

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday May 25, 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Couns Tina Tsoukatos (Chairman) (A)
Roger Aston, Denise Bryant,
Charles Day (in the chair), David Lewis,
Natalie Robinson and Katie Chan

In attendance: Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Roger Jackson (Notts County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council member) and four members of the public.

In the absence of Coun. Tsoukatos, the chair was taken by Coun. Day.

- 1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2017-18
Coun. Tsoukatos was re-elected chairman, having given her consent in advance. Coun. Day was re-elected vice chairman.
- 2] APOLOGIES Coun. Tina Tsoukatos and the reason accepted.
- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 27, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 5] APPOINTMENT OF SECTIONS HEADS
Emergency measures: Natalie Robinson; Highways: Charles Day; Broadband: Charles Day; Village Assets: Roger Aston; Neighbourhood Plan: Tina Tsoukatos; Village Hall: David Lewis;
Environment: Denise Bryant; Communication: Tina Tsoukatos, Katie Chan'; Red Lion: Katie Chan.
- 6] URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT
Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust: A request was to be made by Coun. Aston for the design of a plaque being offered, and the matter would be then discussed at the next meeting.
Newark and Sherwood DC Community Infrastructure Levy: The clerk advised that Newark and Sherwood DC has informed the council they had been allocated £3016 27p for payment by May 2 through the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme. A further £1,598 would be paid May 30. There was a spend-by date restriction on the payments made by the district council.
- 7] PLANNING
Newark & Sherwood District Council Applications There were none
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Coun. Aston confirmed he received the papers from Newark and Sherwood District Council to display them on the notice board. He passed the information on to the clerk.
- 8] STRATEGY ROLES
EMERGENCY MEASURES (NATALIE ROBINSON)
SMS Beck Monitor Service – Coun. Robinson reported that 7 households have so far taken up the service. This is short of the forecasted 10 residents to make the scheme viable in terms of the overall cost of the service. To recap: overall annual cost for the service is £300 per annum, Newark & Sherwood Council have provided a £150 grant towards the cost meaning the remaining £150 is recouped from parishioners (£15 x 10 households). Currently there is £45 shortfall. Next steps – Councillor Robinson to do one last reminder to village and Beck Street residents directly. It was noted there would be most likely new residents into Beck Street within the coming year who also be offered the opportunity to register for the service.
Defibrillator – dialogue continuing with Community Heartbeat Trust to register the defibrillator onto the WebNos system and check our processes.
HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)
The meeting was told by Coun. Day that more pot holes had appeared in various parts of the village. Comment was made on the poor standard of some of the repairs. On the question of the village broadband service Coun. Day said he understood the upgrading work should be completed by February next year.

VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)

A resolution submitted by Coun. Aston: "The Council resolves to appoint a subcommittee of 3 to steer the potential acquisition of the Village Hall freehold." was unanimously approved. It was agreed that Couns. Day, Lewis and Aston be appointed to make the approach to Trinity College.

VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Coun. Lewis raised two questions, the first being the parish council consider agreeing to be the named party on the Village hall lease with Trinity, as he said was allowed in the lease. The second, on the back of the first being approved, was for the council to become responsible for paying the insurance on the building.

Coun. Lewis said information from the Charities Commission had been circulated to members prior to the meeting in support of his suggestion. If it is approved, the TCA would then run the village hall on behalf of the Parish Council.

The council agreed that the matter would be considered as a motion at the next meeting and indicated it would give it support, agreeing the council would take on the responsibility for the hall.

The issue on Insurance could not be approved as the council are not currently legally responsible for the building. If that occurs the council would then look to adding the liability to its insurance.

COMMUNICATION (KATIE CHAN)

Coun. Chan told the council she had informed parishioners that the Parish Council was keen to garner information that will help to inform the new Red Lion operator as to the sort of public house the village wants. There is still uncertainty as to who will own /operate the Red Lion and Nick Basely (Planning Consultant) did pose the question as to whether the village might have the appetite to buy the pub?

A questionnaire has been compiled and issued via the Thurgarton email, it will also be available in hard copy as a 'pull out' in the next issue of Thurgarton People and Katie Chan will be at the village hall on 8th June 2017 with copies for villagers to complete.

The information supplied by the village will be made available to the new operator to help facilitate the development of an enjoyable, viable and sustainable hub for the village.

ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

Coun. Bryant reported that in the past month the parish council had cleared the area at the bottom of the Bleasby Road footpath and cleared the area surrounding the Animal Memorial Bench at the top end of Priory Road. The banks to the A612 will also be cut back in the next couple of weeks. The verges have also been given one of their bi-annual cuts by the Council.

She said they were saddened to report that the halyard from the Village Flagpole has gone missing. It will be replaced shortly but its loss meant that they were unable to raise a flag at half-mast in recognition of the sad events in Manchester.

9] FINANCE

a] PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS was approved as per the circulated list.

b] TO AUTHORISE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AUDIT AND ACCOUNT REGULATIONS 2015)

The council unanimously approved the signing of the annual Governance Statement.

c]- TO AUTHORISE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR 2016-7. The council unanimously approved the signing of the annual Accounts after presentation of them by the clerk who said they had been signed off by the Internal Auditor.

d] It was unanimously agreed that Mr David Dixon be appointed Internal Auditor for the coming 12-month period.

10] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Transfer to the council of the village hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm