

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:

Cllr Bev Kearns, Cllr Colin Bell, Cllr Edward Guest and Cllr Mark Thistlethwaite
1 member of the public
Mr D Houseman
The clerk

Cllr Bev Kearns acted as Chair and opened the meeting at 7.00 PM

136/2015 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Tom Prior and Cllr James Poland

137/2015 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

138/2015 – County Council/Borough Council & Police reports

- Cllr Houseman reported that following the installation of a new roundabout system in Syston there had been a series of complaints. Remedial work is being undertaken, however, further improvements will need to be made in the future. Cllr Houseman reported that as part of the planning application for Aldi in Syston there was agreement that anyone could use the car park. There are 150 new homes being built and as part of the planning application the builder has agreed to give 5 acres of land to the Town Council so that the cemetery can be extended. There is going to be a full Council meeting and a motion by the Liberal Democrats to review the budget for the grass cutting.

139/2015 - 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.

- N/A

140/2015 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of the 16th June 2015

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 June meeting were approved and signed and will be uploaded onto the parish website.

141/2015 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £5,719.27
 - Interest on account received on the account = £0.78

The following cheques were agreed:

200063	• LRALC, councillor training (Cllr Guest & Cllr Thistlethwaite)	£60.00
200064	• ATV Contract Services, mowing for June & July 2015	£300.00
200065	• Leicestershire County Council, parish web support services	£60.00
	Total outgoing cheques:	£921.53

Resolved: Cheques were approved and signed and will be sent out by the clerk at earliest convenience.

142/2015 – Clerks report

The clerk reported she had received an email from a member of the public about the condition of the foot path at the bottom of back lane and confirmed that this has been reported to highways. The clerk also reported that she has been speaking with the LRALC about the transparency code and the need to upload appropriate documentation. LCC are in the process of reviewing the PC websites and changes are due to be made over the next month or so. The LRALC will be holding training about the transparency code and the clerk plans to attend this. Funding is going to be available through NALC and they have asked the LRALC to provide details of how many councils in the area have a turnover of less than £25,000. The clerk will provide the council with an update as soon as details are available.

143/2015 – To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Kearns circulated a copy of the data retrieved from the scheme which was held between the 20th April and the 18th May 2015 and reported that Hoby Road had not been included in the scheme because the initial discussion was about Seagrave Road, Ratcliffe Road and Rearsby Road. Cllr Kearns confirmed that Hoby Road will be included in the next scheme.

The data provided was very conclusive in that there are still major concerns about the volume and speed of vehicles travelling into and through the village.

The council agreed to hold another event and Cllr Keans will arrange a date with LCC.

144/2015 – To discuss the possibility of progressing with a Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors discussed the idea of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Thistlethwaite proposed that further investigation be done in relation to the costs, time and support that would be involved, this was seconded by Cllr Guest.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr Thistlethwaite and the clerk would investigate the process and present further information at the September meeting.

145/2015 – To discuss the use of personal email accounts by councillors and agree actions

The council discussed the use of their personal email accounts for parish council work and concerns were raised about the enquiries made through the Freedom of Information Act. The council agreed that personal email address should not be used if there was an alternative.

Resolution: It was agreed that the clerk would contact the LRALC to find out what other parish councils are doing and if there was any guidance relating to this topic.

146/2015 – To discuss the request for the Trinity Fayre to use The Green for a variety of events on Saturday 19th September

The council discussed the plans that had been submitted in relation to the event and agreed in principal that The Green could be used, however, it was important for the organisers to arrange their own insurance.

It was suggested that the parish council could look at their own insurance policy to see whether it would be possible to include a number of events that are organised by other groups within the village to the parish council policy.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would inform the organiser of event that permission had been granted on the understanding that insurance would be taken out. The clerk will also speak with the council's insurance provider about adding additional events to the policy.

147/2015 – To discuss and agree response in relation to planning application P/15/1434/2 – Crown reduction of 1 x silver birch at 32 The Green, Thrussington

The council discussed the planning application and agreed that it had no objection. Cllr Guest did suggest that there are some trees within the village that do need maintenance and it was suggested that this item be brought to a future meeting.

148/2015 – To discuss and agree to the purchase of litter pickers for the village

Following a discussion the council agreed that there was a need for additional litter pickers in the village and Cllr Kearns proposed that 6 litter pickers and 2 hi-vis jackets should be purchased, this was seconded by Cllr Bell.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would source the litter pickers and Cllr Kearns would source the jackets.

149/2015 – To discuss and agree to the painting of the phone box in the village

The clerk circulated a quote to the council prior to the meeting of £265 + VAT for the painting of the phone box. Councillors discussed the quote and it was agreed to proceed with the works.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would arrange for the phone box to be painted as soon as possible.

150/2015 – Parish Councillor updates

- Cllr Bell reported that on an annual basis the council should walk the rights on way within the village. Cllr Thistlethwaite confirmed that he had made a start on this process and will provide the council with an update as to which have been done and when.
- Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that he had attended the Councillor training held by the LRALC and had found it very helpful and had brought his attention to various tasks that the council should be doing to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code, including making the agenda available at least 3 clear days before each meeting, including the details of any cheques to be paid, etc. The clerk confirmed that the council were already meeting the requirements of the Transparency Code in many areas and others are being addressed.

151/2015 - Date of next full parish council meeting

Resolved: It was agreed that the date of the September be changed to Wednesday 9th September, commencing at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 PM.

Signed:

Date: