

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Thrussington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2019, 7.30 PM at the Village Hall, Thrussington

Present:

Cllr Tom Prior, Cllr Guest, Cllr Hainsworth, Cllr Thistlethwaite, Cllr Poland, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

640/2018 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Kearns

641/2018 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

642/2018 – Borough/County Council & Police reports

- Cllr Poland reported that Charnwood Borough Council is investigating setting up a Housing Development company to deliver new homes and regeneration projects in the Borough. A council owned Housing Development Company could respond to the challenges facing the council in relation to meeting housing needs and the present opportunity to take on a more proactive and commercial role in the delivery of new homes and new business opportunities in the Borough.
- Cllr Poland reported that LCC are consulting on plans to invest £20m in SEN (Special Educational Needs) for local children and young adults. The plan would look to increase the development of SEN provision as well as supporting those in mainstream education.
- It was noted that a report had been received from PC Matthew Harburt, there had been no crime reported during the month.

643/2018 – 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

644/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 20th November 2018

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

645/2018 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

The clerk submitted payments for authorisation totalling £255.23

Payments for authorisation

- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses = £255.23

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

646/2018 – To discuss shooting activity and agree action

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported prior to the meeting that a member of the public had been in contact with him regarding the shooting activity and the need to involve the police. The member of the public attended the parish council meeting and asked for the clerk to record whether councillors had a declaration of interest in this item, councillors confirmed that they did not and if they had it would have been declared at item 641.

The member of the public reported that he has raised concerns about shooting in the vicinity of his property, however, on the 28th December 2018 it was like a war zone at this property, shooting took place from 11.10 AM until 1.15 PM and then continued again at the nearby gun club until 3.00 PM. It was noted that there is a link between the shooting that is taking place on land and at the gun club. The member of the public reported that there are usually up to 6 people at any time and that he has reported the incidents to the police and Charnwood Borough Council, both has suggested that he keeps a log. The member of the public confirmed that he has been keeping a log and over the 6 month period from 25th May to 31st December 2018 he had recorded shooting on 101 days and totalling 259 hours.

The member of the public commented that shooting causes many problems including noise pollution, it is classed as anti-social behaviour, there footpaths close to the site of the shooting and there are concerns about the decimation of the wildlife. The member of the public reported that his wife works shifts and she cannot get any sleep during the day because of the shooting. The member of the public said that moving forward he would like the parish council to take some responsibility and that he is prepared to tack legal action.

The Chair commented that the powers of the parish council are limited and that this is a police matter and that the member of the public should contact them immediately. Councillors agreed that they would contact Charnwood Borough Council to report their concerns about safety, environmental health, noise and planning issues.

Cllr Poland proposed that the resident should contact the police because this is 'anti social behaviour with a gun'.

647/2018 – To discuss the purchase of benches for the village green and agree actions

It was agreed to postpone the discussion of this item until councillors have been provided with details of how much funding is available.

648/2018 – To discuss planning application P/18/2503/2 – single storey extension to rear of semi detached dwelling and two storey roof extension to the rear at 10 The Green, Thrussington and agree actions

The clerk circulated a copy of the planning application prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the planning and agreed that they had no objections.

649/2018 – To discuss annual litter pick and agree actions

Councillors discussed the annual litter pick and it was agreed that it would take place on Saturday 23rd February. The clerk will contact Charnwood Borough Council to source grabbers and bin bags and to arrange for the rubbish to be collected. Cllr Prior agreed to put the details on the village Facebook page and the clerk will submit an article for inclusion into Thrussington Life.

650/2018 – To discuss electricity tariff scheme and agree actions

The clerk reported that we have been given notice that the Npower electricity contract that we have is being cancelled because they can provide the service that we require. Councillors agreed that we do need access to a supply and asked the clerk to source alternative providers and to provide details at a future meeting.

651/2018 – Update on the May 2019 elections

The clerk reported that she had contacted Charnwood Borough Council and they have confirmed that if the election is contested there will be a charge of £650, if the election is uncontested then the charge will £67. Further details will be provided by Charnwood Borough Council next month and these will be circulated to councillors and made available for anyone who is interested in standing for election. It was agreed that these details will be included in a future edition of Thrussington Life.

651/2018 – Update on mowing contract for 2019

The clerk reported that following a discussion with the current mowing contractor they had agreed to keep the costs the same as 2018, the costs will be £1,275 + VAT and will be invoiced over the 8 month mowing period starting in April.

652/2018 – Parish Councillors updates

Cllr Guest reported that:

- He will be leaving the village later in the year and that consideration needs to be given about who will take on the website and the Facebook page.

Cllr Thistlethwaite reported that:

- Nothing further has been reported on the Wreake Valley planning application and asked the clerk to contact them for an update.
- Consideration should be given to the AGM and the presentation by councillors of the NHP, it was agreed that this will be added to a future agenda.

Cllr Hainsworth reported that:

- Dog fouling has started to appear in the village.

653/2018 - Date of next full parish council meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:40 PM.

Signed:

Date: