

# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 13 August 7.30pm

## THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Cllr	David Waive	DW
Cllr	Charles Day	CD
Cllr	Ellis Morgan	EM
Cllr	Tina Tsoukatos	TT
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

10 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies : Roger Blaney (hols), Roger Jackson (other commitment), Ian Edwards (ill), Tony Monaghan

## ACTION

### 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by TS.

### 2.0 MATTERS ARISING

#### 2.1 EMAS : defibrillator

TT has made contact with EMAS who are happy to come to meet PC and TCA committee. Cost about £1000 for the equipment. Volunteers needed as EMAS will give training. TT to set up meeting. Unanimous approval for spend on a venue

TT

#### 2.2 Noise from Hansons/parking by lorries.

EM has not seen lorries parked up on Station Road recently. Members of public agreed. To be monitored

EM

#### 2.3 Faster broadband

RJ not available to comment but he has told the Clerk by phone that NCC are still putting pressure on BT. PC have agreed to attend meeting to be arranged by Cllr Kay Cutts between BT and NCC in September. DW pointed out that fibre optic cable will only be brought to village cabinet; individual householders will have to find an internet supplier to provide broadband to their home.

#### 2.4 Roger Jackson money for repair of hall roof

All thanked RJ in his absence for £500 received.

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 7.36pm

### 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

#### 3.1 Faster broadband

Resident stated that villagers should refuse to pay Council Tax if broadband not supplied to Thurgarton. DW agreed he will report this back to the Kay Cutts meeting. CD suggested that all villagers should sign up asking for BT Infinity as this could put further pressure on BT.

ALL

#### 3.2 Level of Council Tax

Resident queried why our Council Tax is third highest in the country. RJ to be asked.

RJ

#### 3.3 Hope House

Resident said that tarpaulin had been removed from roof and the roof had been tiled. TS reminded resident that the last that the PC had heard, the issue was being dealt with by NSDC legal dept. Clerk to ask for NSDC update.

Clerk

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.55pm

### 4.0 COACH AND HORSES DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

#### 4.1 Application ref : 14/01262/FUL

TS explained that the PC had held 2 meetings with the developer and the final scheme had been displayed to the village on 7 and 13 August, with councillors on hand to explain. Comments had been made by the public which are attached to these minutes. TS also said that Thurgarton is an SP3 village ie there should be no new dwellings unless there is a proven need. The recent questionnaire had found a majority of respondents in favour of some new mixed size housing and this had formed the basis of discussions held with the developer.

#### 4.2 There was wide ranging discussion on the proposals. Comments on the scheme from councillors were as follows:

1. The application cannot be supported as it stands, since it is factually incorrect and says that it is not within 20m of a watercourse.
2. General concern re the effect of flooding since the C&H car park floods at present
3. Concern was raised as to the fact that the site is approx. 1.000m above Roseberry and so

any changes to levels could cause flooding to this property. A retaining wall may be needed between the two sites.

4. Concern raised over the fact that the trees on the boundary with Roseberry have been kept in spite of conversations with the developer to the contrary. The residents of Roseberry have written a letter to this effect to NSDC. The PC noted that if they took ownership of this land for the siting of a footpath, they would not want to have to deal with the trees in the future.
5. There was general support for the mix of houses on this site
6. There was concern about what would happen to the Priory Farm site and how the planners would view this. Much better to develop both sites together
7. Concern was raised over parking. Is there enough for future residents of the site, for construction workers and would any parking on Bleasby Rd by future residents or visitors further hinder the already difficult position of parking for CC residents?
8. Some concern was raised about the blank wall of the new car parking "shed" although others thought this would be an improvement on the hedge which currently overhangs the pavement .

#### 4.3 In summary:

Points in favour : no problem with loss of pub, no objection to new builds despite Thurgarton being an SP3 village

Points against : disregard for flooding issues, boundary tree problems, parking overspill, brick wall at back of pavement.

- 4.4 Generally councilors felt it would be preferable for both this and the Priory Farm site to be considered together and because both sites will have an impact on each other, it was agreed that a meeting should be sought between the PC and NSDC planning and housing officers and Roger Blaney. TS to organize asap. Post meeting note : meeting organised for 28 August. TS

Unanimous objection.

#### 5.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Clerk reported that NSDC are meeting with Councillors on 3 Sept 6.30pm at the Methodist church to progress the Thurgarton Neighbourhood Plan. Richard Exton from NSDC is currently taking Southwell and a few other small villages through the process and will advise and help us. Issues which form the basis of the plan are : Speeding, Parking, Flooding, Housing, Village hall. Discussion over which Cllr to lead on this: EM agreed he would lead on this, and in the absence of other volunteers TS will work with him for the required pairing of Cllrs on roles.

#### 6.0 PLANNING

##### 6.1 Ref 14/01380/FUL Extension to Millside Country store

Unanimous approval

#### 7.0 STRATEGY ROLES

##### 7.1 IE/EM : Maintenance

- 7.1.1 Benches have now been refurbished. Thank you to Neil and Ian Harris.

Peter Yates will cut the banks on the A612 this week. There was unanimous approval £100.

- 7.1.2 Elevated footpath: Clerk has written formal letter to NCC requesting warning notices

- 7.1.3 Remembrance Day service : 11 Nov at 11am. IE will discuss with CC residents about doing the service there as it maybe dangerous with extra people by the War memorial and require formal application to close roads. Clerk will ask Miles Butler about playing a bugle

IE  
Clerk  
EM

- 7.1.4 EM to get quotes for village entrances. Ongoing

- 7.1.5 Bleasby Rd triangle has been sprayed, now needs strimming. Mark costs £30 but maybe a bit more to take trimmings etc away. Clerk to discuss with him

Clerk

- 7.1.6 EM reported that Thurgarton came third in our category of the Best Kept Village Competition. Well done everyone!

