

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington

Present:

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Edward Guest, Cllr Colin Bell and Cllr Mark Thistlethwaite
6 members of the public
Cllr Houseman & Cllr Poland
The clerk

170/2015 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Bev Kearns and PSCO Brian Geeson

171/2015 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Prior declared an interest in item 177/2015 as a resident of Back Lane, Thrussington

172/2015 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports

- Cllr Houseman reported that Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is the lowest funded comparative Local Authority in England and this makes it even more difficult for the Council to continue to deliver the services in the same way as it has done in the past. LCC have agreed a four medium term financial strategy, however, it is likely that the councils' workforce will reduce and other efficiency services will be looked at. Cllr Houseman also reported that LCC Adult Social Care are working in partnership with the NHS to provide a more cost effective 'help to Live at Home' programme.
- Cllr Poland reported that the inspector has reported that the Core Strategy is 'sound and capable for adoption' and will be put to full council on the 30th November 2015.

173/2015 - Public Questions

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chairman if they wished for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- A member of the public reported that commercial waste wheelie bins have been left in Regent Street and that they are causing an obstruction. Cllr Prior agreed to speak with the business owner because he was aware that they were having some building work done and that the bins might have been left out because they are waiting for them to be emptied by Charnwood Borough Council.
- A member of the public reported that the tables outside the shop were causing an obstruction and that they should be reported to highways. Cllr Prior confirmed that the business owner does have the necessary permissions to put tables outside the property.
- Mr William Curshaw attended the meeting with his mother, they are the land owners of 18 Old Hall Farmhouse, and wanted to be available to answer questions in relation to item 177/2015. Mr Curshaw reported that planning permission was being sought to build a family home on the site of an old barn on his mother's land and confirmed that it is his intention for his family to live on the site, long term, so that they can support his mother with the land and animals. The question was asked whether in the future the animals would be removed so that further development could take place. Mr Curshaw gave reassurance that there will always be animals on the land and that there are no plans for further development on the site. A neighbour reported that he would be most affected if planning permission was granted, however, he confirmed that the existing barn is of industrial appearance and an eye sore and any development of the site for one residential property would be welcome. He confirmed that whilst the application is outside the settlement boundary the plans are on the footprint of an existing barn. It was suggested that if approval was granted there should be conditions that the land owner will tidy up the site by clearing trees and providing some form of street lighting.

174/2015 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 9th September 2015

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Councillors were reminded to check through the minutes fully before the meeting in order to resolve any queries that may arise.

Resolved: The minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

175/2015 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £7,054.82
- Second instalment of precept received = £3,000.00

The following cheques were agreed:

200069	• ICO, annual data protection renewal	£35.00
200070	• ATV Contract Services, mowing for October	£150.00
200071	• MD Property Services, painting of phone box	£318.00
	Total outgoing cheques:	£503.00

Resolved: Whilst councillors approved the payments and cheques signed the clerk was asked to contact ATV Contract Services to ensure that the strimming was going to be done before the end of the season. Cheques will be processed.

176/2015 – Clerks report

The clerk reported that she has submitted a request to Western Power in relation to the Christmas lights and that the certificate and invoice will be issued on the first date of the illuminations.

The clerk reported that she has contacted Highways regarding the Hoby Road drain that has been covered with tarmac, this has been repaired.

As instructed the clerk contacted Vic at Hoby parish Council to ask for the contact details for the NHP Champion at Uppingham, Vic does have the contact details but wanted to speak with Ron Simpson (the champion) to make sure he was ok in sharing his details.

The clerk proposed that the article for Thrussington Life should be focused on the need for volunteers for the Neighbourhood Plan. *It was agreed that the clerk would draft an article for the Chair to approve before emailing it to TL*

177/2015 – To discuss planning application P/15/1948/2 – erection of 1 dwelling at 18 Old Hall Farmhouse, Back Lane, Thrussington and agree response

Councillors discussed the planning and agreed unanimously that they wished to object to the application.

Councillors reviewed all the related documentation and came to the conclusion that the application falls outside the boundary line, the envelope of the village. The Parish Council are aware that the boundary line is a policy tool reflecting the area where a set of plan policies are to be applied and there is a presumption in favour of development within the boundary line and any building outside of the boundary line is usually considered to be countryside where development would be regulated with stricter planning policies.

