

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday June 22, 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Denise Bryant, Coun. Charles Day
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 25, 2017 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
There was nothing to report.
- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
A question was raised in respect of use of the village defibrillator and Coun. Robinson explained the system that operated once a 999 call to the Ambulance service had been made.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Newark and Sherwood District Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Three payments had made totalling £5466 64p. The clerk was asked to forward details of the payments that had been made.
Coun. Aston gave a report on his attendance at the Scouts Liaison meeting and said the group were building up their facility but it was a task that would not see a speedy operation.
- 7] PLANNING
NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS
17/00641/FUL Erection of a two-bedroomed dwelling and detached garage, including internal and external alterations (Revision of Approved Planning Permission 15/02291/FUL) | Roewood Lodge Bleasby Road Thurgarton NG14 7FW. Object.
The council feel while this is a significant modification to the approved planning application 15/02291/FUL which was the third application for this site, the previous two having been rejected by both the Parish Council and NSDC for a number of reasons, they still wish to object. The proposal does not enhance or improve the Conservation Area
The original two-bedroom property satisfied one of the needs highlighted in the recent housing needs survey, the modification from two to four bedrooms means that it no longer satisfies this need. In addition, the inclusion of a large double detached garage with overhead storage built up to the boundary of the property not only produces a risk of a road collision for anyone exiting the property onto Bleasby Road, a known speed issue road, hence the interactive speed sign installed by NCC, turns what was a pleasant looking house into one that does not fit in with the character of the village and Bleasby Road in particular.
The recent housing needs survey identified a need for some 10 houses of varying sizes to be built within the village, due to a series of events there are now 25+ approved housing plans. Of these some have been built, two sold, several are under construction and several still at the pre-build stage. This represents an 18%+ increase in housing for the village. For this change to the original application, there has been no building needs survey of the village, a requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan that is currently supported by 90%+ of the villages who responded to the questionnaire. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan has not been formally adopted we believe that the council have a duty to abide by it and therefore voted five to nil against the application. In addition, the Parish Council are aware that neighbours who had been contacted directly by N&SDC are also objecting.
The council are aware that the Notts County Council highways report shows they are not of the opinion that the revised plans satisfactory address previous concerns relating to provision of visibility displays and the parish council are of the same opinion.
17/01056/ful, Argyle Cottage, Oxtou Road. Change of use from agricultural to residential garden. Do not object but wish to ask for a condition to be applied to any planning permission that the land so gained cannot at any time in the future be used for a dwelling.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS

17/00697/ful. Mr Mrs Ross, Holly Tree Cottage, The Hollows. Proposed dwelling including demolition of existing garage. Refused on the grounds the proposal would amongst other things have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of that part of the village Conservation Area and adversely affect the setting of the historic buildings nearby.

17/00084/ful. Mr and Mrs C Savage, Bankwood House, Oxton Road. Voltanaic panels including alterations to ground levels. Permit.

Planning Appeal

Roland Duce, Thurgarton Priory, Priory Road is appealing against an Enforcement Notice issued by the District Council. In January this year the parish council objected to the application (16/01934/ful) on the grounds Retrospective Application for change of use to locate Glamping Tent. Object. There are no conditions regarding length of stay, there are no conditions that this must remain a holiday let and there are no conditions that this must not become a residential property. The council felt it did not need to make any further response.

8] STRATEGY ROLES

EMERGENCY MEASURES (NATALIE ROBINSON)

Coun. Robinson spoke on the Beck Monitor SMS alert service and said they now had nine households that have registered and once invoice for service (provided by TBFD) has been paid the service would be activated

In respect of the defibrillator, Coun. Robinson said the set up for WebNos service provided by Community Heartbeat Trust has been completed, meaning they are able to keep all the maintenance, training records etc online in one place. The defibrillator Ops guide will be updated to reflect WebNos. Coun. Robinson reported the Community Heartbeat Trust can provide training for the village on defibrillator at a voluntary cost of £150. The chairman asked that Coun. Robinson investigate whether there are any 'free' courses that EMAS could provide. Comms to go out to village within Thurgarton People to remind parishioners on how to use the defibrillator in event of an emergency.

HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)

Comments were made by Coun. Aston on the condition of the footpath on Station Road where it joins Beck Street and the overgrowth which was reducing the width of it. The chairman would raise the matter with the householder at 'First house'. There was also a problem on the footpath running from the rear of the Methodist Church into the housing estate behind, which path is being overwhelmed by overgrown bushes on both sides. The council agreed the hedges should be cut back to the fences at the side of the path.

Coun. Aston said a footpath leading down to the station on Station Road, is now impassable because of nettles and brambles. In addition, over the past 30 years, the farmer has cut the top of the hedge but has not attended to the base which has gradually extended over the footpath. He said a manhole cover is now half in the hedge. The meeting agreed what was required was the hedge being cut and the base to be cut back as well. Because of the overgrowth it would be difficult or impossible now for a disabled or wheelchair bound person to travel the path.

VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)

A motion submitted by Coun. R J Aston which said given the poor acoustics and the difficulty that some have to hear what is being said at Parish Council meetings and the fact that the Parish Council has or will be taking responsibility for the Village Hall, it is resolved to hold future Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall, was withdrawn.

Coun. Aston reported the Scouts reported that the environment provisions of the planning permission had been complied with. David Cook knew nothing about a dog bin. The councillor said he reported that there appears to have been no comments on the Scouts recent activities. There had been no noise, no lights, no parking problems, in fact, nothing untoward. The Scouts have agreed with the fishermen to have use of what used to be the Hoveringham Concrete Works staff car park for their activities. The car park is quite large and could probably accommodate up to 50 cars.

VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Coun. Lewis said he was in contact with Newark and Sherwood council officer Andy Hardy in regard to the possible exchange of the lease for the village hall from the Community Association to the parish council.

He presented four motions to the meeting, all of which were unanimously approved, being: 1: The PC to vote on the principle of being the named member on the village hall lease as per the lease document; 2: The PC to vote on the principle of being named on the charities commission register for the purpose of the hall being a registered charity, thus replacing Annie Duquemin on the register; 3: The PC to vote on appointing the TCA to oversee the general management and control of the village hall premises reporting into the PC. 4: The PC to vote on amalgamating the insurance of the village hall with the PC insurance policy.

The chairman said it would be necessary for the items to be discussed by a Strategy Meeting and this would be arranged in due course. She asked Coun. Lewis to prepare an action plan for the proposals that had been accepted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (TINA TSOUKATOS)

The chairman said she was not aware when the Plan would be formally accepted by Newark and Sherwood District Council but felt it should be shortly.

COMMUNICATION (TINA TSOUKATOS) AND KATIE CHAN

Coun. Chan reported there had been good response from Parishioners for the Red Lion Questionnaire and all those who responded wanted the Red Lion to re-open. There was interest to form a consortium that would own the Red Lion if this becomes a possibility and there is interest for a limited retail offering in the village and for this to be manned by volunteers. The member said not all of the responses have been documented at this time.

Coun. Chan said the council would contact villagers again to invite them to a public meeting to discuss the progress of the Red Lion with the new Operator.

ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

Coun. Bryant presented the council with a written in which she said the verges on the A612 had been cut and that the next cut will be in early Autumn. The area surrounding the Animal Bench had been cleared and various footpaths and Beck verges had been cleared. The village flag had been erected and will fly until the Autumn.

She said if any villagers had any work they believe needs doing to the village environment, would they contact her on denisebry123@gmail.com

9] FINANCE
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

10] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JULY 27, 2017
The clerk's contract would be presented.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm.