

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington**

### **Present:**

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

### **231/2016 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Dave Houseman

### **232/2016 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Prior & Cllr Kearns declared an interest in item 236/2016

### **233/2016 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports**

- Cllr Houseman submitted his report prior to the meeting which confirmed that because of reductions in government funding large savings in the County Council budget outlined in the 4 year Medium Term Financial Strategy means this year 2016/17 the council have a savings target of well over £26m, far more than the total CBC revenue budget. Some savings are being made with the introduction of direct payment cards for those managing their own care and assisted financially by the council. This is a type of debit card which offers customers more choice and control and £708,000 savings have already been made. Another way of making savings is by making it easier for customers to contact the County Council. It costs on average £8.62 for a face to face meeting, £2.83 for each telephone conversation but only 15p for business transacted via the internet.
- Cllr Poland reported that the legal challenge against the Core Strategy had been rejected because the supply of homes in the area had been thoroughly examined. There has been an increase in council tax for the first time in 6 years and this was because the Government had removed their grant to each town council.

### **234/2016 - 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.

- Nich Stanyard asked whether it would be possible to create a by-law to address the issue of dog fouling in the village. *Cllr Poland agreed to look into this and provide the clerk with an update.*
- A member of the public commented that they had been unable to locate the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan via the Charnwood Borough Council website. *The clerk reported that it was live on the website and she had put a link to it on the parish council website.*
- A member of the public asked the possibility of creating a footpath on Hoby Road because there is no safe way for a pedestrian to walk along the road. *Cllr Prior thanked the member of the public for their suggestion and explained that the parish council were due to meet with colleagues from Leicestershire County Council Highways to discuss traffic calming and road safety in the village with a view to developing a variety of projects and this could be an option to look at.*

### **235/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> February 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 February meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

**236/2016 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

The following cheques were agreed:

200080	• ATV Contract Services, mowing payment	£150.00
200081	• Bev Kearns, councillor expenses	£45.55
200082	• Village Hall, Parish Plan meeting	£7.50
200083	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses	£498.16
	<b>Total outgoing cheques:</b>	<b>£701.21</b>

**Resolved:** Cheques will be processed.

**237/2016 – To discuss and agree action in relation to village traffic calming**

The clerk reported that she was in discussion with Stuart Bullen, Senior Engineer – Traffic Management at Leicestershire County Council and hoped that a site meeting with councillors would take place in April.

Cllr Kearns confirmed that the speed watch will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May for a two week period and if anyone is interested in joining the group they should contact her.

Cllr Prior proposed that a working party group be established in order that a traffic calming plan can be created and costings looked into, Cllr Kearns seconded the proposal.

**Resolved: Cllr Prior will liaise with councillors and members of the parish to establish the group.**

**238/2016 – To receive minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan working party, discuss proposed budget and stakeholder involvement and agree actions**

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that the clerk had submitted the proposal to Charnwood Borough Council and confirmed that consultation period is now live.

A copy of the minutes of the last NHP meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that additional information was needed from consultants before a recommendation was made to the parish council on how to proceed with the plan.

Cllr Thistlethwaite asked whether it would be possible for the clerk to find out whether the LRALC recommended a working party or an advisory committee to act on behalf of the parish council because consultants had suggested that an advisory committee was the preferred option.

**Resolved: The clerk will source confirmation from the LRALC and other parish councils.**

**239/2016 – To discuss and agree feedback in relation to planning application P/92/1085/2 – to remove agricultural occupancy condition at 44 Hoby Road, Thrussington and agree feedback**

Councillors discussed the planning application and it was agreed that the parish council had no further comments to make in the relation to the application.

**240/2016 – To discuss quote for pruning of 2 silver birch trees and review condition of trees in the village**

The clerk reported that she had received a quote of £624.00 to reduce the size of the two silver birch trees. Councillors agreed that before any work can be carried out we need ascertain ownership of the trees and if they were owned by the parish council then a planning application would need to be submitted.

**Resolved: The clerk will ascertain ownership of the trees.**

**241/2016 – To discuss proposal from Western Power in relation to a new power supply to the village green and agree actions**

The clerk reported that she had received a quote of ££3,172.01 from Western Power for the new power supply on the village green, including all excavation work. Cllrs agreed that the cost was higher than expected and that this work would need additional funding and should be consider later in the year.

#### **242/2016 – To discuss and agree co-option process**

The clerk reported she had received confirmed from Charnwood Borough Council that they had received no requests to fill our councillor vacancy by election and that we can now proceed to co-opt. The clerk circulated a draft advert and application form to councillors prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that they were happy to proceed.

**Resolved: The clerk will advertise the vacancy with a closing date of the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Applications will be brought to the April meeting for discussion and agreement.**

#### **243/2016 – Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Guest reported that:

- The village website page is now live and that various groups have been asked to contribute to the site. Details of parish council meetings and projects will be uploaded onto the site.

Cllr Prior reported that:

- There are blocked drains on Old Gate Road and these are causing severe problems following heavy rain. *The issue will be reported to Highways.*
- The 'The Jazz on the Green' event will take place during the summer and further details will be confirmed in due course.
- The litter pick was successful, however, there will be a need to purchase better quality litter pickers in the future.

#### **244/2016 - Date of next full parish council meeting**

**Resolved:** The date of the next full parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**