Councillors were also in agreement that the land in question is agricultural land which comes with certain conditions and have noted that the previous planning application, which was withdrawn, included plans for stables, these do not appear on this updated planning application and the parish council question the need to include buildings to house livestock on agricultural land.

Councillors agreed that there should be the possibility of including certain conditions if planning consent is granted; the need to provide provision for livestock, reassurance that the proposed property will not be sold and that the farm will continue to operate, reassurance that no further residential building will take place, the need to ensure responsibility for developing the area where access is gained to the land and rejuvenating the area to include the trimming back of trees and hedges and the provision of parking spaces on Back Lane.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would submit the councillors' feedback by the 23rd October deadline.

178/2015 – To discuss planning application P/15/2018/2 – trimming back of seven conifers and several other trees at 10 Ratcliffe Road, Thrussington and agree response
Councillors discussed this planning application and agreed that there were no comments.

179/2015 – To discuss dog fouling in the village and agree actions

The council discussed the issues in relation to dog fouling in the village and agreed that it does remain a problem and encouraged all members of the village to report any dog fouling.

Resolution: It was agreed that dog fouling in the village would continue to be monitored and the clerk would research possible schemes in association with Charnwood Borough Council.

180/2015 – To discuss proposal for memorial bed and agree actions

Prior to the meeting the council received a proposal from the Thrussington in Bloom group which outlined their plan to renovate the Memorial Garden.

At the meeting, David Gamble (DG), confirmed that the plan involved the removal of all current planting and the memorial plaque, clearing the bed including the removal of the topsoil, weeds/columbine. A weed proof membrane would be laid (as done for the Village Hall bed) and a dressing of slate chips placed over the membrane to create an attractive and lower maintenance finish to the bed. Finally new plants would be planted through the membrane and re-instatement of memorial plaque. DG confirmed that a number of villagers and local organisations are willing to help with material and labour, however, a request was submitted for financial support.

Resolved: Cllr Thistlethwaite proposed that the Thrussington in Bloom Group should proceed with their plans and if additional funding was required then the council would be happy to consider making a donation, this was seconded by Cllr Bell and councillors were in agreement.

181/2015 – To discuss the electrical supply to Thrussington Village Green and agree actions

Cllr Prior reported that he had been approached by Jayne Montgomery-Stuart regarding the electricity supply on the village green and that whilst the electricity supply was a valuable resource for the village it was important that its usage was monitored to ensure that the council could account for the electricity that was being used.

Councillors discussed the supply and noted that unmetered electricity is being used by people with no supervision and that it was important to ensure that there was some control over access to the electricity box. Councillors agreed that the supply was not sufficient to run equipment such as tea urns and it was suggested that this be reviewed. It was also suggested that there needs to be a lock on the electricity box so that the supply can be monitored.

Resolved: It was agreed that EON should be contacted to see whether the supply can take a larger current, a lock should be purchased and the process for accessing the supply needed to be formalised.

182/2015 – To discuss and agree a response in relation to the Parish Improvements Project

Prior to the meeting the clerk circulated a copy of the Parish Improvements Project documentation from Charnwood Borough Council. Councillors discussed the project and agreed that areas for development would be children's play facilities and young people's facilities, car parking and development of the existing conservation area.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would update the project plan and return it to Charnwood Borough Council.

183/2015 – Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that:

- The 'keep clear' sign has been installed.
- Not all councillors had set up their Gmail accounts and that this had been agreed at a previous meeting.
- The defibrillator was due to be handed over to the parish council following the Burns

meeting in January 2016 and asked whether it needed to be serviced prior to being handed over. *Cllr Prior agreed to look into this.*

- No further action appeared to have been taken with regards to the drop kerb on the village green.

Cllr Guest reported that:

- The notice board should contain up to date contact details for all councillors. *The clerk agreed to arrange this prior to the next meeting.*

184/2015 - Date of next full parish council meeting

Resolved: The date of the next full parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2015, commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 PM.

Signed:

Date: