

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 24 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church**

Couns Tina Tsoukatos (Chairman)

Roger Aston, Denise Bryant, Charles Day, David Lewis, Andrew Parker (A), and Natalie Robinson.

In attendance Clerk Mike Elliott, County/District Councillor Roger Jackson and 5 members of the public

1] APOLOGIES Coun. Andrew Parker and the reason accepted.

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

A letter was sent to NALC in respect of the suggestions from the government for possibly capping for parish council expenditure. NALC are objecting and our letter was to support them.

Letter went to Notts County Council re views of concern by a resident on speeding traffic on Beck Street and Station Road. They had acknowledged it.

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Items raised included a question on the remainder of the lease of the village hall which was stated to be 37 years and the Red Lion public house planning matter.

Newark and Sherwood District Council district councillor Roger Jackson reported the planning application for residential properties on the car park of the Red Lion public house would go to the planning committee for a decision. He supported the concerns for speeding on the A612 road. He understood a gateway scheme was promised but it was not in a current programme.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Bruno Peek, the National Pageant master, in regard to November 11 2018 events to mark the 100years since the end of the first World War. The aim is for 1000 Beacons to be lit at 7pm on that day. It was agreed the item be a matter for the next agenda.

Halloughton parish council wrote in regard to fear of speeding traffic on the A612. The council agreed to give its support to the neighbouring council and to support an approach being made to Notts County Council highways and the local MP Robert Jenrick.

A memo from the clerk involving the need to withdraw the objection conveyed to the District Council on the planning application 16/000965/ful concerning dwellings to be built at the rear of the Red Lion Public House premises because of procedural errors was presented. The accepted and signed minutes of the meeting of the council on September 6 recorded a 3-3 split vote when members voted on the application, with the chairman at that point not using her casting vote. Later in the meeting the chairman chose to use her casting vote and recorded it against the application. NALC have advised that it was not open to cast that vote at that time in the meeting and therefore the council should withdraw its direction to the District Council, and this had been done.

The clerk was asked to ascertain if a decision on any matter could be delayed within a meeting until later in the same proceedings to await further possible information. Coun. Aston presented a written report on his attendance at the annual meeting of NALC at Epperstone, and was thanked for it.

7] PLANNING

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

16/01/1784/FUL/ 1 OLD FORGE CLOSE. APPLICATION TO ERECT A PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE. Do not object.

16/01838/FUL. CONSTRUCT NEW BUNGALOW LAND TO REAR OF RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE, PRIORY LANE. Object. The council were concerned on the access to the site and on the lack of information given in the actual planning application.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS

There were none to report.

8] STRATEGY MEETING

The chairman spoke of the discussions taking place in regard to the 2017-18 budget, the final contents for it being at the council meeting on January 26. The clerk was asked to introduce a new heading within the Strategy group, for Communications and Industrial Relations.

9] STRATEGY ROLES

EMERGENCY MEASURES (TINA TSOUKATOS / NATALIE ROBINSON)

The chairman said the handover procedure for this section to Coun. Robinson was progressing.

Coun. Robinson reported on the position involving the defibrillator. Confirmation had been received that the defib outside the Methodist Church was not among those by the same manufacturer that needed to be recalled. Members were provided with an Operations Document for the unit and Coun. Robinson reported that Kathryn West was working splendidly in regard to the necessary work involving the defib. She had obtained prices for the paediatric pads and the council agreed to the purchase of child electrodes. There was no firm progress in respect of the direction sign and a suggestion that it be affixed to the telegraph pole would not be permitted. The council moved a vote of thanks Kathryn West for her involvement with the project.

The clerk was to check that the Defibrillator was included on the council insurance.

The council agreed to the purchase of a new trolley for use in the Resource and Emergency shed and would support expenditure up to £60. Coun. Robinson gave a report on the website and the latest in regard to the flood prevention steps. She informed the meeting that the Roll-out of the Beck Monitor SMS Service to Beck Street residents was on hold whilst they continue due diligence with new company TBFD. They had found out that the SMS had not been updated to TBFD's systems and only discovered this by not receiving alerts. This was flagged immediately to TBFD who had corrected the problem. The graph which tracks the height of the beck on Thurgarton website has also been updated.

Coun. Robinson said they still needed to agree alert levels currently set at 0.5m and 0.75m, but didn't know if these were correct. It had been agreed to set up a working group to review this as local knowledge was a key factor and which she would action. Tina/Charles also took an action to talk to IDB to see what expertise they can offer/support in terms of analysing data/setting the alert levels.

HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)

Coun. Day reported that the request to Notts County Council highways for a 40mph buffer zone on the Bleasby road between Goverton and Thurgarton and on the A612 road both sides of the village would be looked at favourably for the 2018-2019 programme.

There had been no work carried out in regard to the council concerns on blocked drains in the village but there had been some work carried out on clearance of overgrowth on pathways.

Coun. Bryant offered to make use of her projector to avoid the council having to purchase one if it agreed to go ahead with a project to do so,

VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)

Coun. Aston said there was nothing new to report in respect of the painting of the telephone kiosk or the Scouts Liaison group.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (ANDREW PARKER)

The chairman reported on behalf of Coun. Parker and said that so far there had been a return of 74 survey forms from the 150 distributed, and she considered that was acceptable.

VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Coun. Lewis said he had attended the annual meeting of the village hall the previous evening when the question of Insurance had been again discussed. Coun. Day said the parish council had not been involved in payment of the premium although it was suggested they had. The clerk confirmed that the information he had confirmed Coun. Day's understanding. The accounts of the hall had been presented at the meeting and showed an income in the year of £9,545 and an expenditure of £11,795. The balance held in hand was £3,814.

The idea of a village community type event had been raised, with the aim of getting the whole village involved in the social life of the parish. The question of the Welcome Park had also been looked at. A meeting was arranged for January 10 to look at future arrangements for the operation of the hall. Rural Community Acton Nottinghamshire had been invited to it.

ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

Coun. Bryant said she had made herself known to residents through the website and had said she would be happy to hear from them on environmental matters. She reported on several matters and said she had been in touch with the owners of the hedge near to the Methodist Church in regard to it being cut and some work on it had been carried out but not to total satisfaction.

A price of £120 had been obtained for a contractor to carry out a grass cutting exercise on The Banks on the A612 near to and opposite the Red Lion. Coun. Bryant said she had undertaken a village walk that had included the Chairman. She said the path up Priory Road was now cleared of vegetation and was passable. The village war memorial has been cleared by village volunteers in time for Remembrance Day.

Coun. Bryant said members of the village Gardening Club felt that planting on the banks of the A612 was not feasible as the bank was too steep and overgrown with brambles. But it was thought that a display of some sort would be a good alternative.

It was agreed that Coun. Bryant should approach Bleasby parish council and obtain details as to their employment of a Lengthsman to undertake occasional environmental work.

10] FINANCE

a] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

b] BUDGET PROPOSALS would be dealt with by the Strategy Group and then the council.

c] PAYING ON LINE The clerk was asked to present a report on how the system works and to provide the necessary forms.

11] ASSET REGISTER

The item was left to the next agenda.

12] GRASS MOWING, PARISH CHURCH.

The council agreed that consideration should be given to assisting the parish church towards costs of maintenance of their graveyard. More information was needed and the clerk was asked to talk to Mr Ian Edwards on the matter.

13] MEETING DATES 2017: The following dates were approved. January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, September 28, October 26, November 30.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 26 2017

Nothing further was put forward

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm.