

# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 14 August 2013 7.00pm

## THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES

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

Apologies : Tony Monaghan (holiday).

39 members of the public were in attendance

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that it would be conducted as a normal PC meeting but with a special emphasis on the flooding which had occurred on 23 July.

**ACTION**

### 1.0 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved and signed by TS. Unanimous approval

### 2.0 MATTERS ARISING

#### From AGM

#### 2.1 Poor state of the road adj the railway line

RJ will investigate

RJ

#### 2.2 Parking adj the station possibly in Hansons car park

To be carried forward until TM is present

TM

#### From meeting 13 July

#### 2.3 Noise from industrial area

Clerk has spoken to NSDC who have offered a noise monitor but they need evidence of noise from local residents before letting us have one. Anyone who is disturbed by the noise to give details to Clerk

PUBLIC

#### 2.4 Service 100 bus stop

Following a site visit and investigation by the crash reduction team, NCC have definitely confirmed that the bus stop to Southwell is by The Red Lion. They will be installing a post in the near future. Any comments to be given to the clerk by 16 August. NCC have also approved a new stop at the top of the hill and will be consulting with neighbours before installing the post.

PUBLIC

The meeting was closed at 7.10pm and reopened to the public

#### 2.5 Mirrors

Clerk to get prices for mirrors on The Hollows and opposite the village hall : c/f to next meeting

Clerk

### 3.0 QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

#### 3.1 **Flooding 23 July**

#### 3.2 PC statement

TS introduced the topic and noted that sympathy was extended to all who had been affected by the storm, whether it was flooding, wind damage etc. TS also noted that the PC want to adopt a holistic approach so that any work done within the village would not adversely affect other residents. TS then introduced TT as the new flood warden who read out a PC statement which is attached to these minutes. A copy of the statement was handed out to all those present.

#### 3.3 Planned stakeholder meeting

TT reported that a stakeholder meeting will be held in the village on 23 September and it would be useful to have all flood surveys back before then so that NSDC and the PC have a full picture of which households were affected. The report which was done after the 2007 flood is being looked at again and the PC want to form a working party of councilors and Thurgarton people to carry out all the work necessary, surveys, consultation etc

#### 3.4 Comments from the public

TS then asked the public to make comments and this is a brief summary below :

- The level of the Bleasby Rd footpath outside Orchard House caused flooding; this has been reported to NCC but as yet nothing has been done
- A self help guide would be useful; residents could pool information and contacts. TT will send an e mail round asking for any useful contacts which individuals have
- Roland Duce offered land for a possible "holding lake" the last time there was flooding but this was not taken up by NSDC. He is still willing to help.

TT

- A resident noted that there had been near flooding in between the bad one in 2007 and this one in 2013. There is concern that nothing has been done as in 2007 only 8 houses flooded and this was not enough for any action
- A resident reported a large excess on their insurance. RJ commented that a government announcement was due stating that insurance companies should not be declining as a levy was to be paid by all towards the flooding issue
- CD was thanked for his help at a property at The Stables on the day of the storm. Resident has proposals for diverting water from The Stables as outlined in a letter to the PC. The PC will raise these issues at the meeting on 23 September as they need to be considered as part of a holistic approach. All agreed that maintenance of ditches had not been done regularly in the recent past, in part due to confusion over who is responsible and the PC will follow this up with local landowners. Riparian rights are a crucial issue here and throughout the parish. RJ agreed that old ditches and dykes are a crucial part of the drainage system and they have been left to fall into disrepair or removed in the recent past. These do not necessarily appear on maps but local people may have local knowledge which would be very helpful.
- Responsibilities for maintenance need to be confirmed and owners informed
- NCC have found broken drains near the Beck which they have replaced since the flood.
- It would be difficult to force landowners to give up land which could be used for water storage unless it was done compulsorily by the Sec of State.
- The construction of the bridge going into Priory Park is considered to cause a problem due to the large piece of concrete jutting into the Beck. This will be considered along with other issues
- A resident said that she was confident the PC will deal with the flood issues where possible.
- RB commented that a comprehensive flood prevention scheme carried out by official agencies was unlikely due to the cost benefit analysis means of assessing damage/cost. However he reported on a scheme carried out in Rolleston where local labour and machinery had been used to implement flood prevention work approved by the Environment Agency, thus saving money

4 members of the public signed up to help with work associated with the flooding surveys etc.

