

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 7.30 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, 5 members of the public and the clerk

### **384/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Dave Houseman

### **385/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Prior, Cllr Hainsworth and Cllr Thistlethwaite declared an interest in item 391/2017 as members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee

### **386/2017 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports**

- Reports circulated prior to the meeting.

### **387/2017 - 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.

- Nich Stanyard commented that the white lines on Regent Street are making it extremely difficult for him to exit Regent Street because on how cars are parking. Other members of the public raised concerns the lack of visual when trying to exit Regent Street onto Main Street and councillors were asked whether a mirror could be put on the side of The Star so you can see what is coming down the round.

*The Chair reported that the white lines are the first part of a phased traffic calming project in the village and that the council had been taken advice from LCC Highways regarding the white lines. The white lines have not been in place long and there is one line that does need redoing and once this has been done the council will continue to monitor the situation on Regent Street.*

*Councillors commented that there is a challenge with regards to parking and speeding in the village and that the council are looking to address these issues but due to the lack of funding not everything can be done at once and project will therefore be phased over a period of time. Any works carried out as part of the traffic calming project will be reviewed.*

- A member of the public complained about a mound of soil 4 ft high and 30 ft long that had appeared on the edge of the school field overlooking her house. The member of the public has spoken with the school and also planning and asked whether there was anything the parish council could do to rectify the situation.

*The Chair asked whether this was going to be a permanent feature or whether it was the soil that had been removed because of the building work at the school. Cllr Hainsworth, as a School Governor, agreed to speak with the Headteacher about this and to provide some feedback to the resident.*

### **388/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

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:** That the minutes of the February meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

### **389/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

- Current account balance = £10,427.80
- Total expenditure for March 2017 = £3,680.48
  - Urban Imprint, End of Satge 3 A = £3,532.80
  - Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses = £147.68

The clerk reminded councillors that the year end accounts for 2016/2017 will need to be audited before submitted to Grant Thornton in June and requested permission to use an LRALC recognised internal auditor to carry this process out.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Prior proposed that the payments reported be authorised and this was seconded by Cllr Hainsworth. All payments will now be paid by BACS. Councillors were in agreement for the clerk to appoint an internal auditor in order to meet the June deadline.

### **390/2017 – To receive an update following meeting with Charnwood Borough Council to discuss Wreake Valley Craftsmen planning application and agree action**

Cllr Guest reported that he had submitted the formal complaint to Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and that a response should be received by the end of the month. Mr & Mrs Munden commented that their solicitor had received some communication from CBC saying that the Council's position is that the planning permission for the tower and the extraction system is considered lawful by them and whilst they acknowledge that the condition governing approval of materials was originally breached they now attest that this has been complied with by virtue of the plant being painted the same dark brown colour as the main industrial buildings. CBC are not willing to substantiate or share details of the legal advice they have received (neither the party responsible for providing the legal view nor any details) on the basis that this is considered "privileged" information by them, despite Mr & Mrs Mundens' lawyer requesting this (on the same transparent and substantiated basis as our legal arguments including the primary one that planning permission has not been lawfully granted for the tower and extraction unit) and hence we have to consider that this is their final decision. Their lawyer's view is that this is woefully inadequate and the Council is abdicating responsibility and accountability to the village, the Parish and its residents (not just those heavily / directly impacted but more broadly and fundamentally the village as a whole given the eyesore the site now creates). The next step would be to seek Counsel's opinion to re-affirm our position and prepare the grounds for a claim (having no other option with the Council) but obviously this has cost implications.

**Resolved:** That the parish council will continue to support the complaint to CBC and provide an update as soon as possible.

### **391/2017 – To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan and look at the possible requirement to budget and plan for a neighbourhood review date and agree any actions**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that the draft NHP will be available at the end of April and will be presented at the annual parish meeting in May. It was reported that the plan will need to be reviewed if CBC refine their Core Strategy and this may have budget implications which will need to be discussed before the precept is agreed for 2018/2019.

### **392/2017 – To discuss Charnwood Borough Council public Space Protection Order – Dog Controls and agree action**

The clerk reported that Charnwood Borough Council have adopted Dog Control Orders and these are now available for the parish council to implement across the village. Councillors reviewed the orders which had been circulated prior to the meeting and agreed that they should be implemented based on the ongoing dog fouling concerns in the village although concerns were raised about how they will be implemented and suggested that the clerks contact the council for further information.

**Resolved:** A copy of the Dog Control Orders will be added to the website, put on the village notice board and included in Thrussington Life.

### **393/2017 – To formally agree to the use of the village green for the skittles event from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The clerk reported that she had received a request for the village green to be used for the skittles event in June. Cllr Prior proposed that permission be given and this was seconded by Cllr Hainsworth.

### **394/2017 – Traffic Calming and agree response to letter from Mr Watson**

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mr Watson in relation to his concerns about the lack of a footway on Hoby Road.

Councillors discussed the concerns raised by Mr Watson and it was commented that traffic calming in the village is going to be a phased project so that we can assess measures that have been taken before committing to other works and that there is also the issue of funding limitations. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had been in contact with LCC Highways and was advised that whilst everyone was in agreement that a footway would improve walking into the village, unfortunately funding restraints along with other requests (other parish councils) Highways have received for footways that have significantly higher footfall have been prioritised. The Parish Council were informed that funding for this type of project would not be available via LCC so sourced our own quotes and then looked at the various funding options available to us and at this time it was agreed that we would continue with the phased traffic calming project. The Parish Council will continue to review the measures put in place and as funding becomes available there may be an opportunity to revisit the footway proposal, it will certainly remain on our aspiration list for the village.

**Resolved:** That the clerk should respond as outlined above.

### **395/2017 – To discuss format of annual parish meeting and annual parish council meeting**

Councillors agreed that the format of the previous years' meeting was a success and agreed to hold the annual parish council meeting from 6.30 to 7.00 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and that the annual parish meeting would follow at 7.30 PM. The clerk will prepare the required paperwork for the annual parish council meeting. The Chair will draft his annual report, there will be an update on Broadband and Cllr Thistlethwaite will deliver a brief presentation on the NHP. The clerk suggested drafting a flyer that could be circulated to all residents informing them of the meeting.

### **396/2017 – Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Kearns reported that:

- The village sign has still not be repaired and the clerk agreed to chase this up

Cllr Guest reported that:

- We should perhaps look to advertise for a tree warden in the near future because of the trees in the village are going to need some attention in the near future
- Some of the daffodils on the village green have been de-headed by local children

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that:

- The planning application for 70 new homes between Hoby and Brooksby is going to the committee for decision

### **397/2017 - Date of next full parish council meeting**

**Resolved:** The date of the next full parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 21:45 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**