touch with NCC who say that it is a major task to repair it due to its elevation. Since then the bank has been cut. All agreed to write formally to NCC and ask them to put up warning signs. Copy RJ in. Clerk
- 3.8** Pavement to station
- This is still dangerous and has been reported many times to NCC
- 3.9** Broadband
- Thurgarton does not appear to be guaranteed super fast broadband in the near future. CD reported the loss of 110 phone lines last week when the new Bleasby fibre optic cable was being installed. CD will send information from BT to RJ who will chase it up. CD
- 3.10** Village hall roof
- RJ confirmed that he has applied for £500 towards the repair of the hall roof. Postscript : received with thanks.
- The meeting was closed at 8.05pm
- 4.0** **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
- 4.1** Clerk reported that the questionnaire sent out is the first step in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). There were 170 delivered and 51 replies. NSDC have indicated a time period of minimum 6 months to finalise the NP but in the meantime, the questionnaire can be used in response to planning applications. A summary, and explanation of the NP will be published in the August edition of TP as it seems clear that there are some misunderstandings about certain issues. TS/Clerk
- 4.2** 86% of respondents were in favour of reducing the speed limit to 40mph between Thurgarton and Goverton, Spital Farm and Mill House. CD will apply for this to NCC CD
- 5.0** **COACH AND HORSES DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
- PC have met with the developer to review what his plans are. He seems amenable to hearing the PC views on the redevelopment. Initially he was thinking of 5 new houses behind the existing pub which he wants to convert into 2 units but he has now amended the scheme to show 3 new 2 bed houses. The PC have asked for a pedestrian link through to a possible redevelopment of Priory Farm which is also imminent and the developer has allowed for this. The PC have raised the issue of flood alleviation and this will be picked up by NSDC in their consultation with other agencies. There has been no specific request for flooding monies. Developer has offered to produce drawings for a public viewing in the hall when they are finalized.
- 6.0** **PLANNING**
- 6.1** Ref 12/01720/FUL Hope House
- NSDC confirm that they have received a completed planning contravention notice from the owners and their legal team is reviewing it.
- 6.2** Ref 14/01008/FUL Elmcroft
- There is no record of previous permitted development as far as NSDC know although because it is permitted, it may not be recorded anyway. Clerk
- 5 in favour, 2 abstentions. TM made comment that the house has some architectural merit even though the design and access statement says otherwise. Postscript : TS had a brief conversation with NSDC on the loss of an Arts and Crafts house but no PC objection was raised.
- 6.3** Permitted development
- All agreed that in the future where there is an application for complete demolition outside of the conservation area, the landowner would be asked if there had been any permitted development carried out in the past. Permitted development within the conservation area would not be allowed.
- 7.0** **STRATEGY ROLES**
- 7.1** IE/EM : Maintenance
- 7.1.1** Quote for hard surface in front of shed has been approved and will go ahead once Mark Smith has the slabs
- 7.1.2** Peter Yates will cut the banks on the A612 this week. There was unanimous approval £100.
- 7.1.3** Elevated footpath (see 3.7 previously; this is urgent). CD will do the mirror as this will aid visibility for those walking on the road instead CD
- 7.1.4** Bench refurbishment £150 for 2 benches. Ongoing; unanimous approval. IE and EM have revarnished the other 2.
- 7.1.5** FP past The Vicarage and bridleway past EM house both need cutting urgently by NCC. Clerk to follow up with Stephen Tipping Clerk
- 7.2** CD : Highways
- 7.2.1** Mirrors to go up this week
- 7.2.2** All drains between Lowdham and Thurgarton are currently being cleared
- 7.3** TT : Emergency
- 7.3.1** Following Owen Paterson's visit to Thurgarton he has requested that the PC meet again with all of

the agencies so that we can put forward a proposal for flood alleviation to his office ASAP, in order for him to request funding from the Treasury. A meeting has been set for 14th July to meet with the agencies. Unanimous approval for spend on the cost of the hall for 2 hours.

