

**THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 24 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

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

The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Roger Jackson and one member of the public were present.

1] APOLOGIES Couns. Denise Bryant, Roger Aston

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 22, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman. The council asked the clerk to send the minutes once approved to the website and for circulation through the village email service.

4] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Roger Jackson reported that Mr Paul Robinson was the new Chief Executive at Newark and Sherwood District Council. He commented on problems with drains that he was aware Notts County Council were looking to deal with and he also spoke on the situation concerning the village broadband service and the future of the Red Lion public house site.

Coun. Jackson said he would make comment to the District Council in regard to the new planning application involving a changed application for the design of one of the intended new properties at Bankwood Farm, supporting the parish council objection to it.

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

No items were raised.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk said the Notts County Sailing Club 'Push the Boat Out' event to mark the award of the RYA and Yachts and Yachting Club of the Year was being held on May 12..

NALC advised that the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2018-19 was £7.86 per elector. Notts CPRE wrote regarding the Harry Johnson award scheme for 2018 which exemplifies enlightened restorations. The council felt did not have any examples to put forward that met the criteria.

Jim Ward of Thurgarton Neighbourhood Watch wrote in regard to the recently Friday night disturbances in the village and asked for anyone to contact him if there was a repeat. Newark and Sherwood DC wrote in regard to the infrastructure levy distribution of funds as far as they affected the parish.

Notts County Council Via road works bulletin gave advice that the Thurgarton Level Crossing would be closing during night hours on May 5 and 6.

7] PLANNING

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

18/00071/ful. Bankwood Farm, Oxtou Road. Residential redevelopment of former farm complex comprising 5 self-build plots and the residential conversion of a traditional stone barn. Amendments to Plot 4. Object. The council objected to the original application for the proposed development of the site and continue to do so. Three members objected and two did not.

18/00021/ful. Far Barn Farm, Priory Road. weight bridge with office to include toilets and wash basin. No objection but with a request that the proposed structure be removed when it is no longer required. Five members voted in favour.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS

There were no decisions.

9] GDPR INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

The council discussed the proposed appointment of a Data Protection Officer. The clerk said that Mr Adrian Fretwell was carrying out the duty for all other councils. Coun. Day said Mr Darryl North had been approached and was willing to undertake the duty. No decision was reached on an appoint and the matter would be discussed again.

10] STRATEGY ROLES

EMERGENCY MEASURES (NATALIE ROBINSON)

Emergency Plan was triggered on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> April due to high water levels in the beck. Thankfully the beck didn't top on these occasions but it allowed the volunteers for the Thurgarton Emergency Plan to put their training into practice.

Thank you to all the flood wardens who were available for duty on both days and in particular a big thank you to David Yates who collected and returned signage/cones using his vehicle.

A lessons learnt exercise is underway to understand what went well and what we can do to improve next time. One of the first areas that was investigated was the readings/data for the beck monitor as there appeared to be a delay in receiving text message alerts however this has now been fixed. Also identified that the lack of data signal due to poor coverage probably worsened by heavy rain does cause gaps in the data – Councillor Robinson to investigate options to improve this.

Defibrillator – as agreed at the last PC meeting the defibrillator guide has been updated to ensure that at the appropriate time Councillor Robinson is notified when the defib has been used as EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) will take the defib with them in the ambulance. This ensures the defib is brought back as quickly as possible. The updated guide was circulated via the village email service to remind villagers of the process.

#### HIGHWAYS AND BROADBAND (CHARLES DAY)

There was no report

#### VILLAGE ASSETS (ROGER ASTON)

There were no matters raised.

#### VILLAGE HALL (DAVID LEWIS)

Village hall upgrade: the PA system in the hall has now been upgraded. Work will continue in May where the heating boiler will be replaced and the electrical wiring check completed. Both items have been voted upon to allow payment when the invoices are presented. Spend so far is £2,246 committed spend being £6,007, excluding roofing and cladding.

The VH currently has a positive balance to cover the committed spends. No news yet on the grant application of £5,000 Village Hall events: the Easter breakfast was a success. Upcoming events the Friday night social in the hall and the WW1 airfield celebration

Insurance: The outcome from the potential merger of the VH insurance with the PC insurance is progressing

#### COMMUNICATION (TINA TSOUKATOS) AND KATIE CHAN

Coun. Tsoukatos spoke on Emergency Measures

She said an Internal Drainage Board officer has visited the village this week and taken more level measurements, their team will be working on this and other information over the next 2-3 weeks after which Couns. Day and Tsoukatos will meet the IDB to discuss the latest option for Thurgarton flood mitigation.

Communication:

Forterra – there had been a delay in receiving the £1,000 donation towards the village entrance signs, which was all to do with administration and ‘red-tape’, however, we think that these difficulties has been circumvented and we expect to receive payment within the next few weeks.

Forterra – 2 Forterra maintenance staff litter picked the full length of Station Rd as part of the Spring Clean of the village, and they have offered to do this each time we have a village clean-up. I will include an article with photo's in the next TP.

No progress but still intend to produce a letter to all local businesses asking for donations towards the village entrances, send outline overhaul VH report to Trinity, waiting for costings from a local builder and fully update the web site

Coun. Chan said a constructive meeting had been held with Pearl developments on Monday 23rd April, attended by Denise Bryant, Katie Chan and Sam Spencer, who discussed/ shared valuation figures and aspirations for the Red Lion, with Richard and Pat Purewal (Pearl).

A village meeting will be held on Monday 30th April in the village hall with the aim of establishing a village consortium to buy the freehold of the Red Lion.

#### ENVIRONMENT (DENISE BRYANT)

There was no report

#### STRATEGY MEETING (TINA TSOUKATOS)

There was no report.

#### 11] FINANCE –

Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

12] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MAY 08, 2018 AND OF PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. Parish meeting would start at 7-00pm and it was planned there would be two speakers. Light refreshments would be served. The annual meeting of the Parish council would be at 7-30 or at whatever time the Parish meeting finished.

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