#### 7.2 CD : Highways

- 7.2.1 CD reported that he has submitted the request for the 40mph buffer zones to NCC. Unlikely to get one between the village and Hoveringham station as NCC say traffic goes too slowly here already. Maybe a while before we hear whether this has been successful.

- 7.2.2 All drains between Lowdham and Thurgarton have been cleared and are marked up for further work by NCC. There is a water leakage by the Church; already noted and being dealt with.

- 7.2.3 CD has been asked by NCC to remove a mirror on Bleasby Rd which was on NCC land. CD to talk to Matt Duckworth re other mirrors, particularly the proposed one on Priory Rd as this would aid those walking on the road instead of the dangerous high level pavement.

CD

- 7.3 TT : Emergency**
- 7.3.1** CD and TT met with IDB and NCC on 14th July to discuss the proposed flood alleviation scheme. TT has since been trying to contact Liz Truss who has taken over from Owen Paterson and is expecting to be in touch soon after the period of handover between ministers.
- 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 : 1<sup>st</sup> test took place on 23 July in the hall and was successful. Next step is for a full test in August. This will include calling all households who have signed up..TT will ask Darryl to send out warning that it is only a test so folk are not alarmed. TT
- 7.3.4** TEP : training for all coordinators, deputies, volunteers 9 Oct 6.30pm to 8pm at the hall. Unanimous approval for funding the hire of the hall.
- 7.3.5** TEP : document now finalised and signed off. DW suggested "BASE" should have the e mail list which Darryl has for village e mails. Agreed.
- 7.3.6** TEP : TT has had village maps printed and wants approval for spend £20 + VAT. Approved.
- 7.3.7** CPRE : TT will feed back at the next meeting TT  
TS thanked TT and CD for all their work on the Emergency Plan.
- 7.4 DW :Communications**
- 7.4.1** Nothing to report
- 7.5 Clerk : feedback from NALC Localism Conference, Harrogate 10 July.**  
Very useful. Clerk attended 4 workshops and lots of information gained :
- 7.5.1** Neighbourhood Plans : general feeling that they have been taking too long to produce so Govt is trying to speed up the process. Those who had put one in place felt they were beneficial and had given the PC greater influence and power.
- 7.5.2** Finance : this focused on changes which will take place from next April 2105 when small PCs with turnover below £25K (Thurgarton included) will no longer have to get an external audit but will still be bound by rules of public openness. NALC will be producing further guidance
- 7.5.3** Funding : this was particularly interesting as the speaker indicated that many PCs apply for funding to enhance their precept funding and there is quite a lot of money "out there" from, amongst others, The Big Lottery, WREN, trusts etc. Clerk felt that the PC should get involved in this for specific projects (you can't apply without a project in mind) eg the village entrances. Clerk can help with application forms and has good links with RCAN who give advice on this to voluntary bodies.
- 7.5.4** Right to Bid : where PCs can identify local buildings, landmarks or places of interest and register them with the local council. The PC would then have first chance to bid if the place became available for sale. At present the owner can choose who they sell to so there are some problems with the system. Clerk will investigate with NSDC. Places suggested for registration are : The Red Lion, sheep dip, Roland's clock, war memorial, village hall, Methodist chapel; others to be collated so ideas to be put forward please. Clerk
- 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 8.1** PC have received letter from N&S Homes saying there is nothing happening on implementing a parking scheme at the moment for CC. Clerk to ask if any schemes have been drawn up for discussion so the PC can see them. Clerk
- 8.2** TS reported that Robert Jenrick our MP is visiting on 20 August at 10.30am for a meeting with relevant Cllrs following a request from the PC after Owen P's visit. TS and TT are meeting him to discuss the flood alleviation scheme. Post script: R Jenrick said at this meeting that he had advertised a mini constituency meeting, in the Newark Advertiser, with any interested villagers to follow the flood meeting. TS pointed out that if the PC had been informed of this the hall could have been booked and villagers informed to get more interest. As it was only one resident turned up. TS agreed that a further surgery could be arranged at a later date. ALL
- 8.3** Planning consultation document : all have been circulated with this e mail and need to look at it.
- 9.0 FINANCE**
- 9.1** Clerk reported we have received £500 grant from NCC Roger Jackson for the repair of the hall roof. This is to be paid to the VH account
- 9.2** Balances (as before; no up to date statement received)  
Current a/c £6650.05  
Reserve a/c £1888.10

**9.3** Cheques signed :  
Clerk expenses trip to Harrogate £74.70 (approved unanimously).  
Peter Yates bank cutting £120 (previously approved)  
Village hall committee £500 (RJ grant for roof)  
Clerk reported a cheque for Darryl North for website hosting had been signed £60 (approved unanimously)

**10.0 MINOR SPENDS**

None

**11.0 AOB**

**11.1** Code of conduct/register of interests

Carry forward

**11.2** Welcome pack for newcomers

Clerk to draft this and work alongside TT

Clerk/TT

**10.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tues 23 September 7.30pm at the Methodist church

Wed 12 Nov 7.30pm at the Methodist church

Wed 7 Jan 2015 7.30pm at the Methodist church

The meeting closed at 8.55pm