

**No. 31 / 17**  
**THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday September 28, 2017**  
**at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church**

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

Also in attendance clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Roger Jackson (Notts County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council and five members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Day in respect of the planning application concerning Rose Cottage.
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 27, 2017 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS  
Nothing that will not come up during the meeting.
- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Coun. Jackson said that Newark and Sherwood District Council had now moved into their new offices at Castle House in Newark. He confirmed that a planning appeal held in respect of application 16/01934/ful by Roland Duce, Thurgarton Priory, Priory Road in respect of a glamping tent had been turned down. Coun. Jackson was told of concern on a decision by the district council to approve an application involving a property at Roewood Lodge on Bleasby Road to which the parish council and several local residents had objected. The chairman and Coun. Day were to produce a letter outlining the concerns for the clerk to forward to the Planning Department and the council leader, pointing out that the new village Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored.  
Coun. Jackson said that roadside grass cutting from a County point of view is to be a single swathe wide, aimed at reducing costs.
- 6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC  
A discussion took place on the hedge at the property The Corners on Bleasby Road. the property owner was at the meeting and said he was happy to undertake some work to reduce the width of the hedge. Coun. Bryant said the height of the hedge was also a problem, pointing out currently notice boards there could not be readily seen. The clerk said Notts County Council had already been asked to comment on the matter. A resident highlighted problems on the presence of ticks in one area of the parish and said dog walkers needed to be aware of this.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE  
Royal British Legion advised of its 'Poppies on Lamp posts' scheme and were asking parish councils to purchase 18inch wide plastic poppies with tie on and to put them on lamp posts or railings for the week before and after Remembrance Day this November. Notts County Council have given the go ahead for lamp posts to be used. The council agreed to purchase 10 of the poppies.  
Notts Association of Local Councils was to hold its annual meeting at Epperstone Village Hall on November 15. Chief Constable Craig Guildford to speak on Policing in Nottinghamshire. Coun. Aston would represent the council.  
War Graves Commission are asking all parish councils to check on and refurbish their village war memorial prior to November 11 next year about the Centenary of the ending of WW1 on that date. It is Remembrance Day and the council are also being asked to organise a bonfire or beacon for lighting at 7pm, the same time that The Queen will light one in London, and to stage some type of social event afterwards. The Commission are also suggesting the council seek to trace someone from the village who had a relative in the First World War and ask them to light a fire etc. The council agreed to support the aims of the event.  
Coun. Denise Bryant on behalf of several residents of Corner Croft, made the council aware of an incident in which several their cars were vandalised with wing mirrors smashed and eggs smeared on one car. The residents suspect this was someone objecting them parking on Bleasby Road. The police had been informed.

MP Robert Jenrick provided copies he had written to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping in respect of the possible closure of the Newark police station custody suite. The clerk was asked to write and support the comments made by the MP.

Newark and Sherwood District Council advised of them moving office from Kelham Hall to Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY. A letter from VIA (Notts County Council) involving the proposed 50mph speed limit on the A612 Southwell to Thurgarton road was received and supported. Newark And Sherwood District Council advised of their parish event at their new offices on October 16. Coun. Aston would attend.

8] **PLANNING**

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

17/01074/ful. Rose Cottage, Bleasby Road. Replacement of fence to right hand site of property and addition of two wooden garden sheds. On a 5-0 vote the council did not object.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS

17/01677/TWCA. Richard Glenn, Beck Cottage, Beck Street. Immediate felling of dead fir tree, approx., 6m high and close to neighbour's boundary and outbuilding. Tree is exposed above hedge line and poses imminent risk of collapse. Permit. 17/01138/ful. Mark Connors, Elmcroft, The Park. Demolish existing house and erection of a replacement new dwelling. Permit

A motion submitted by Coun. Roger Aston in respect of planning application, ref no 16/01149/LDC Woodside Farm concerning the continuation of use of a mobile home, submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016, is still shown on the District Council's website as "Awaiting Decision". The parish council resolved to seek clarification on the progress of the application and whether a decision has been made by the District Council."

9] **STRATEGY ROLES**

**EMERGENCY MEASURES (NATALIE ROBINSON)**

**Thurgarton Emergency Plan (TEP)**

Action from previous PC meeting – request to move the road signs/cones from Chris Smith's house. This has been completed with items now stored in Resource shed. Inventory report has been updated and sent to the clerk Mike Elliott for records.

Inventory report has been costed based on replacement value for asset register.

Focus in last month has been on Road Closure scheme and Flood Wardens. Refresh of flood warden database has alerted me that out of 26 volunteers – 9 can no longer continue duties. Therefore, campaign to recruit new volunteers now underway with an email to village and article in next edition of Thurgarton People.

Training session to be arranged via Notts County Council/Environment Agency for both new recruits and a refresh for existing volunteers. Plan is for November/Early December

**Facebook**

Insufficient expertise on Council to take this forward therefore request for support has been made to village by email. NR to feedback

**Defib**

Kathryn West and I met with company secretary for Community Heartbeat Trust at the defib site and he has made some recommendations which we are now in process of validating with EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) and manufacturer

**HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)**

Highways

Some potholes have been fixed and others identified and reported.

Road marking still not repainted.

No further news, trying to identify which properties on Bleasby Road will get what service.

**VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)**

Coun. Aston presented a report of the Trent Villages Safer Neighbourhoods Group meeting held on September 12.

## VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Coun. Lewis said confirmation received from Andrew Hardy, Newark and Sherwood and charities commission that it is ok to put the PC on the current village hall lease.

- PC added to charities commission website on 26th September 2017.
- general operating procedure obtained for the interaction between the PC and the TCA which needs to be adapted for ourselves. Potentially through a working party.
- Thurgarton village hall position paper written for review at PC strategy meeting.
- Trevor Mitchell has given notice as being chairman of TCA. Suggested that the PC takes up this position to provide consistency and accountability between the organisations.
- combining insurance policies between the village hall and the PC to be looked at to save monies.

## COMMUNICATION (TINA TSOUKATOS) AND KATIE CHAN

**Emergency Measures:**

Coun Tsoukatos met with the IDB and Notts CC on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept to discuss possible flood mitigation solutions for Thurgarton. Following that discussion, the IDB instructed hydrology consultants to computer model another set of circumstances. We plan to meet again within the next few weeks to discuss these results.

**Communication:**

Coun Tsoukatos discussed the need for updating the village web site with the web master and said all was set to make the necessary changes over the coming weeks. The chronological order of some of the information presented on the web site has already been changed.

Coun Tsoukatos spoke with the Commercial Director at Forterra, who is the new PC contact there and briefly discussed issues that may be relevant – overnight noise, littering, asked for sponsorship for village signs. Village sign costs have been sent to Forterra for their consideration and dates for a meeting have been sent as requested.

## ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

**September Actions Done**

Banks on A612, Priory Lane and graveyard hedge cut - Invoice presented  
Path on Bleasby Rd cut - Invoice presented

**October Actions to be done**

Top path on Priory Lane to be strimmed  
Roland Duce's Estate team to be asked to cut back/remove ivy of wall next to path

**Village clean up**

organised for October 14th. Adverts put into Thurgarton People and mailshot sent out.

**Living Christmas Tree**

Investigations into the provision of a "Living Christmas Tree" which will be sited in Corner Croft are ongoing. A more detailed report to be given at the next Parish Council Meeting.

## STRATEGY MEETING (TINA TSOUKATOS)

A date was being arranged.

## 10] SPEEDING ON BECK STREET

The concerns of members of speeding in this part of the village were highlighted. The question of use of a speed gun was discussed and the use of 30mph limit adhesive signs on wheelie bins.

## 11] FINANCE -- ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

## 12] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2017

The flagpole (Coun. D Bryant)

## 13] CLERK'S JOB DESCRIPTION AND CONTRACT

Copies of the two papers had been circulated to members by the chairman and they were asked to study them and make comment in due course. The question of holiday pay for the clerk was to be dealt with after further discussions along with a look at the question of annual leave, sickness and sick pay statements, risk assessment responsibility and an appraisal.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9-40pm