

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 7.00 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington**

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Edward Guest, Cllr Bev Kearns, Cllr Nigel Hainsworth and Cllr Mark Thistlethwaite  
PC M Legaye, 1 member of the public and the clerk

### **299/2016 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Poland and Cllr Dave Houseman

### **300/2016 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Kearns declared an interest in item 304/2016 as a member of the village hall committee
- Cllr Guest declared an interest in item 304/2016 because he had submitted an expenses claim and item 311/2016 as editor of Thrussington Life
- Cllr Prior, Cllr Hainsworth and Cllr Thistlethwaite declared an interest in item 306/2016 as members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee

### **301/2016 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports**

- Reports circulated prior to the meeting.
- PC Legaye reported that there had been an attempted burglary in the village on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and several reports about the siting of a P&J Roofing van in the vicinity of other incidents. Members of the public have been asked to report anything suspicious they see to the Police.

### **302/2016 - 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

### **303/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 July meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

### **304/2016 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

- Current account balance = £10,128.81
- Grant received from Groundwork UK for the Neighbourhood Plan project = £5,506.00

The following cheques were agreed:

	• Thrussington Village Hall, hall hire	£37.50
	• ATV Contract Services, mowing for August & September	£300.00
	• Leicestershire County Council, website services	£30.00
	• Delicatessen, village plan meetings	60.00
	• Urban Print, neighbourhood plan stage 1 printing	£1,926.00
	• Urban Print, additional printing costs	£313.08
	• Edward Guest, website provision expenses	£102.11

	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses	£451.36
	<b>Total outgoing cheques:</b>	<b>£2,879.97</b>

The clerk reported that despite several requests a new cheque book had not been received and whilst payments could be approved cheques could not be issued.

**Resolved:** Cllr Prior proposed that the cheques be authorised and this was seconded by Cllr Guest. The clerk will contact the bank again to request a cheque book so that payments can be signed at the October meeting.

### **305/2016 – To receive an update in relation to Superfast Broadband**

Jayne Montgomery-Stuart attended the parish council meeting on behalf of the village Superfast Broadband group and reported that there had been a lack of communication with from the provider regarding updates and when installation would take place in Thrussington.

A Freedom of Information request on nine questions was submitted by the group on the 15<sup>th</sup> September and a response should be received within 21 days.

The group have begun a survey of all households in Thrussington to ensure that they have the full views of all the parishioners in order to establish data on the usage, service and difficulties currently encountered. In conjunction with this an article will go in Thrussington Life to increase communication and raise awareness.

Councillors thanked Jayne and the group for their commitment and agreed that Superfast Broadband should be included within the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that the system can cope with any future development.

**Resolved:** The clerk will contact Niall Mullin, LCC Project Manager for Broadband and request an update prior to the next meeting.

### **306/2016 – To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working party group and agree actions**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that the Neighbourhood Plan working party group had been using a variety of locations for their meetings and commented that in future they would like to use the village hall for all meetings. On behalf of the working party group Cllr Thistlethwaite asked for approval to make a donation to the village church of £7.50 per hour for their meetings, this was proposed by Cllr Guest and seconded by Cllr Kearns.

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that a SWOT analysis had taken place at the July meeting and the results were circulated prior to the meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire has been completed and will be distributed by hand throughout the village before the end of the month, the collation of data will be presented to the parish council when it is available. It was agreed that the content for the Neighbourhood Plan page on the website should be agreed and submitted to the parish council. The October meeting will focus on the consultation documentation and agree the next steps.

### **307/2016 – To discuss electricity issues in the village**

Councillors reported that there have been 7 power cuts in the village since the middle of July which have affected between 340 and 600 residents. The power cuts have been reported to Western Power and it was agreed to monitor the number of incidents before further action is taken.

### **308/2016 – To discuss the smells being emitted by the farm**

It was reported that several complaints have been received from parishioners regarding the smell that is being emitted by the farm. Councillors agreed that the smell has been extremely unpleasant and much stronger recently. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the farm owner to ask them if there is a reason for the increased smell.

### **309/2016 – Update on traffic calming and agree actions**

The clerk reported that she had spoken with Stuart Bullen at Highways and he had confirmed that the total cost to undertake the traffic calming scheme and the associated road markings would be £5,650 exc VAT. If the Parish Council are happy to proceed with the works then Highways will commence the consultation process as they are legally bound to consult with key stakeholders

and affected residents over the proposed priority working system on Hoby Road, however the 'dragon's teeth' road markings they can proceed when they have received written support from the Parish. Cllr Prior proposed that we proceed with the works and this was seconded by Cllr Kearns. Councillors did request that a quote be sourced for the installation of a footpath on Hoby Road.

**Resolved:** The clerk will contact Stuart Bullen again to confirm that we wish to proceed with the agreed works and source a quote for the footpath.

### **310/2016 – Update on parish council website**

Cllr Guest confirmed that the website was progressing, the clerk has been sent guidance notes on how to access the site so that she can ensure up to date information is uploaded.

### **311/2016 – Items for Thrussington Life**

It was agreed to include items reminding members of the public to report any suspicious they see to the police following recent incidents in the village, dog fouling and neighbourhood plan. It was also agreed to include an update on Superfast Broadband and a thank you to the village group for their continued support.

### **312/2016 – Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that:

- He had recently attended a 'nuts & bolts' training event at the LRALC which was an update on planning.

Cllr Kearns reported that:

- We need to have the guidance notes in place for anyone wishing to use the village green

Cllr Hainsworth reported that:

- The school had submitted their planning application for an extension. The clerk commented that the application had not yet been received but would be added to the agenda as soon as it became available.

Cllr Prior reported that:

- The village green is going yellow across the middle and whilst it might not be the right time of year to carry out repair works it was suggested that it might be worth sourcing advice on what can be done.

### **313/2016 - 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> October 2016 commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**