- 7.3.2 Short term alleviation scheme - to use 22 acre field on Station Rd to get flood water off Beck St - Trinity College have agreed in principle to flooding the field but require several t's & c's including mitigation for crop loss. Still working on a suitable proposal for all parties including IDB.
- 7.3.3 TEP - met with Base, Co-ord's & Dep Co-ord's 16th June to work through the plan and process. All agreed on method forward. Next meeting 23rd July, this will be 1st test of the plan. Request approval for hire of VH for 2 hrs. Unanimous approval.
- 7.3.4 TEP - details of Base, Dep Base, Co-ord's and Dep Co-ord's, and 10 volunteers sent to Notts County Council who are arranging suitable training for these volunteers, will prob be in Sept.
- 7.3.5 TEP - doc being finalised before publication on web site
- 7.3.6 CD and TT met Ross Marshall, newly appointed flood risk mgt office at NCC, and walked him round the village 1 July so that he could familiarise himself with the village and how it has flooded.
- 7.4 DW :Communications
- 7.4.1 DW has met with Darryl North and Jim Ward and all agree the website needs updating more frequently so village societies will be contacted with a view to this happening. The PC homepage will also be made more topical
- 7.4.2 DW reported that the cost of TP is approx. £600 pa and that it needs more sponsorship.
- 7.4.3 DW has reviewed the Minerals Plan and the closest extraction plans are at Averham.
- 7.4.4 DW reported that at the last Safer Neighbourhood meeting, no one turned up
- 7.5 TM : Projects
- 7.5.1 Nothing to report from Corner Croft at present because this project is closed at this time but there is strong feeling in the NP questionnaire that the illegal parking is a real issue. NSDC are apparently designing a scheme but we are unaware of the timescale. The parking scheme will be absorbed into Highways/Coach and Horses work. Clerk will copy recent letter sent to N&S Homes to RJ, RB and TM Clerk
- 7.5.2 Clerk to ask N&S Homes to cut the hedge significantly in both height and width as it is encroaching on the pavement and pedestrians have complained. Clerk
- 7.6 TS : Village hall  
TS reported that the updating of the lease is taking a very long time; Savills have been very slow to respond and are now suggesting a £1000pa rent for the hall which is unaffordable. TS reminded the PC that there is a need to update the lease to take the liability away from individuals and that the PC have agreed to pay the legal fees of approx £2000. It was noted that legal advice had been sought from a lawyer resident in the village. Following a long discussion it was felt that a direct approach to Trinity should be made. TS/Clerk
- 8.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 8.1 TS has had letter from Robert Jenrick offering help towards flood alleviation
- 8.2 Harrogate conference on Making Localism Work run by NALC. No Councillors can go. Clerk to attend. The Clerk had been able to negotiaite a free place for the PC. Unanimous approval to pay for travelling expenses
- 9.0 **FINANCE**
- 9.1 Clerk requested approval for spends since April 1 2014 which have not yet been given approval :  
Dog pooh bin maintenance £83.64  
Neil Harris spraying £64.79  
Lighting war memorial paid to Tonic (2 years) £28.00  
John King internal audit £50.00  
Expenses Clerk £40.60 and £37.77 (see invoice for details)  
BKV £5.00  
NSDC insurance £203.68  
WI AGM refreshments £6.00  
Mark Smith strimming £30.00.  
All approved unanimously.
- 9.2 Clerk reported we have been paid £493.00 grant for the CC trees excl VAT and CIL £815.42.
- 9.3 Balances current a/c £6650.05  
Reserve a/c £1188.10
- 9.4 Cheques signed : Hire of hall for AGM and various meetings £71.50 and NP printing £11.00 (both approved unanimously)
- 10.0 **MINOR SPENDS**  
None

**11.0 AOB**

**11.1** Problems with BT

CD reported on the recent problems (see 3.9 above). CD will write article for TP and TT has added it to the agenda for the TEP meeting 23 July.

CD

**10.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

13 August 7.30pm at the Methodist church

24 September 7.30pm at the Methodist church

The meeting closed at 9.20pm