

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Bev Kearns, Cllr Guest, 4 members of the public and the clerk

### **463/2017 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr James Poland

### **464/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Prior declared an interest on item 472/2017 as members of the NHP working party group

### **465/2017 – Borough/County Council & Police reports**

#### **466/2017 – 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 asked about the footpath at the end of Church Lane and whether it would be possible to have a new/large sign to show that it is a footpath because there are a number of cars that park close to it and there has also been an increase in the speed of traffic on the lane.
- Members of the public raised continued concerns about the noise and toxic fumes coming from the Wreake Valley Craftsman site and that Charnwood Borough Council did not appear to taking any action to ensure that the issues reported were being dealt with. Members of the people raised concerns about the lack of communication from Charnwood Borough Council and there conduct relating to the numerous complaints received. *Councillors agreed with members of the public and suggested that Cllr Poland be asked to look into this again and as well the complaint being forwarded to Cllr Edward Agar.*

### **467/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 September meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

### **468/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

- Current account balance = £13,914.38
- Total income = £4,000.00 (second instalment of precept)
- Total expenditure 2017 = £2,043.24

#### **Payments for authorisation**

- Thrussington Village Hall, NHP meeting = £150.00
- Urban Imprint, NHP = £1,316.10
- ATV Contract Services, mowing for October = £183.74
- ICO, data protection registration = £35.00
- Grant Thornton, annual audit = £150.00
- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses = £208.40

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

#### **469/2017 – Update on Parish Council complaint to Charnwood Borough Council**

Cllr Guest reported that he had received confirmation of Stage 2 of the Parish Council complaint from Charnwood Borough Council in relation to the Wreake Valley Craftsmen planning application P/15/2236/2. Councillors remain concerned about the lack of communication and detailed response relating the items highlighted in the complaint. It was suggested that we ask Cllr Poland to raise this to the next level.

#### **470/2017 – To discuss the request for a Christmas tree to be installed on the village green and agree response**

The clerk reported that she had received a request from a community group regarding the installation of a Christmas tree on the village green from the 8<sup>th</sup> December to the 5<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of all the necessary risk assessment documentation and insurance had been received.

**Resolved:** Councillor Prior proposed that we agree to the request and this was seconded by Councillor Kearns.

#### **471/2017 – Update on traffic calming project**

The clerk reported that the chicane is being installed during the half term break (week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> October) and will take a week to implement.

With regards to the mirror, LCC do not give permission to install mirrors on the highway. Any mirror therefore would have to be on private land /property owner for it to be installed, however that would still require LCC approval due to it impacting on the 'safety' of the junction. LCC appreciate that the mirror sounds like a very viable solution to junctions that have poor visibility, however the County Council has a long held policy not to allow the use of mirrors on the highway. There is no evidence to suggest that mirrors have a positive contribution to road safety, and concerns relating to maintenance and liability in the event of an accident are widely documented. It was reported that there are a number of safety issues which may arise from the use of mirrors, notably:

- a. Distortion of reflected image;
- b. Glare from sunlight or headlamps;
- c. Ineffectiveness during bad weather (rain, snow, frost);
- d. Difficult to judge speed of an approaching vehicle from a mirror image;
- e. Maintenance issues – mirrors are prone to vandalism and may also require constant realignment to ensure effective reflection of approaching vehicle;
- f. Reliance on the mirror's restricted image may compromise the safety of other road users (pedestrians and cyclists) whose image does not appear in the mirror.

Mirrors are classified as a type of road traffic sign. As they are not prescribed in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD), their use on the highway is subject to special authorisation by the Department for Transport (DfT). The DfT does not encourage mirrors on the highway, and this is clearly reinforced through their stringent assessment criteria. Special authorisation will only be considered for junctions in rural/semi-rural locations where visibility is virtually nil. As a rule, there will also be evidence of accidents related to poor visibility and high speed crossing traffic at locations where a mirror is being requested. Further research into the use of mirrors on the highway has reaffirmed that their installation has no proven benefit in terms of road safety. LCC have reviewed the collision data for the County, the use of a mirror at any site where a mirror may be authorised by the DfT was not considered to be of any benefit.

The clerk confirmed that she has reported to Highways that the white lines on Regent Street have still not be corrected.

#### **472/2017 – Update from Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported prior to the meeting that he had updated the budget which is showing a small surplus for the year ending March 2018 because there were additional costs including the production of the draft plan, exhibition boards and some other expenses. MT and NH had met with Paul Gilding of Charnwood in October to review his comments on the plan this will updated in due course. Urban Imprint have received all collated feedback forms and comments from the consultation of and will forward recommendations for changes to the plan. The Working Group and Urban Imprint will meet to discuss and agree any changes and begin to

put together the package of documents together for submission to Charnwood by the end of November/beginning of December.

**473/2017 – Parish Councillors updates**

- N/A

**474/2017 - 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> November 2017. The meeting will commence at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 19:50 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**