

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
16 SEPTEMBER 2014, 7.30 PM, VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES

Present: Cllr T Prior, (chair), Cllrs C Bell, A Heath, B Kearns, I Procter-Blain and two parishioners
Apologies: LC Cllr D Houseman, CB Cllr J Poland, PCSO B Geeson & Mrs J Heath (clerk)

Declarations of Interests, including Pecuniary Interests: There were none.

The Minutes of the Meetings on 15 and 21 July 2014, already circulated, were approved and signed by the chairman.

ACTION

Action Update from the Minutes

1. Traffic Speed through village –

- A) Invitation to Stuart Bullen (Highways) to attend meeting. No response had been received.
B) Queniborough and other neighbouring parishes agreed to our request to use their VAS sign to monitor traffic speed. Council wished to accept this and clerk was instructed to ask about insurance and hire charge. Clerk
C) Speed Watch – Highways had offered the speed guns for four weeks from 20 April 2015. They would train volunteers beforehand and needed name of co-ordinator so they could liaise with him/her. Clerk to ask for volunteers in Thrussington Life. Clerk

2. Recruitment of new Clerk. It was noted that the retiring clerk would hand over to the new clerk at the end of September. The council agreed that Parish Files and other archive documents not handed over to the new clerk could be retained in the village hall, where the local history documents were stored. Until this could be implemented, and while the new clerk settled into the job, the documents would remain with the retiring clerk, in order that they could be easily accessed if required. Clerk

3. Inspection of Cherry Tree on Green – Chris Buckingham had sent an email confirming that the cherry trees on the Green had been inspected and did not need any remedial work.

Clerk

4. Highways maintenance requests – hedge adjacent Severn Trent Pump House, still not cut

5. Village conservation boundaries – The whereabouts of the 1975 map of the village was unknown, and in its absence, the conservation boundaries, agreed by Charnwood and shown in the 2004 plan, would be the official conservation boundaries in the village.

6. Asset register – outdated laptop, and associated insurance implications. The clerk had contacted Charnwood regarding the laptop and had received an email confirming that it had been a gift to the parish council in January 2009, in order to facilitate electronic communication between parish and Charnwood, especially planning applications. The council could do as they wished with the equipment. Councillors therefore decided to give the laptop to the retiring parish clerk FOC, as it had been a gift to the Parish Council, was not only redundant, but now in need of upgrading, which would incur a cost. The clerk would be asked to amend the Asset Register and ask Insurers to remove the item from the policy. Clerk

REPORTS: These were noted by the council.

PCSO B Geeson did not attend but sent a report in August re a new officer for our area, PC 540 Tom Harley. He also stated that no crimes had been reported in the village.

The Clerk sent a report on the Rev. HST Gahan grave restoration project. On behalf of the PC, the Clerk had supplied a letter in support of the village Heritage Lottery Funding bid, together with copy of the draft minutes of the Parish Open Meeting in May. in which the council pledge to support the project had been recorded.

CORRESPONDENCE

LRALC – Newsletter and Round Robins, all circulated by email, were noted. The following matters were discussed.:

- A) Parish Council Elections 2015 - Recruitment of Candidates: The council wished it to be minuted that they always abided by the rules concerning elections and would, through

Thrussington Life Magazine, encourage parishioners to stand for election in May next year. Clerk
B) Staff Pensions: the Clerk would be asked to find out about this issue so that the Council Clerk
could comply with the statutory requirements.
C) Following a new government ruling, and proposed by Cllr Procter-Blain, the council Clerk
approved, unanimously, an amendment to their Standing Orders to allow recording etc of
meetings.

CPRE

A) Notice of AGM, 7 October 2014 and Branch News, September 2014 were noted. No one
wished to attend the AGM.

B) Countryside Voice, Summer 2014 – noted.

RCC – Notice of AGM & Information Evening, 18 September 2014 at Birstall Village Hall –
to note. No one wished to attend.

Terry Kirby – Notice of Public Meetings re Bus Services – this was noted.

Invitation from Rearsby PC to attend public Meeting on 20 September re Planning
Application by Jelson to build 150 houses on the Melton Road. Some members hoped to
attend. The clerk would reply accordingly. Clerk

Planning Matters:

Grants of Application:

A) P/14/0901/2, 29 The Green, Thrussington, LE7 4UH

B) P/14/1364/2, 24 Rearsby Road, Thrussington, LE7 4TP

Planning Applications:

A) P/14/1254/2, Erection of building to house wood drying kiln, Fosseyway Fuel Supplies,
Seagrave Road, Thrussington, LE7 4TR – reply already sent with council's comments.

B) P/14/1434/2 – Remove 1 Sycamore Tree, 27 Ratcliffe Road, Thrussington, LE7 4UF.
(Conservation Area Notice). For information only.

C) P/14/1655/2 – cut 1 Ash Tree in front of 30 The Green, Thrussington. (Conservation Area
Notice). For information only.

Financial Matters:

1. **Bank Statements:** Community Directplus Account (Current Account), no. 277,
1/8/14, balance £5,644.13 (interest £0.50) and no. 278, 2/9/14, balance £5,594.77, (interest
£0.64)

2. **Cheques:** (proposer and seconder required for each cheque)

A) J M A Heath, clerk's half year salary, £689.13 and expenses, £31.14, = **£720.27** (Proposer
Cllr Kearns & seconder Cllr Bell)

B) LRALC Training Session (attended by clerk) on 7 July 2014, invoice 173/14, **£35**
(Proposer Cllr Procter-Blain & seconder Cllr Prior)

C) Nurture Landscapes Ltd, invoice 1MID05013, 31/7/2014, (1 mow), **£70.99** (Proposer Cllr
Heath & seconder Cllr Procter-Blain)

D) Shaw & Sons (binding of minutes), invoice 240173, 4/8/2014, **£111.60** (Proposer Cllr
Kearns & seconder Cllr Procter-Blain)

MATTERS ARISING

The clerk had sent a letter to the councillors, thanking them for their support over the years.
They sent good wishes to the clerk for a speedy recovery and a happy retirement.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 21 October 2014, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Approved and signed by the Chairman:.....

Date:.....

