

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2017, 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington

Present:

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Bev Kearns, Cllr Guest, Cllr Nigel Hainsworth and Cllr Mark Thistlethwaite
Cllr James Poland, 4 members of the public and the clerk

452/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- N/A

453/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Hainsworth, Cllr Prior and Cllr Thistlethwaite declared an interest on item 461/2017 as members of the NHP working party group

454/2017 - 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.

- A member of the public reported that a meeting has been requested with Environmental Health to discuss the output from the extraction unit at the WVC site. It was also commented that CBC planning department have been asked to consider the two new planning applications from WVC as one.

455/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 18th July 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 July meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

456/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £9,914.38
- Total expenditure for July 2017 = £1,129.28
 - ATV Contract Services, mowing x 2 payments = £367.48
 - IAM Print, NHP = £265.61
 - Mark Thistlethwaite, NHP expenses = £65.00
 - Thrussington Church, hall hire for NHP = £45.00
 - Edward Guest, website provision = £14.39
 - Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses x 2 payments = £416.80

Resolved: Councillors agreed that the payments reported be authorised and confirmed that all payments are now be paid by BACS.

457/2017 – Update on Parish Council complaint to Charnwood Borough Council

Cllr Guest reported that he had received the following response from Charnwood Borough Council following the parish council's complaint regarding the Wreake Valley Craftsmen planning application P/15/2236/2.

I am writing to you at the request of Councillor James Poland who has asked that I clarify points in relation to planning condition 11 to the above planning application.

Condition 11 requires the extractor plant to operate at or below background noise levels, which you will see is 41dB from the submitted noise report and not 36 dB. The lower figure relates to noise levels measured according to BS4142 which require 'tonal and intermittency penalties' of

5dB. The noise report concludes that mitigation measures will need to be implemented to enable the target figure to be achieved at the closest affected property no 31 Rearsby Road. The applicant is obliged to hit or be below the target background figure to ensure that the condition 11 is met. It is not a voluntary target.

Condition 11 was discharged on 20 September 2016 on the basis of the submitted evidence and that the noise attenuation measures were completed in accordance with the mitigation strategy in the noise report and then retained in perpetuity. Following subsequent complaints about noise from neighbours it was found that the noise levels exceeded background levels. Officers have been working with the applicant and neighbours to arrive at an approach to mitigate noise and a number of options are available to the factory owner including screening, insulation and changes to the fan.

As you are aware the factory owner has now submitted a planning application to erect an acoustic screen around the plant (P/17/1543/2). This was submitted as a non-material amendment application; however, the case officer considers that the scale of the proposed screen is such that it is a material change and therefore he has invited a full application from the factory owner. The normal time for determining this type of application is eight weeks, once we receive a valid application. We have committed to reporting this application to Plans Committee given the sensitivity of the issue locally.

If after all of the mitigation works are undertaken the applicant is still unable to get to or below the target figure then the Council will need to consider if enforcement action is appropriate.

I am afraid I cannot give a precise date when the noise will be brought below the required level and I do appreciate the effect this uncertainty is having on neighbours. However, I hope you can see we are working towards an outcome that ensures compliance with the conditions, balancing neighbours' concerns with those of a local employer.

446/2017 – To discuss planning application P/17/1544/2 - Retention of windows in side elevation of building and colour coating of the extraction and ventilation unit, lagging installed on the ducting pipe and ducting over the roof between buildings, wood burning flue and lighting currently installed on the building; to not install the timber cladding on building as approved in application P/15/2236/2 and proposed installing of polish shop extraction flue, additional low level lighting and provision of additional landscaping (Variation of P/15/2236/2) at Wreake Valley Craftsmen Ltd, 25 Rearsby Road, Thrussington

Councillors reviewed the planning application based on the following points:

1. Retention of windows in side elevation of building.
2. Colour coating of the extraction and ventilation unit, lagging installed on the ducting pipe and ducting over the roof between buildings,
3. Wood burning flue and lighting currently installed on the building;
4. To not install the timber cladding on building as approved in application P/15/2236/2
5. Proposed installing of polish shop extraction flue.
6. Additional low level lighting and
7. Provision of additional landscaping (Variation of P/15/2236/2) at Wreake Valley Craftsmen Ltd, 25 Rearsby Road, Thrussington

Cllr Guest very kindly produced a draft response to the planning application, detailed below, and all councillors were in agreed that the response should be submit to Charnwood Borough Council.

The Parish Council takes issue with several aspects of the above application from a planning perspective especially as some of the Conditional Grant conditions laid out in P/15/2236/2 February 2016 have not been complied with to date. These conditions should as a minimum be enforced as part of this new application, the 2 primary issues outstanding are the noise from the plant where a noise assessment was carried out and targets were set and have yet to be met. It is over a year since installation!

Also parking at the rear of the site which was supposed to be completed BEFORE the new facility was to go into use. Both these issues are directly affecting the village and particularly the neighbours.

Both of these conditions need to have timescales linked to them that take into account the delay in implementation so far. i.e they should be addressed very urgently.

