

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington

Present:

Chairman Tom Prior, Cllr Beverley Kearns, Cllr Colin Bell, Cllr Alan Heath and Cllr Ian Procter-Blain
The Clerk
Councillor James Poland, Wreake Villages Ward - Charnwood Borough Council
3 members of the public

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30 PM and welcomed the new clerk, Helen Chadwick, to the meeting.

1/2014 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- N/A

2/2014 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items of the agenda

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- N/A

3/2014 - 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.

- Patrick Rendall asked whether there would be a possibility of the Parish Council submitting an application to the LCC Green Plaque Awards in relation to the Reverend Gahan project. He explained that an application was rejected last year, however, following a lot more research and funding secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to the project, he feels that another submission would be successful. The Chair confirmed that the council would be happy to submit an application. The clerk will add this item to the November agenda and liaise with Patrick Rendall regarding a draft submission.
- Nich Stanyard asked whether the conservation maps for the area had been located. Cllr Heath reported that these had not yet been located.
- Mick Stanyard asked about the article in Thrussington Life regarding the 2015 elections and whether there would be any councillor vacancies. The Chair explained that the elections will be held on the 7th May. Cllr Poland explained that all details of the 2015 elections will be published on the Charnwood Borough Council website.
- Cllr Poland reported that the consultation of Charnwood Borough Council's Core Strategy will commence on the 9th December, the next stage will be for the report to go for inspection on the 19th January 2015.
- Cllr Poland reported that no decision has been made on the Jelson Homes planning application for 4,000 in Thurmaston.
- Cllr Poland reported that the Wreake Valley line is going to service the East coast and this will generate a large increase in freight traffic.

4/2014 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the full council meeting of the 16th September 2014

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed.

Resolved: Councillors were reminded to check through the minutes fully before the meeting in order to resolve any queries that may arise. The minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed.

5/2014 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £7,007.50
 - Second instalment of precept received during September = £2,350.00
 - Interest on account received during September = £0.59

The following cheques were agreed:

200048	• ICO, data protection registration renewal	£35.00
	Total outgoing cheques:	£35.00

Resolved: Cheque and invoice signed and clerk to send out at earliest convenience.

6/2014 – Clerks report

The clerk presented her report, see attached report.

7/2014 – To discuss and agree actions in relation to Vehicle Activation Sign

Cllr Procter-Bain explained that the main areas of concern for speeding in the village are Seagrave Road and Hoby Road. Following a site visit by Michael Wilson (MW) of LCC Road Safety regarding the location of a vehicle activation sign, MW confirmed that there is no suitable lamp post on Seagrave Road, however, there is a lamp post located outside a property at the junction of Hoby Road and Rearsby. Cllr Procter-Bain reported that he had spoken with the property owners on Rearsby Road as work to remove some of their hedge would need to be carried.

The Chair proposed that the council should have a short term plan and a longer term plan in relation to speeding in the village. The short term plan would be to loan the vehicle activation sign for a few weeks and a longer term plan would be to have a permit speed sign in the village. The Chair explained that he has spoken with The Burns Night Committee and they have shown an interest in funding the longer term project, he will draft a proposal that can be submitted to the Committee.

Cllr Kearns reported that part of the longer term project will be to carry out a Speed Watch scheme and April 2015 has been proposed. Cllr Kearns will be the scheme leader and will liaise with MW at LCC Road Safety. Several members of the public have offered to volunteer for the scheme and the clerk will compile a list of names.

Resolved: The clerk will liaise with Queniborough Parish Council regarding dates and costs of loaning the VAS. Cllr Procter-Bain will speak with the owners of the property in question regarding work needed to the hedge.

8/2014 – To discuss and agree the management of the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Thrussington Parish Project

The Chair handed over to Patrick Rendall (PR) and asked him to explain the position of the Thrussington Parish Project.

Following on from the submission of a Heritage Lottery Fund application by the Parish Council, PR, confirmed that the project has been awarded £3,100. However, because the application was made in the name of Thrussington Parish Council, Heritage Lottery Fund will only pay the monies awarded to that organisation. PR is in the process of trying to get the project name changed so that the funds can be paid directly into that specific account. If he is unable to do this then the funds would have to be paid into Parish Council bank account.

The clerk explained that the council has two options, one to write a cheque to the Reverend Gahan Project for the entire amount, this would allow the project team to use the funds as and when they needed to, alternatively that Parish Council could keep the money in their account and pay the invoices on behalf of Project.

Cllr Kearns proposed that if the project name cannot be changed then the funds should be paid into the Parish Council account and then transferred into the project account, this was seconded by Cllr Bell.

PR explained that the project team are working with various partners including the school and Scouts to ensure the project is a community event and will continue to update the council.

Action: The clerk will continue to liaise with Patrick Rendall in relation to the project.

9/2014 – To discuss and agree action in relation to the outstanding mowing invoice

The clerk explained that following the payment of the July invoice at the August meeting another invoice had been received with two additional cuts listed for July. The council do not agree that these cuts were carried out the clerk is waiting to receive evidence from the contractor that these two cuts were done.

The clerk has asked for an updated invoice for August and September to be sent through so that this can be paid at the November meeting.

Action: The clerk will continue to liaise with the contractor until the issue is resolved.

10/2014 – Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Prior reported that:

- He wanted it minuted that the Parish Council thank Janet Heath for her support and commitment during her 10 years as clerk.

Cllr Kearns reported that:

- She and Cllr Bell will be attending the planning meeting at Rearsby in relation to the Jelson Homes project for up to 150 homes.

Cllr Procter-Bain Mullen reported that:

- He was proposing to submit an article to Thrussington Life thanking Janet Heath for her long service and commitment to the council.
- He had spoken with the new clerk about writing a brief synopsis about her as a way of introducing her to the parish.

11/2014 - Date of next full parish council meeting

Resolved: The chair confirmed that next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th November and will commence at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30 PM.

Signed:

Date: