

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In attendance: Clerk Mike Elliott, Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson and three members of the public

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Natalie Robinson, Roger Aston
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON JULY 26 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Jackson spoke on various subjects including the District Council's effort to improve recycling input by residents, fly-tipping, removed proposals for the introduction of 40mph limits on both major approach roads to the village, clearance scheme for the Beck Street watercourse and on a planning matter.

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions were asked in regard to the future of the Red Lion public house and car parking arrangements, with a suggestion the staff at the licensed premises would be directed by their employers to park at the village hall.

Comment was made by a resident that the usual notice for the meeting held on July 3 had not been circulated as usually it is.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts County Council Great War Commemoration Service South Minster November 6, 4-30. Two representatives of the council are invited. Available dates would be checked.

Notts Police Corporate Communication department looking for hyper- news contacts. It was agreed to put forward the name of the village newsletter. Notts County Council Football Games of Remembrance Meadow Lane and City Ground Thursday November 8. The information was to be put on the website.

Environment Agency Trees on the Trent. It was agreed to seek trees under the scheme. Coun. Katie Chan would deal. Meadow Agriculture of Watnall advised that there had been an application in respect of an alleged historic right of use the private track running from Oxtan Road through to Thurgarton via Priory Road, own to the Hollows and out on to the Main Road lodged with HM Land Registry by the owners of Bankwood Farm. Members felt the village would be affected if the application was allowed.

7] PLANNING

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS There were none

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS There were none

8] STRATEGY ROLES

Emergency measures

The chairman commented as follows:

Emergency Measures – Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board (TVIDB) had cleared the Beck that week, this was the annual clearance of growth after weed killer was applied in May. Discussions with TVIDB continue regarding providing a flood mitigation solution for the village. The next meeting is planned for October and it is hoped that we will have more definitive news then.

Highways and broadband

There were no important issues to report.

Village hall

Coun. David Lewis updated the meeting in regard to recent activity of the hall. Over the summer the electrical work has been completed on the hall making it both compliant and increasing the number of sockets available. The next big works to be funded are the replacement and insulation of the cladded walls and the replacement of the roof to reduce heat loss and continue to keep the building watertight. Feedback from Trinity College to PC Chair regarding funding support for works has been negative. They have asked if we wish to relook at the current lease to extend it.

Fund raising during the summer continued with "Champagne and strawberries" which raised £275. Next event is the "Pie and quiz night" in October and the AGM in November. Currently the TCA has a positive balance.

Operating documents presented at the PC meeting which will be distributed to councillors.

Height restricting gate information to be circulated.

Coun. Chan raise the question of use of the hall

Communication

Red Lion:

Coun. Katie Chan said the Planning application to retain as much of the Red Lion as possible, is currently being assessed by NSDC.

The Parish Council has sought the formal support of District and County Councillor Roger Jackson to assure Statutory Consultee Highways that we have adequate parking at the pub, the village hall.

The chairman commented on various matters, as follows:

Communication:-

Savills responded to a letter sent to Trinity College requesting funding assistance for both renovation of the Village Hall and also towards the purchase of the Red Lion. Trinity College stated that they did not see it as appropriate to offer funds, however, they offered help by looking at an extension or a restructure to the lease to ensure the future is secured for the Village Hall. After discussion it was agreed that the PC should request an extension to the lease to 999 years at the current 'peppercorn rent'.

The 'use' of the village phone box was again discussed after which it was agreed to leave this newly refurbished iconic structure as it was.

At the Strategy Meeting held on 24th September Councillors had discussed what the PC objectives should be for the year 2018/19. These objectives were ratified at the PC meeting, and are as follows:-

Each Councillor has agreed to a particular focus for the year, shown as follows:-

Tina Tsoukatos – TT
 Charles Day – CD
 Roger Aston – RA
 David Lewis – DL
 Natalie Robinson – NR
 Denise Bryant – DB
 Katie Chan - KC

General (KC & DB)

Secure a sustainable village pub within Red Lion Development

Emergency Plan

Flood mitigation solution – to agree and prepare for implementation of a flood mitigation solution for the village (TT & CD)
 TEP - refresh of the Thurgarton emergency plan to be done, database to be refreshed, training refreshed and renew communications with external stakeholders (NR)

Highways (CD)

Work with NCC to improve village road signage and drainage eg.

A612 – Slow sign

Bleasby Rd – 2 x Slow signs

Beck St – white lines and Slow sign

Request village maintenance plan from Highways

Arrange 3rd village sign, entering on Bleasby Rd, by part utilising community fund.

Broadband – pressure to be applied to implement phases 2b & 3

Speeding

Working party to be set up to investigate options to reduce speeding within the village, and then make recommendations to the PC.

Village Hall (DL)

Complete annual maintenance schedule

Formalise agreement with the TCA

Environment (DB)

Maintain village environment utilising maintenance schedule

To investigate the village entering into the Best Kept Village competition for 2021

Improve look of the village by installing village displays

Communications (TT & KC)

Communicate TPC objectives throughout the village

To improve communications generally:

- a. Website – ensure up to date
- b. Industrial relations – have irregular meetings with local businesses and communicate the outcomes
- c. TP – ensure articles from PC are within every edition

At the end of each PC meeting, the main points of interest resulting from the meeting will be agreed and an email will be sent out highlighting these.

9] FINANCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list.

10] WWI NOVEMBER 11 2018

The service for the special WW1 Commemoration Day on November 11 would be at 12noon and would be followed by a reception in the village hall. The WI would be asked to help to cater and it was suggested that vegetable soup and bread be served along with coffee and cake.

11] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2018

Nothing additional was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.