

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington

Present:

Chairman Tom Prior, Cllr Beverley Kearns, Cllr Colin Bell and Cllr Alan Heath
The Clerk
5 members of the public
Cllr J Poland

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30 PM

78/2015 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Ian Procter-Blain and Cllr Dave Houseman

79/2015 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items of the agenda

- N/A

80/2015 – County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Poland reported that the Core Strategy had been published with its modifications and it is the modifications that are now in the 6 week consultation period. Cllr Poland thanked colleagues for their continued support during his period as a councillor and wished all Parish Council councillors good luck.
- PSCO B Geeson emailed a brief report to clerk which confirmed that no crime had been reported during the month and that he would be including an article in the next edition of Thrussington Life regarding the promotion of Neighbourhood Watch

81/2015 - 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.

- Mark ??? asked whether the schedule for the speed watch would be discussed during the meeting and Cllr Kearns confirmed that it would be discussed at item 86/2015.
- Mark ??? raised concerns about the appropriateness of an article on each of the individuals who had been nominated during the election process. The chair and members of the public agreed that an article would be useful as some individuals are more widely known in the village and it would provide electors with more details about each person standing for election. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had five seats available with six people standing.
- David Gamble and David Alton provided the Parish Council with an update on Thrussington Memorial Garden and the work that had been carried out to date by the Thrussington in Bloom group. Concerns were raised about the condition of the site and the need to clear it and start again with new soil and plants. Councillors thanked the Thrussington in Bloom group for their support and hard work and agreed that because there would be a financial implication linked to the proposal it would need to be discussed as a future council meeting and asked for projected costings to be provided.

82/2015 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the full council meeting of the 17th March 2015

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed.

Resolved: Councillors were reminded to check through the minutes fully before the meeting in order to resolve any queries that may arise. The minutes of the March meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

83/2015 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £5,024.61
 - Interest on account received during February and March = £1.11

The following cheques were agreed:

200058	• LRALC/NALC, annual membership	£189.72
200059	• Glyn Mould, restoration of village sign	£720.00
200060	• Zurich Insurance, renewal of Parish Council policy	£585.41
	Total outgoing cheques:	£1,495.13

Resolved: Cheques and invoices signed and clerk to send out at earliest convenience.

84/2015 – Clerks report

The clerks report was covered under items 87/2015 and 88/2015.

85/2015 – To discuss and agree response to planning application P/15/0552/2 – the felling of one conifer tree and replacement with a cherry tree at 22 Rearsby Road, Thrussington and planning application P/15/0710/2 – 50% reduction to an apricot tree at 1 Hoby Road, Thrussington

Copies of both planning applications were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and following a brief discussion it was agreed that the council had no comment to make on either application.

86/2015 – 2015 speed watch campaign update

Cllr Kearns reported that 15 volunteers had been trained by Leicestershire County Council to use the speed watch equipment earlier in the month and a further 5 volunteers had offered their support.

Cllr Kearns reported that the scheme commenced on the morning of Monday 20th April and a rota covering a two hour period in the morning and early evening was being covered by the team of volunteers. During the first couple of days it had become apparent that the main area of concern remained Hoby Road. It was suggested that the amount of cars parked on the main roads, whilst causing an obstruction, had an impact on the speed of drivers. Councillors agreed that parking remains a concern in the village and the clerk suggested that Leicestershire Police can provide flyers that can be put on cars reminding them of the importance to park cars sensibly.

Resolved: Cllr Kearns agreed to update the rota to accommodate the additional volunteers and their work commitments. The clerk will contact PSCO Geeson to see whether Police flyers can be provided to the council.

87/2015 – Update on the appointment of an internal auditor

The clerk reported that Kevin Shaw had been appointed as the internal auditor for Thrussington Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2015. The internal audit will take place on the 29th May and the clerk will present the year end accounts and VAT return at the June meeting in order to meet the national audit deadline of the 30th June 2015.

88/2015 – Update on the appointment of a mowing contractor for 2015

The clerk reported that ATV Contract Services had been appointed as the mowing contractor for the period April to November 2015 at a cost of £1,000 plus VAT and confirmed that the first two cuts of the season had taken place.

Councillors reported that the contractor had done an excellent job with the first two cuts and it was agreed that dates when specific cuts are required will be forwarded to the contractor so that these can be scheduled.

89/2015 – To discuss and agree the format of the Annual Parish meeting and prepare for the Annual meeting of Thrussington Parish Council which will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2015

The clerk circulated a copy of the draft agenda for both meetings and a draft of the Chairman's report for 2015 prior to the meeting.

The council discussed the format of the meetings and it was agreed that the Annual meeting of Thruslington Parish Council would commence at 7.00 PM and the Annual Parish meeting would follow at 8.00 PM.

The Chair confirmed the importance of being clear on the format of the meetings and ensuring that all paperwork was up to date because following the May election there could be several new councillors and a new Chair who would not be familiar with the format and the clerk is not available to provide guidance during the meetings.

Councillors agreed to review all the documentation prior to the meetings and for the clerk to ensure that all the relevant paperwork be available for councillors at the meeting.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would update the documentation required and circulate it to councillors for comments so that it could be prepared prior to the meeting.

90/2015 – Parish Councillor updates

- Cllr Heath confirmed that this was his last meeting and reported that the Parish Council had achieved a lot during his 42 years as a Parish Council and that the current councillors had worked as a good team.

91/2015 - Date of next full parish council meeting

Resolved: The chair confirmed that next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual meeting and will take place on Tuesday 19th May commencing at 7.00 PM in the village hall. The Annual Parish meeting will follow at 8.00 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30 PM.

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