



THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting Tuesday 23 September 7.30pm

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Cllr	David Waine	DW
Cllr	Charles Day	CD
Cllr	Ian Edwards	IE
Cllr	Ellis Morgan	EM
Cllr	Roger Blaney	RB
Cllr	Roger Jackson	RJ
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

3 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies : Tina Tsoukatos (hols), Tony Monaghan*(see postscript)

ACTION

1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

IE noted that he had been present at the meeting but had not been included in the minutes.

Item 3.1 : DW had not agreed with the resident but agreed to take the point to the Kay Cutts meeting

Item 5.0 : EM noted that he had agreed to work alongside TS and AD to do the Neighbourhood Plan.

The minutes were then unanimously approved and signed by TS.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Faster broadband

CD and TS have been in touch with BT CEO to explore why Thurgarton is not getting Faster Broadband and will chase up reply. RB agreed that the PC should keep putting pressure on and ask NCC Faster Broadband team to come to PC meeting to explain what is happening. Clerk to arrange.

CD/TS
Clerk

2.2 DW commented that Robert Jenrick is also chasing this for us.

Council Tax

RB confirmed that NSDC is 111th highest in the country for Band D properties but overall due to high town council rates (Southwell, Ollerton and Newark), that puts NSDC 4th highest. RB will find out Band D Council tax levels across the country and report back at the next meeting

RB

2.3

Hope House

RB reported that NSDC Planning Dept have satisfied themselves that the foundations for the garage had been dug prior to demolition of the old house so permitted development had been started and is therefore legal.

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 7.45pm

3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Hope House

A resident reported light pollution from Hope House. Noted.

3.2 Pavement clearing

A resident reported that there was grass overgrowing the pavement to the station and along the

	A612 between the village and The Park. Also along Bleasby road towards Goverton. CD and the Clerk have reported the former many times including at a meeting with NCC on 8 September. NCC stated that it was a job which had a team on it intermittently hence it was not high priority. Clerk to contact Bleasby PC.	Clerk
3.3	<u>Coach and Horses</u> RB reported that NSDC have met with the developer and he is not in a position to take on the Priory Farm development as well as The C&H. For the application to get NSDC support, RB then said that the developer has to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prove that the pub can be closed (this can probably be argued as the pub has been doing badly for many years) • Prove that the scheme as submitted needs 3 new dwellings to be financially viable, since Thurgarton is designated an SP3 village and therefore should have no new development. • If that is not possible, then he must prove there is local need e.g. by carrying out a housing survey. There was a discussion about whether the two issues could efficiently be merged since the PC will need a housing survey as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. See 4.1 below.	
3.4	<u>Rail service</u> RB reported that from May 2015, Thurgarton will get double the number of trains before 9.30am and more services throughout the day. However the stations at risk of closure are Thurgarton, Burton Joyce and Fiskerton so RB encouraged all to use the service or lose it. The car park could be cleared to allow cars to park at the station. Clerk to investigate	Clerk
3.5	<u>Faster Broadband</u> RJ agreed that the PC should invite NCC to the next PC meeting to discuss this and will forward correspondence he has received to the Clerk. RJ reported that the Kay Cutts proposed meeting has been put on hold	RJ
3.6	<u>RJ meeting with Jo Horton</u> RJ asked that any Highways issues can be forwarded to him asap as he is meeting with Jo Horton.	CD
3.7	<u>Supporting Local Communities monies</u> RJ will support an application from Thurgarton if we have a project in mind. Clerk to get form The meeting was closed at 8.03pm.	Clerk
4.0	PLANNING	
4.1	<u>Ref 14/01262/FUL The Coach and Horses</u> TS said that the PC need to meet with the developer soon to discuss whether the issues which the PC had given as reasons for not supporting the application had been addressed. Meeting to be arranged asap.	EM/TS/DW
4.2	<u>Ref 14/01633/FUL Thurgarton Cricket Club</u> All agreed to ask if the application can be delayed so TCC can be invited to come to the next meeting to discuss the proposal	Clerk
5.0	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
5.1	<u>Housing survey</u> This will cost around £2000 + Vat if carried out through the NSDC Housing Dept. Funding is available to help with the cost and as stated before, PC could piggy back on the developers housing survey as he may need a survey to prove need to the Planning department. To be discussed further	
5.2	<u>Moving the NP forward</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS, EM and AD had met to discuss how to take the NP forward and EM summarised the following issues which were discussed but above all, it was agreed that we should aim to retain the rural charm and heritage of the village : • The area designated for the NP is the same as the Parish • The PC are the body to take the NP forward • We should allow no more industry • Any further housing development should be limited to be within the current village envelope/infill • The village hall site should continue as a village hub for the hall, a possible shop etc. Other sites were considered but this was felt to be the best position. A rebuild will be necessary at some point due to the degree of repair that will be needed • The heritage aspect of the village should be further explored and advertised • Footpaths and bridleways should be developed, particularly south of the village • Community spirit should be encouraged and developed. 	

