

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting Wednesday 10 April 2013

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

Chair	Toni Smith	TS
Cllr	Tony Monaghan	TM
Cllr	Ellis Morgan	EM
Cllr	Roger Blaney	RB
Cllr	Andy Stewart	AS
Clerk	Annie Duquemin	Clerk

Apoloiges : David Waine (hols), Charles Day (ill) , Ian Edwards (hols)
9 members of the public were in attendance

ACTION

ANDY STEWART

TS opened the meeting by saying that it was the last one that Andy Stewart will attend as he is retiring. TS thanked him for all his support, including several grants, over the years, wished him a happy retirement and handed over a small gift from the PC.

1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved and signed by TS.

In favour : 3

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Cheque from NCC

AS handed over a cheque for £400 which will go towards the cost of the new fingerpost

2.2 Highways survey Bleasby Rd

AS reported that a written report will be received from NCC after their meeting 26 April

2.3 Card for elderly resident Corner Croft

Clerk will send a card to Gladys

Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.36pm and was then opened to the public.

3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

3.1 Bus stop for the 100 bus from Nottingham to Southwell

Member of the public first raised this with the PC before Xmas 2012 and in spite of both TS and EM speaking to NCTX, some bus drivers are still stopping outside the Red Lion instead of at the corner to Priory Road. Clerk will contact NCTX asking for a site visit and AS suggested that Clerk should contact Mark Hudson at NCC to ask for a bus stop which could include a simple canopy. TS confirmed that the PC had been considering this as part of some improvements to the village centre anyway. A member of the public pointed out that if the bus stops at The Red Lion when there is a bus going the other way, it causes a traffic jam.

Clerk

3.2 Rates bill

Member of the public gave RB his rate bill and asked if RB could report back explaining the large increase. RB took the bill away and will report back.

RB

3.3 Election cost

Member of the public queried the estimate for the cost of the forthcoming PC election which had been quoted in the article that TS had written for Thurgarton People explaining the election date, system etc. TS confirmed that the cost quoted (£2000) was the estimate given by NSDC when they first rang the Clerk to say that there was going to be an election. TS confirmed that the PC will pay whatever the cost is but do not yet know exactly what it will be although the PC has been informed by NSDC that it will be considerably more than last time due to that election being combined with the referendum.

Clerk

3.4 Planning application advice

TS queried how councilors give advice re planning applications and RN confirmed that both NSDC and PC have a code of conduct to follow which means that no one can make monetary gain from advice given by dint of their office.

The meeting closed to the public at 7.55pm and was then reopened.

4.0 PLANNING

4.1 Erection of agricultural building ref 13/00300FUL : TM and EM will visit site before making comments. Deadline is 16 April. It was pointed out that the site floods as it is next to the stream. TS withdrew from the discussion due to a personal interest.

TM/EM

4.2 Hope House ref 12/01720FUL 12/01375FUL : TS reported that the application had gained approval

at committee 16 votes to 0.

5.0 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk reported that 4 nominations had been received : Roger Aston, Ken Pritchard, Tina Tsoukatos and Lynne Ward (alphabetical order). All but Tina were present at the PC meeting. All candidates have been offered the opportunity to do statements on the village e mail system and these will also be pinned up on the village noticeboard.

6.0 AGM 22 MAY 2013 7.00pm

A draft agenda was handed out to councilors. TS was very pleased to report that someone from Trinity College had agreed to come and do a talk on the history of Trinity in the Thurgarton area. This is a good opportunity for us to build a relationship with them. All agreed to do the PC meeting before the main AGM at 6.30pm. Clerk to amend agenda

Clerk

7.0 STRATEGY ROLES

7.1 EM : Verge maintenance

EM reported that some clearance has been done by NCC. Raking off the debris on the banks will be left for the moment to see what NCC do when they start the maintenance programme for this year. NCC are not sure when they will start due to the bad weather and are expecting to do 5 cuts (of which 2 are strims). Some daffodils are flowering in spite of the bad weather; possibly do some more planting next year.

Priory Lane subsidence damage has been repaired but EM reported that there is still a lot of heavy traffic using the road. Path clearance has been started along the A612. Clerk to review with NCC ongoing

EM/Clerk

7.2 TM : Corner Croft

TM reported that N&SH have completed some essential maintenance : posts have gone, new light fixed, trough cleared. TS and Clerk have both attended seminars and found funding sources which may be available to do more work than originally envisaged eg from WREN, LIS etc.

PC has sent draft scheme to N&S Homes for their broad approval and will give feedback at the AGM as to the progress of the scheme.

TM

7.3 TM : Best Kept Village

TM suggested that another walkabout is needed. Most of the work on last year's has been achieved. TM to suggest a date for this asap.

TM

7.4 EM to go to the next meeting on Wed 24 April 6pm on site.

EM

7.5 TS : TCA spending

Clerk has ordered new dog poo bin.

7.6 CD : Highways

CD not present at the meeting, had reported the following to the Clerk : 2 blocked drains reported to NCC. One by The Park on the A612, now cleared, one by the bus stop to Southwell on the A612 not yet cleared.

7.7 TS : White post painting

2 estimates received : £1250 excl cleaning, £1325 incl cleaning. 3 in favour of accepting the £1325 quote as it would be difficult to get volunteers to do the cleaning. Clerk reported that it would not be possible for lower rails to be fixed as not all the posts have holes at the base. TS would like to get the work done before the AGM.

TS

7.8 Vulnerable residents

Nothing to report

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Waste left by lorry drivers

Clerk has contacted Creagh and Hansons. Creagh have responded saying they will tell their drivers. Hansons have been reminded by the Clerk who will follow it up with them again as a driver has said they are not allowed to stop for breaks on Hanson land.

Clerk

9.0 FINANCE

9.1 Draft accounts

Clerk presented the draft accounts for 2012/13 which show a deficit of -£17.46. A greater deficit is anticipated next year due to the cost of post painting, strimming, election etc. Clerk doing research on comparable precepts for the AGM

Clerk

Account balances

Current account : £5987.17

Reserve account : £1187.21

Cheques written

- £24.34 : present for Andy Stewart

- £102.96 : dog pooh bin emptying 2012/13
- £29.00 : CPRE subscription

Clerk is now a signatory on the account so no need for DW as well.

TM will work out how much is owed to Tonic for the Christmas lights etc asap

TM

9.2

PAYE

TS to organise

TS

10.0

AOB

11.0

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

22 May 6.30pm followed by the AGM 7.00pm at the village hall

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

12.0

CIRCULATION

All councillors

Village e mail