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Specifically, the visual aspect of the extractor unit needs addressing, the colour coating in the application P/17/1544/2 has been applied but there needs to be a condition to ensure it is kept in good condition and well maintained as over time the colour coating will deteriorate.

Item 3

There have been several instances where obnoxious fumes appear to have been released from the wood burning stove. There needs to be a restriction on what can be burnt to ensure that fumes are not allowed to be emitted from the stove.

Item 4

The visual impact of the new buildings were approved by the Thrussington Parish Council on the basis that visually they were reasonably sympathetic to village environment, this was based on the original design of the buildings being cedar clad. To now allow the buildings to remain in their present very industrial painted steel condition is totally at odds with what was originally proposed and out of character to the village.

Item 5

It is not clear from the drawings where the extractor for the proposed polish shop will discharge. This should be clarified and it should be ensured that the visual impact does not add to the poor design that is now in place.

Item 6

Additional low level lighting should not be a problem although light pollution should be avoided at all costs to the residents in the vicinity of the site this would be helped with proximity switches and timers to ensure they are the minimum of time. It is noted that there are complaints from some of the neighbours that some of the lights are shining into the homes which is unacceptable - reference letter from C & R Brewster 35 Rearsby Road Thrussington.

Item 7

Additionally the planned landscaping although welcomed as an effort to minimise the impact of the extractor needs to be of a form of high trees since the extractor is over 7.5metres high a 1.8 meter Laurel shrub will take between 20 – 50 years to reach the height required to obscure the extractor. Also the drawing is misleading in this respect showing the trees closer to 4 metres in height.

It has also been brought to our attention that there is some debate as to the accuracy of the boundaries and that there is a requirement to access some of the services within the proposed road to the car parking at the back of the facility, both these items need clarification to ensure that the residents near the facility are not but to further inconvenience. Also the spray at the bottom of their drive is directly impacted. - Reference letter from C & R Brewster 35 Rearsby Road Thrussington.

459/2017 – To discuss vehicle activation speed signs and agree action

The clerk reported that Jill Taylor from Morelock Signs had recently attended the Ratcliffe on the Wreake Parish Council meeting to explain that they have worked with many customers including County Councils, industrial sites, parish councils, etc. to provide solutions for speeding vehicles and these include built in radar detectors and a highly programmable LED display which alerts vehicles to both their current speed and to act as a reminder to slow down. The signs are exceptionally versatile and can be used for a number of different applications, full data logging

and Bluetooth capability allows for data to be very easily downloaded to the easy software for analysis.

The mobile units can be post mounted or battery operated and can show variable speeds, real time speed, they can display text and smiley/sad faces in a variety of colours. Bespoke faceplates can be created to meet the needs of the parish and they are all highly reflective and waterproof. The cost of a unit with 2 batteries is £2,250 + VAT.

Cllr Kearns commented that she had attended the Ratcliffe on the Wreake Parish Council meeting and proposed that we invite Jill Taylor to attend the November meeting so that an informed decision could be made on whether the parish council should invest in speed signs.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to invite a representative from Morelock Signs to attend the November so that a presentation could be given to members of the parish.

460/2017 – Update on traffic calming project

The clerk reported that a priority working system for the chicane on Hoby Road has been issued and the work will commence during the October half term.

Councillors reported that the white lines on Regent Street had still not been corrected and asked the clerk to contact Highways.

The clerk reported that she was waiting for confirmation from Highways regarding the installation of a mirror to provide residents exiting Regent Street better visibility and would be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

461/2017 – Update from Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that the draft plan had been received and was presented at a village meeting on the 9th September. The event was attended by 22 parishioners who offered a largely positive response to the plan. The working party will now collate all responses and make the necessary adjustments to the plan before it is submitted to Charnwood Borough Council for the 6 week consultation for Regulation 50.

462/2017 – Parish Councillors updates

Cllr Kearns reported that:

- The top of the tree on the green has come down and that there are several trees in the village that require attention. It was suggested that the clerk contact a tree surgeon and ask them to carry out a survey of all trees in the village that the parish council has responsibility for.

Cllr Guest reported that:

- Many of the street lights in the village have been replaced with LED lights and asked whether the clerk could contact Highways to ask why all the lights have not been replaced.

Cllr Hainsworth reported that:

- There was a site meeting with the Environment Agency and they have agreed that the trees and the overgrown hedges adjacent to the river need clearing and commented that the work should be carried out by the end of October.
- There are ongoing concerns about the lack of funds available to Leicestershire County Council to carry out ongoing work to the highways, footpaths, verges and weeds, etc. and suggested that the parish council perhaps look at creating a budget line within the 2018/2019 precept to carry out this work to ensure that the village looks clean and tidy at all times.

Cllr Prior reported that:

- Severn Trent need to be contacted about the tree trunk near the bridge on Rearsby Road that is causing problems with drainage.
- The parish council should look to ring fence funding for village repair works including grass verges, hedges, weeds, etc.

463/2017 - Date of next full parish council meeting

Resolved: The date of the next full parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th October 2017. The meeting will commence at the earlier time of 7.00 PM in the village hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:25 PM.

Signed:

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