

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.00 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington**

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Bev Kearns, Cllr Edward Guest, Cllr Nigel Hainsworth and Cllr Mark Thistlethwaite  
Cllr James Poland, 3 members of the public and the clerk

### **356/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Dave Houseman

### **357/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Thistlethwaite declared an interest in item 361/20147 as he was in receipt of expenses
- Cllr Prior, Cllr Hainsworth and Cllr Thistlethwaite declared an interest in item 363/ as members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee

### **358/2017 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports**

- Reports circulated prior to the meeting.

### **359/2017 - 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.

- N/A

### **360/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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 December meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

### **361/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

- Current account balance = £7,68.44
- Total expenditure for January 2017 = £451.71
  - 300023 - Photographs = £50.00
  - 300024 – Materials = £59.03
  - 300025 – Mark Thistlethwaite = £200.00
  - 300026 - Helen Chadwick, clerks salary expenses = £142.68

**Resolved:** Cllr Prior proposed that the cheques reported be authorised and this was seconded by Cllr Hainsworth.

### **362/2017 – To receive an update following meeting with Charnwood Borough Council to discuss Wreake Valley Craftsmen planning application and agree action**

Cllr Guest reported that the Parish Council and Cllr Poland had met with colleagues from Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) on the 11<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the Wreake Valley Craftsmen planning application and the concerns that had been raised following the work that had been carried out and what can be done in the future to mitigate the impact on the village.

CBC confirmed that the original plans from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 did not show the extractor unit but there was a revision made on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Cllr Guest reported that these were never circulated to the Parish Council and CBC agreed that that was an error. CBC also admitted that there were no dimensions and no external appearance details on the subsequent planning application so planning officers would not have known what they were approving.

CBC confirmed that they have taken legal advice and are of the opinion that despite the errors made the planning consent is legal and cannot be rescinded.

CBC confirmed that they are working with WVC to look at ways of mitigating the visual impact on the extractor unit and that the Environmental Health Office are also involved because of the noise created by the extractor unit.

CBC advised the Parish Council that they might wish to take legal action and as a minimum use the Charnwood Borough Council's complaint procedure.

The Chair thanked Cllr Guest for his report and councillors agreed that further action should be taken and it suggested that the clerk should investigate taking the complaint to the Ombudsman and formally complaining to CBC.

**Resolved:** The clerk will investigate the complaints procedure and report back as soon as possible.

### **363/2017 – To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working party group and agree actions**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that the next village meeting will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> February and confirmed that the year end submission had been made to the Community Rights Programme and the second grant application had been submitted. A further grant application had also been submitted to the Big Lottery.

### **364/2017 – To discuss the request from Brown & Co Property & Business Consultants regarding potential village site and links with Neighbourhood Plan**

The clerk reported that she had received a communication from the above named consultants asking for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan as they have a client with some land in the village that may look to work with the Parish Council and whether they could attend the NHP meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. The clerk commented that she had spoken with Cllr Thistlethwaite and he had confirmed that the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February was to decide policies so would not be appropriate for them to enter into discussions. Cllrs agreed that they could attend the event as observers but that if they wished to discuss matters then that would have to do that outside of the meeting.

**Resolved:** The clerk will respond to the communication as outlined above.

### **365/2017 - To discuss planning application P/16/2825/2 – change of use from agricultural buildings to 2 dwelling houses at Thrussington Lodge, 174 Hoby Road, Thrussington**

Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that the property is outside of the settlement boundary and that a change of use would be objected to. Councillors commented that a change of use from agricultural to residential was against the principles of the Neighbourhood Plan and would not be supported by that Parish Council.

### **366/2017 – To discuss litter pick and agree date and equipment to be purchased**

The Chair proposed Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for the annual litter pick and councillors agreed to a maximum of £100 for the purchase of litter pickers and Hi-Vis jackets. It was agreed that the clerk would liaise with Charnwood Borough Council to see whether additional litter pickers and bin bags could be provided and for the collection of rubbish.

### **367/2017 – Update on Traffic Calming and agree actions**

The clerk reported that LCC Highways had written to members of the public affected by the traffic calming works on the 21<sup>st</sup> December and that the consultation closed on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. Residents that have indicated that they did not received a letter will be written to again and given a new deadline for feedback. It was agreed that Cllr Kearns would provide the clerk with a list of properties that had not received the letter so that it could be resent by LCC Highways.

**Resolved:** The clerk will contact LCC Highways with address details.

### **368/2017 – Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Guest reported that:

- The deadline for an article for Thrussington Life was the 22<sup>nd</sup> January and councillors agreed that details of the litter pick should be included as well as an update on traffic calming and dog fouling. The clerk will draft an article to meet the deadline.

Cllr Hainsworth reported that:

- The school planning application had received consent and work will commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**369/2017 - Date of next full parish council meeting**

**Resolved:** The date of the next full parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**