

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 25, 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church**

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

The clerk Mike Elliott and five members of the public were present.

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] A RESOLUTION submitted by Coun. Roger Aston calling on the council in principle to utilise the expected Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money from Newark and Sherwood District Council to fund improvements, repairs, and renewals to the Village Hall was not progressed, with members deciding whilst the council would give support for the hall from the Levy cash but would wish also to have freedom to use some of it for other items that might occur.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Apology from Coun. Roger Jackson. The chairman said Coun. Jackson had some community fund cash available and the clerk was asked to write to him and ask for £200 for use towards village hall expenditure.

6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Information was given to the meeting on the position involving the future of the currently closed Red Lion public house in the village, with a statement that the owner was still hoping to see its future as a community pub. There was no-one at present in the market to purchase it.

The proposed development of Bankwood Farm was discussed and the council was told that all the existing old buildings on the site apart from the traditional stone barn would be removed to make way for new residential units.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

East Leake Parish Council wrote to express their concerns that the Neighbourhood Plan for their village was not being acknowledged by their local authority, Rushcliffe Borough Council. The chairman said she, Coun. Day and Mr Sam Spencer had held a meeting with Newark and Sherwood District Council to discuss the same subject.

Keep Britain Tidy Group wrote in regard to its National Litter Pick in March. The council would progress its own programme.

Notts County Council highways had written in respect of the hedge between the Methodist Church and the adjacent residential property. Copies of the paperwork were to be given to Coun. Day to progress.

Newark and Sherwood District Council had acknowledged the information given to them by the parish council on a suggestion of possible unauthorised building work at Fernbank, on Nottingham Road. The clerk was asked to keep the matter on file to ensure a response was forthcoming.

Notts County Council Local Improvement funding scheme was received and the clerk was asked to forward the information to members.

8] PLANNING

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

18/00023/ful. 4 Old Forge Close. Convert existing garage to garage/games room, new garden wall, replacement of existing bi-folding doors and addition of chimney to existing dwelling. No objection.

18/00071/ful. Bankwood Farm, Oxton Road. Residential development of former farm complex comprising 5 self build plots and the residential conversion of traditional stone barn. No decision was taken. The clerk was to seek an extension of time in which to submit its comments on the plans and then to discuss them at the next meeting. If this was not possible a special meeting would be held.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS

17/01776/ful. Ian Wood, North Acre, Southwell Road. Erect garage and carryout works to apple tree. Grant.

17/00641/ful. Mrs Lafferty, Roewood Lodge, Bleasby Road. Erect two bedroomed dwelling and detached garage. Grant.

9] STRATEGY ROLESEMERGENCY MEASURES (NATALIE ROBINSON)

Defibrillator: CPR/Defibrillator training will take place Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January which has been provided free of charge by Newark Fosse first responders who are affiliated to the British Heart Foundation – HeartStart programme. A reminder email has been sent to the village for last places.

Notts County Council have provided an updated document for our Flood Warden scheme following the Flood warden training before Christmas. Councillor Robinson is in process of reviewing this and actions/feedback that arose from the training session.

Beck Monitor SMS scheme: The Beck alarm service which went live late last year, was triggered for first time on 30<sup>th</sup> December at 6am when the water in the Beck reached 60cm. The alarm, which is sent to service users by text message, is triggered when pre-set water levels in the Beck are reached.

HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)

A number of pot holes in the village that required attention had been reported. Attempts were being made to obtain updated information on the broadband

VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)

Coun. Aston reported he had been in contact with Network Rail to see if the small piece of land at the railway station could be made available for parking but the reply was negative, it being needed for operational purposes.. He said he had also been talking to the Scouts about using some land which they do not use in the old quarry workings and an agreement subject to details was reached. He had also been back to Network Rail to ask whether, if land was made available, would it construct a car park. There had been no reply to that yet.

VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Coun. Lewis said the village hall operating procedure has been reviewed by the Parish Council. Comments had been collected and it was proposed to have a finished draft for the next Parish Council meeting. The document prepared by the Village Hall working party was presented at the Council meeting. It was agreed that the party should start some of the work to include: installing WIFI, canopy replacement, kitchen refurbishment and an electrical survey. Monies for this in the first instance should come from the VH/TCA funds.

Funding from Parish Council being considered through the precept

COMMUNICATION (TINA TSOUKATOS) AND KATIE CHAN

The chairman reported:

1. Meeting with Matt Lamb (ML), Business Manager NSDC with Charles Day and Sam Spencer 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – discussed how it appeared that the Thurgarton NP was not being taken into account by NSDC planning using several recent planning applications as examples. ML committed to reminding the full NSDC planning team of the importance of the NP as part of the Development Plan, which has been done. ML suggested a walk-around the village to better tease out the issues around design, heritage, and the elements which the Parish feel are important, especially in the context of such ‘subjective’ judgements, and this is being arranged.

Communication with NSDC planning – ML has sent details of all of the planning team at NSDC to the Parish Council, and has allocated one Senior Planner to be our main point of contact.

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Press release received from East Leake Parish Council complaining bitterly at their NP not being taken into account by Rushcliffe Borough Council, this information was forwarded to ML.

Forterra – agreed to donate £1,000 towards cost of village signs, I will be arranging for suitable PR for this donation, they also asked about other projects that they could maybe assist with, I suggested the Village Hall refurbishment.

Trinity College (TC) – spoke to Savills agent, buyers of land in Thurgarton is still not in the public domain. When I asked for a meeting with TC to discuss the need for substantial funding to overhaul the Village Hall it was agreed that the Parish Council produce and present an outline costed plan to Savills, which will be forwarded to TC with a request for a meeting to discuss.

Dog fouling signs for behind the Village Hall. These were to be obtained.

Change of PC meetings venue to Village Hall. This was approved as from the next meeting.

Coun. Chan reported;

Nick Baseley was invited to attend and update re the Red Lion. The owners Pearl are looking to sell The Red Lion Pub or the whole site. Denise Bryant and Katie Chan are to liaise re this.

Nick also presented the concept of a redeveloped Bankwood farm site. The clerk is to ask NSDC to delay a decision until after our next meeting to allow the PC time to explore this proposal.

The map of properties in the village is available through NSDC. Katie Chan is looking into this.

Kate Cressey is looking into the potential partial blockage at the Sheep Dip.

Malcom Jowett does not have capacity to take on an increased work load at this time.

#### ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

Coun. Bryant reported there had been a quiet period due to the winter weather. The Village Spring clean was being planned. Various projects being costed for Spring 2018. Lights removed from Xmas tree and stored for next Christmas..

STRATEGY MEETING (TINA TSOUKATOS). The chairman said a meeting had been held at which she had not been able to attend. Two items had been discussed, the budget and precept for 2018-9 and the village hall and both the items were being covered at this meeting.

#### 10] FINANCE --

The clerk reported that currently there were discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. There were differing views being expressed by various bodies but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither could a councillor. The council had been told the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150 and could be £250 / £300. It was hoped further information would be forthcoming for the next meeting.

a) Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

b) Coun. Day presented a Budget report and after discussion the Precept for 2018-19 was approved at a total of £6900, an increase of 15per cent on the current figure.

#### 11] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 22 2018.

Nothing additional was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-02pm.