	Clerk to reply to Richard Exton e mail with a summary of the above so that we can register our interest, see if funding is available and get a timeline for taking the NP forward. It was noted that without funding the cost of the NP may be prohibitive.	EM/Clerk
6.0	STRATEGY ROLES	
6.1	IE/EM : Maintenance	
6.1.1	Shed area tarmac is due for repair 25 Sept; EM will meet Mark at 8.30am.	EM
6.1.2	Memorial service is to be held on 9 Nov at Corner Croft. IE and Clerk are trying to get a bugle player.	
6.1.3	IE will be snow warden. Clerk to forward him e mail re salt supplies. Another salt bin may be necessary; IE to confirm where it would go and the cost before purchasing. Clerk reported that Mark has done the Bleasby Rd triangle strimming and it needs raking up so he can collect it.	Clerk IE IE/EM
6.2	CD : Highways	
	CD reported that he and the Clerk had met with NCC Matt Duckworth on 8 Sept 2014. The following were discussed :	
6.2.1	All the drains on the A612 have been surveyed and marked up. However because the programme of clearance in the County is so enormous, they have not been cleared. The outfall for Bleasby Rd is confirmed as being by the village hall so is the responsibility of the IDB.	
6.2.2	The 40mph buffer speed zones have not been approved and if they were, would not come into force for a long while. All agreed that CD should continue to put pressure on NCC so that we can get the principle agreed and plan for doing the village entrance gates. NCC have previously said that gates could be sited within a 40mph buffer zone. EM explained that siting them at the current 30mph signs would limit visibility for various residents.	CD
6.2.3	NCC confirmed that they have <u>not</u> been approached by N&S Homes to look at a possible solution to the parking problem at Corner Croft. NCC could not endorse cars reversing out of an end on parking bay on Bleasby Rd but NCC suggested they could remark Bleasby Rd moving the white line over, and then mark some parking bays by the noticeboard. This would be a low cost option. There is no money available for a large scheme. Matt D will be back in touch; CD to follow up. Clerk has written to N&S Homes asking what plans they have thought about.	CD/Clerk
6.2.4	NCC will do small affordable amount of repair work to the high level pavement on Priory Rd and have sent letter to Roland Duce re clearing the ivy on the wall; it is very thick and is restricting the width of the pavement.	
6.3	TT : Emergency	
	TT is currently on holiday but reported the following : TEP test was successfully undertaken on 4 September; the emergency plan is now live Preparation of a welcome pack for the village is ongoing.	
6.4	DW : Communications and crime	
6.4.1	DW attended the last LaFarge meeting. Work to complete the reinstatement will be complete within 6 months. The lake outfall is nearly complete but there is no agreement yet as to what happens in an emergency. NCC is responsible for the aftercare for a period of time.	
6.4.2	EM queried the provision of the new footpath from Thurgarton station alongside the lake to the double gates towards Hoveringham. RJ and DW agreed the meeting had stated it would be done but RJ will chase	RJ
6.4.3	DW reported from the Safer Neighborhood Group that Thurgarton had the lowest crime rate of all the Trent valley villages. The police did a speed check in the village on the A612 w/c 15/09/14.	
6.4.4	DW reported that Jim Ward and Darryl North are updating the website more regularly	
7.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
7.1	<u>NALC planning seminar</u> Wed 24 September at Epperstone village hall. If no-one can go, we shall receive notes	
7.2	<u>NSDC Parish Conference</u> 6 Oct. DW will consider going.	DW
7.3	<u>NALC AGM</u> 15 Nov. TT to go if available.	TT
8.0	FINANCE	
8.1	Balance of accounts Current : £6584.15, reserve : £1188.10	
8.2	Cheques to sign (previously approved) Map printing for TEP £24.00 Mark Smith strimming £30.00 Clerk pay £1200 and £300 HMRC.	

8.3 Cheques previously written needing approval :
Neil Harries £171.70. Approval needed for extra £21.70 to raise the bench up : unanimous approval
Planning seminar £30.00 : unanimous approval

8.4 Clerk pay
TS proposed a 5% pay rise for the Clerk from 1 November 2014. Unanimous approval.

9.0 **MINOR SPENDS**

9.1 EM would like approval to spend approx. £30 on the wreath for the war memorial. Unanimous approval.

10.0 **AOB**

10.1 Code of conduct/register of interests

Carry forward

10.2 New beauty salon

Clerk to talk to them about lighting the war memorial/christmas tree

Clerk

*Postscript: A letter had been handed in to the Chair just before the meeting was due to start and time post meeting was needed to review the contents. This letter actually confirmed that Tony Monaghan wished to retire from the Council. The Council unanimously wish to thank Tony for his contribution to the Parish council and the village as a whole over the many years he has been a Councillor. The Council prefer to fill this vacancy by co-option which is a free and administratively easy option (interested parties apply to be co-opted) provided no qualified person wishes to exercise their democratic right to require a by-election, (which would be organized by NSDC), at this juncture, given that full elections will be held again anyway, approx. 6months hence, in May 2015. Notices will be posted to explain the process.

11.0 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wed 12 November 7.30pm at the Methodist church

Wed 12 January 2015 7.30pm at the Methodist church

The meeting closed at 9.05pm