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THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church

Present: - Councillors Tina Tsoukatos, Roger Aston, Charles Day, David Lewis, and Natalie Robinson.

In attendance: - County/District Councillor R. Jackson and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr. Andrew Parker sent apologies.

2. Co-option of a councillor and resignation of Clerk

Denise Bryant was co-opted. Noted the resignation of the Clerk on 31st August 2016. Cllr. Aston agreed to produce the minutes of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2016 and 25th July 2016 were approved. Noted that Tina Tsoukatos was appointed Chairman of the Council at the 10th May 2016 meeting.

3. Questions/statement from the public

a. Superfast Broadband

Noted that superfast broadband is now available for parts of the village.

b. Road markings

Noted that road markings are beginning to fade throughout the Parish. Cllr Day will report the matter.

c. Red Lion planning application

Noted the following changes to original plan:-

- i. Bar re-configured and made larger. Public area made larger.
- ii. Kitchen has been re-configured.
- iii. Plot 1 has been taken out of the plan. Outbuilding could be used for functions.
- iv. Car parking for pub increased to 21 places.
- v. 3 bedroomed house reduced to 2 bedroomed house to give more parking space.
- vi. A consultation on what sort of pub is needed will take place.
- vii. A street view showing the effect of the dormer bungalow to be supplied. Buildings have had to be kept to a minimum height because of the Conservation Area.

d. Potholes in Priory Road

Noted that the pothole repairs are breaking up. There appears to be a lack of supervision on the quality of the workmanship.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

These are covered elsewhere in the agenda.

5. Planning

15/01178/FUL – Far Barn Farm, Priory Road

Erection of a lean-to extension to the side of the existing grain storage building.

The Council unanimously supported the application.

16/00965/FUL – The Red Lion Public House, Southwell Road

Proposed retention of the Red Lion public house (following its alteration and refurbishment), the residential conversion of an ancillary outbuilding, and the erection of 3 dwellings and one dormer bungalow and garaging.

The Council reached a split decision – 3 in favour and 3 against. The objections were:-

- i. Concern over flooding and accuracy of the drawings
- ii. Over-development of the site and its density – concern also at the number of close packed dwellings in the Parish bearing in mind the White Lodge, Coach & Horses, and Priory Farm applications.
- iii. Security on the future continuity of the pub is requested.
- iv. The height of the buildings was a concern with reference to the potential bungalows behind the development, to existing neighbouring properties, and to the existing pub buildings.
- v. Plot 1 is considered inappropriate for habitation lacking windows.
- vi. Should the Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, a trigger point is sought so that the final dwellings cannot be sold until the pub is altered and refurbished.

16/01149/LDC – Woodside Farm, Nottingham Road

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use of the mobile home for ancillary occupation to the main residence.

The mobile home is subject to a previous planning application and was due to be removed on completion of the house. Assurances were given that no right to replace the mobile home with a dwelling if the present application was approved.. The Council supported the application 5 in favour, 1 against.

16/01252/FUL – Far Barn, Priory Road.

Minor amendments to barn conversion and erection of a garage. The Council unanimously supported the application.

Footpath along Coach & Horses development to Priory Farm

Following public pressure, the idea has been dropped by the Parish Council.

6. Emergency Planning

a. Dog bin Priory Road

Agreed to monitor the regularity of the emptying of the bin.

b. Flood management

Reported that it is still being worked upon with a reply expected in early October 2016.

c. Beck monitor

Noted that £150 received from Nottinghamshire County Council can be used for its upkeep.

7. Highways and Broadband

a. 40 mph speed limit

Reported that there had been no progress.

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b. Village entrance signs

Noted that there are at present 5 village entrance signs – 3 on the Nottingham approach to the village and 2 on the Southwell approach, all in reasonable condition. Agreed to replace 2 of them at a cost of between £4,250 and £4,640 plus VAT. Efforts will be made to cover the cost by obtaining sponsorship.

b. Car parking at Corner Croft

Reported that Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council are working on a plan.

c. HGV signage

This is in progress.

d. Broadband

Fast broadband is now operation except in Bleasby Road.

8. Village Assets and Planning

a. Planning applications

Agreed to ask Newark & Sherwood District to send planning consultations to Cllr. Aston for circulation.

b. Telephone kiosk

Reported that a quote for £429 for repainting the box had been received. Cllr. Tsoukatos will find a volunteer to do the work.

c. Car park at the railway station

Negotiations with Trinity College to allocate a piece of land are awaiting the Flood Report. A request to the Scouts has received no reply. A reminder will be sent.

9. Village Hall

Noted that a report has been prepared costing the repairs.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Reported that the Plan is with a consultant and then will be forwarded to Newark & Sherwood District Council. It will be progressed in October and November.

11. Environment

a. Hedge at Methodist Church

Noted that the hedge has overgrown the footpath. Agreed to write to owners to request it be cut back.

b. Tree at the Brent, Station Road

Reported that this is overhanging the footpath and needs to be pruned. Agreed to write to the owners.

12. Administration

a. Agreed that Cllr. Tsoukatos should attend the NALC Chairmanship Course at a cost of £20.

b. Agreed that councillors could attend a new councillor training course at £25 per person.

c. Cllr. Tsoukatos will update the website.

d. Payments agreed:-

S. Carne – expenses – £26.30
C. Day for PC, printer, and ink - £505.22
Minor spends were agreed.

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13. Any other business

a. NALC AGM

Cllr. Aston will attend.

b. Red Lion

Noted that CAMRA had registered the Red Lion as a community asset.

14. Confidential item

The retiring Clerk's salary and the appointment of a new Clerk were agreed.

15. Date of future meetings

TBA

Chairman

Date: