



# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 12 November 7.30pm

### THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

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

Apologies : none

13 members of the public including Chair of Caythorpe PC, Julia Cons.

### ACTION

THE PC HAD ARRANGED GUESTS TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO PRESENT TOPICS WHICH HAVE BEEN OF INTEREST TO THE WIDER VILLAGE AS FOLLOWS :

#### TOPIC 1 CORNER CROFT PARKING : Sharon Stewardson from Newark and Sherwood Homes

- i) TS introduced Sharon and said that she was present to explore options for solving the parking problems associated with Corner Croft residents parking on Bleasby Rd.
- ii) SS explained that CC residents had previously been able to park in the car park of The Coach and Horses pub, which was no longer available. She also stated that residents of CC took residency knowing that there was no on site parking.
- iii) SS presented a sketch drawn up by N&S Homes which showed how parking off the road for 6-8 cars could be achieved by digging a car park into the green area alongside the bungalow on the Bleasby Rd side. Problems could be buried services and the removal of trees.
- iv) SS stated that N&S Homes would not be prepared to fund the parking in total (a figure in excess of £25K was discussed) but they may be able to put some money towards a scheme if the PC/NSDC/NCC could also contribute. The PC have identified possible sources as : SLC and "Delivering Differently" both of which Roger Jackson would support.
- v) SS said NCC are likely to give approval in principle for the solution presented given that some of the current parking is illegal.
- vi) Agreed that SS will see if N&S Homes will do feasibility study to see what is possible and a budget estimate so PC can apply for funds with a more realistic amount in mind. SS to do asap; deadline for SLC is beginning Dec.
- vii) It was agreed that SS will report back to N&S Homes the fact that the beech hedge surrounding Corner Croft is a hazard for both pedestrians and vehicles emerging from Bleasby Rd.

SS

SS

#### TOPIC 2 FASTER BROADBAND : Nicola McCoy Brown and Jayne Francis Ward from NCC

- i) TS introduced Nicola and Jayne who have attended to discuss the concerns raised by villagers about the fact that Thurgarton has been omitted from the first phase of the Nottinghamshire Faster Broadband project.
- ii) JFW explained the background to the project, citing the Gvnt's initial aim to achieve 90%

coverage. BT won and have rolled out the contract with money from themselves, NCC, NSDC and the Gvnt.

- iii) Contract 1 will be complete by 2016 and Contract 2 will be complete by 2017. JFW stated that Thurgarton had been excluded from Contract 1 as it was not considered viable.
- iv) Councillors and residents queries this fact based on faster speeds already achieved in nearby villages when Thurgarton residents barely obtain 2MB/sec which was the initial Gvnt aim.
- v) RB pointed out that further money was being made available in Contract 2 to increase the Faster Broadband coverage to 95% of the country; NCC are putting pressure on BT to target mostly rural areas In Contract 2 and it is hoped that Thurgarton will be included in the next phase of work.
- vi) What can the village do?  
2 representatives from Thurgarton, CD and Darryl North are attending a conference with BT on 27 Nov.  
NCC pointed out that the village could fund the service provision but an estimate of the work involved for a similar village had been £100K.  
The visitors left at 8.20pm and the normal meeting resumed.

## 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were then unanimously approved and signed by TS.

## 2.0 MATTERS ARISING

### 2.1 SLC funding

The PC may apply for 2 separate lots of funding: CC parking solution and TP printing costs (£600pa).

Clerk to follow up N&S Homes following this meeting and DW to review the application for TP. RJ will support both.

Clerk /DW

The meeting was closed and opened to the public at 8.25pm

## 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

### 3.1 Noise from Hansons

A resident reported that there was an increase in noise recently. TS reminded residents to keep a log of dates and times to give to the Clerk so Hansons can be approached.

### 3.2 Roger Jackson points

3.2.1 Gullies gradually being cleared; CD to prioritise which ones we want doing

CD

3.2.2 RJ commented that there is a lot of fly tipping being done in the area

3.2.3 New footpath alongside the lake by the station : all agreed that the PC to write to Mark Clifford, Chair Hoveringham PC and Mike Hankin, NCC to remind them that it is to be done

Clerk

3.2.4 RJ referred to resident's e mail re traffic on the A6097. RJ commented that blocking the turn off to Shelford is probably not likely to happen. The extra traffic is probably due to more traffic driving through to the A46.

### 3.3 PLANNING

The following items were discussed in the public section of the meeting as residents had come to air their views.

#### 3.3.1 Planning ref 14/01870/FUL Change of use to R91

The application is for new gas turbines to be installed in the east end of R91. They would supply electricity to the National Grid for a max 160hrs/pa when the supply available from other power stations drops off.

Following a full discussion, concerns were raised as follows :

- Are there any laws regulating how close generators can be sited near to residential areas
- There is poor access for emergency vehicles
- Access is poor for construction vehicles
- How long will installation take
- How will the turbines be supplied with gas
- How much noise will the turbines make
- Would an emergency (eg with a gas leak) affect nearby residents' insurance

RB confirmed that the planning decision would be made purely on planning grounds, not commercial ones and said that the change of use only applies to the area shown on the plans, not the whole of R91.

RB suggested that the PC should ask the applicant to visit and give more information. A visit to a similar installation would also be helpful.

#### 3.3.2 West Shelford gravel extraction proposal

DW reported that this is under consultation at the moment.

A major issue will be traffic. RB suggested that Thurgarton could talk to Lowdham PC who are concerned about an increase in the volume of heavy lorries. Thurgarton have had the benefit of

TS/DW

experiencing similar problems during gravel extraction locally.

The meeting was closed to the public at 9.15pm.

4.0

## **PLANNING**

See discussions above

5.0

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

5.1

### Letter to Richard Exton NSDC

EM read out a letter which the PC need to send to NSDC applying for the start of the NP process. This is as well as the e mail which was previously sent. Unanimous support. Clerk to send

Clerk

5.2

### Housing survey

NSDC Jill Sanderson has offered to undertake the Housing Survey for around £500. The village would need to cover additional costs such as printing, delivery etc. All agreed that the PC need to apply for funding before undertaking this. Locality have released more money for NPs to be taken forward.

6.0

## **STRATEGY ROLES**

6.1

### TS : new councillor

Two people have applied for the post : Roger Aston and Chris Saxton. A PC vote will have to be taken (see later).

6.2

### CD : Highways

6.2.1

The streetlight on Bleasby Rd has been repaired

6.2.2

NCC are carrying out a study of where the interactive speed sign on Bleasby Rd can go

6.2.3

The ivy has been cut back on the high level path on Priory Rd but NCC have not carried out any repairs as promised. CD will follow this up with Matt D

CD

CD noted that Matt Duckworth's suggestion to move the white line on Bleasby Rd to help with the CC parking had not been followed up but this is not the preferred solution.

6.3

### TT : Emergency

6.3.1

IDB flood management update

- TT requested an additional clearance of The Beck in Oct, necessary due to the extended warm weather
- Consultants have now been appointed to evaluate a short list of flood management options by computer modelling them
- Maintenance work to the Bentley drain and the Railway drain will be carried out this winter, budget is allocated and IDB is currently in consultation with landowners

6.3.2

TEP training for 20 people, to be provided by NCC on 25th Nov

6.3.3

Defibrillator - still trying to rearrange meeting with EMAS to discuss options for the village.

6.3.4

Welcome Pack for the village is on-going

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6.3.5

TT reported that she is planning an extra covered area adjacent to the resilience shed to store more salt and sand bags. TT will get Anne T's permission and will ask the salon to clear their rubbish.

6.4

### DW : Communications and crime

6.4.1

DW and Jim Ward had recently been to a Safer Neighbourhood meeting and learned that more speed checks are planned for the village. DW reminded residents to be vigilant at this time of year as burglaries tend to increase around Xmas.

6.5

### EM/IE : Maintenance

Nothing to report.

IE reported on the successful memorial service held on Corner Croft. All thanked him and the group for organizing. Clerk to speak to the salon about having the light on the war memorial.

Clerk

6.6

### Clerk : Community Right to Bid

Clerk suggested that this needs further research as each proposed location needs a lot of information. TS suggests that the new Councillor can take this on

7.0

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1

NALC AGM 15 Nov : TT unable to attend.

7.2

BT meeting 27 November : CD and Darryl North to attend

7.3

Letter from Robert Jenrick 10 Oct 2014 inviting a villager to attend a celebration

of voluntary work in the community. TS is taking Jim Ward based on his ongoing contribution to the village : Neighbourhood Watch, support on the website and e mail systems and Chair of TCA. All agreed it was a good decision and thanked him in his absence for all his hard work

DW

7.4

E mail from Sam Spencer re Japanese knotweed. Clerk will tell Clarke who farms the field. TS agreed to look at the specimen

TT

7.5

N&S Homes AGM 27 Nov. Cllrs all busy and can't attend.

**8.0 FINANCE**

**8.1** Balance of accounts

Current : £8274.15, reserve : £1188.40

**8.2** Cheques which have been signed since the last meeting (previously approved)

Mark Smith strimming £30.00 and £150.00 work alongside the salon

**8.3** Cheques needing approval :

£25 for the trumpeter at the memorial service chq no 000801

£30 for the wreath chq no 000802

Unanimous approval for both

**8.4** Clerk reported that 2012/13 accounts have been successfully audited.

**9.0 MINOR SPENDS**

**9.1** None

**10.0 AOB**

**10.1** Strategy meeting

TS reported on the need for a strategy meeting asap to agree the new precept and a possible SLC application/flood measures update. Date to be Wed 26 Nov 2.30pm. Venue to be agreed.

**10.2** Code of conduct/register of interests

To be sorted out when we have a new councillor

\*Postscript:

A vote was held on the appointment of the new councillor. There was unanimous approval for Roger Aston to be appointed. TS will contact him to tell him and invite him to the usual introductory meeting to get up to speed, the strategy meeting and all to actively promote interest in the elections next May including Chris Saxton. TS

**11.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wed 7 January 2015 7.30pm at the Methodist church

Wed 11 February 2015 7.30pm at the Methodist church

Wed 18 March 2015 7.30pm at the Methodist church

The meeting closed at 9.45pm