### 3.2 Noise at night from the industrial area

Clerk has spoken to NSDC about a noise monitor and they would be prepared to install one if enough people monitored the noise. Clerk has received some reports by residents but need more to be able to qualify for monitor. RB will check why a monitor wasn't provided when asked for by a resident in Sept 2012.

Clerk  
RB  
TS

TS agreed that the PC should talk to Hansons as this has been an ongoing problem for some years.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

### 4.0 **PLANNING**

None

### 5.0 **STRATEGY ROLES**

#### 5.1 DW : Thurgarton People

£100 cheque handed over to Linda Morgan the treasurer. DW reported that some further sponsorship had been gained

#### 5.2 EM : village maintenance

EM reported that application for the adoption of the path from the white steps to Orchard View has been made and could take a year.

Clerk

NCC issues :

- FP to Castle Hill has been cut and the broken stile has been reported to Roland Duce
- Posts alongside Methodist church are to be reinstated by NCC. EM to talk to resident re cutting adjacent hedge
- A612 banks have been cut privately on one side.
- The PC are still waiting to see what cutting is done this year before deciding whether to pay for additional work. No maintenance money spent to date.

EM

#### 5.3 TM : Corner Croft

In TM's absence, Clerk reported that a meeting is being held for the CC and village residents on 4 Sept 2013 to agree a possible scheme and to discuss funding.

Clerk to do cheque for £5; TM to send e mail confirming payment.

TM

#### 5.4 TT : Flooding

TT confirmed the working party to take the flooding issues forward. It will be IE, CD, EM plus helpers who have volunteered at the meeting tonight.

Meeting on 23 Sept to be at the Methodist church. Celia Lunn from NSDC will confirm numbers and let Clerk know

- 6.0** **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.1** PC conference : Mon 7 Oct  
EM and TT to attend; Clerk to register their names and circulate agenda Clerk
- 6.2** NALC conference : 13 Nov  
TM and CD to attend. Details to be confirmed. ALL
- 6.3** Refurbishment of the village sign on Corner Croft  
A quote has been received from the company who have done the new noticeboard. TM  
To be carried forward
- 7.0** **FINANCE**
- 7.1** Balances as follows : current a/c £6798.18, reserve a/c £1187.65.  
Cheques :  
Thurgarton People £100  
Clerk expenses £4.80
- 8.0** **MINOR SPENDS**  
None but Clerk to send letter of thanks to Neil Harris for his work helping around the village on the night of 23 July (flooding, tree clearance etc)
- 9.0** **AOB**
- 9.1** Contact with Thoresby re maintenance of ditches etc  
RJ will talk to the farm manager John Baker and liaise with TT RJ
- 9.2** Interactive sign on Bleasby Rd  
RJ confirmed that there is funding for this. CD has not yet met with NCC to discuss options. CD will follow this up CD
- 9.3** Allotment open day  
TS reported that this had been very successful and all the plots had been reserved
- 9.4** Flies  
TS reported that a resident was concerned about excessive flies in the hot weather. This problem appears to be intermittent and not isolated to the Nottingham side of the village. The consensus was that this was a country issue exacerbated by the hot weather and that no action need to be taken other than a watching brief at this stage.
- 9.5** Dog bin in The Hollows  
This is not being emptied. Clerk to ask NSDC to do it asap Clerk
- 10.0** **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**  
25 September  
6 November  
all to be at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church  
The meeting closed at 8.37pm
- 10.0** **CIRCULATION**  
All councillors  
Village e mail