

# THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Thrussington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.45 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Prior, Cllr Kearns, Cllr Newton, Cllr Poland and the clerk.

### **985/2022- Appointment of Chair**

- Cllr Kearns proposed Cllr Prior, this was seconded by Cllr Newton. Cllr Prior accepted the position of Chair.

### **986/2022- Appointment of Vice Chair**

- Cllr Newton proposed Cllr Kearns, this was seconded by Cllr Prior. Cllr Kearns accepted the position.

### **987/2022- Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- N/A

### **988/2022 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- N/A

### **989/2022 - Public Forum – 10 minutes**

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chair if they wish 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

### **990/2022 – County Council/District Council/Police reports**

A copy of Cllr Poland's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and included:

#### Charnwood heritage guide launched

A guide to showcase Charnwood's fascinating heritage has been launched to help boost the tourism economy. The Discover Charnwood Heritage Guide, produced by Charnwood Borough Council in partnership with Loughborough Heritage Forum and Leicestershire Promotions will be available locally and distributed regionally to encourage people to visit Charnwood.

The guide gives a fascinating insight into the borough's local heritage including Loughborough's Taylor and Co Bell Foundry, the last remaining major bell foundry in the UK, Great Central Railway, Stoneywell Cottage and the Carillon Tower. It also features Charnwood's unique geological heritage as the borough's landscapes were formed 600 million years ago and are the resting place of the oldest fossils in England.

The creation of the guide comes soon after the launch of Discover Charnwood, a new website to showcase the borough to visitors. To find out more, visit [www.discovercharnwood.co.uk](http://www.discovercharnwood.co.uk)

#### New technology is helping keep elderly and vulnerable adults in Leicestershire safe in their homes

The homes of elderly and vulnerable adults in Leicestershire are being fitted with equipment such as fall detectors to help keep them safe 24 hours a day. Leicestershire County Council has launched a new technology service with the potential to boost people's independence, improve their quality of life and reduce the amount of support they need.

Care Technology (CT), sometimes referred to as telecare, involves monitoring and alert equipment to help people to remain independent in their home and in the community. This equipment will provide residents, their carers, family and friends with the reassurance that help is available round-the-clock, seven days a week. It allows people to be monitored by trained staff in case they should fall ill or have an accident so help can be quickly summoned while reducing the pressure on 999 services.

Technology can help people to live independently, stay in control of their own health and wellbeing and provide far greater peace of mind to those around them. The new service is designed to offer reassurance and support to anyone but is of particular value for those who are more vulnerable due to their health or social circumstances

Care Technology covers a wide range of equipment, such as alarm systems, falls detectors and GPS location trackers. User-friendly technology will be tailored for each person's circumstances, helping them to live safe and independent lives. The Care Technology Service is available at no charge for adults who meet the eligibility criteria.

More information is available on the council's website:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/living-independently-at-home/care-technology>

#### Next phase for freeports promises more benefits for the East Midlands

Plans to create an innovative, inland freeport in the East Midlands have taken a big leap forward with the submission of a key document. The 'Full Business Case' (FBC), were sent to the Government in April, keeps the East Midlands Freeport

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on track to become fully operational later this year and builds upon the Outline Business Case approved in February. Government approval will unlock the complete range of benefits offered by the Freeport, adding to the special incentives already available to eligible businesses investing in the Freeport's Tax Sites.

The blueprint sets out plans to make sure that the UK's only inland Freeport is fully equipped to achieve its objectives, including promoting growth in advanced manufacturing and logistics, low carbon and renewable energy production and research and development, as well as supporting the Government's Levelling Up, Net Zero, skills and innovation and trade and investment objectives. This will in turn enable the Freeport to create an estimated 61,000 new jobs and generate £8.9 billion for the economy over the next 30 years, playing a critical role in levelling up the region.

Building on the Freeport's public and private sector partnership, it makes the case for £25 million of seed capital funding that will deliver new road infrastructure, cycle routes, land preparation works and a Hydrogen Skills Academy – subject to local planning processes. The plans include upgrades to regional transport infrastructure and cycle routes centred around delivering more sustainable connectivity across the Freeport's three main locations at the East Midlands Airport and Gateway Industrial Cluster ('EMAGIC'), East Midlands Intermodal Park ('EMIP') and the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station Redevelopment Site.

## **SHIRE Community Grant Scheme Launched**

Grants of up to £10,000 are being made available for community projects which help disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Leicestershire. Leicestershire County Council has launched its SHIRE Community Grants Scheme, with a budget of £600,000, to support projects run by community groups, charities, not-for-profit enterprises and town and parish councils.

The SHIRE Community Grants programme aims to fund projects that help elderly and frail people, those with disabilities, special educational needs or mental health conditions as well as carers and those experiencing financial hardship, social isolation and poor access to services. Small grants of up to £3,000 or larger sums of up to £10,000 are available to help with costs including staffing, buying equipment and room hire.

In the past council SHIRE Community Grants have been used for projects including:

- Mental health counselling sessions for homeless young people
- A rehabilitative programme for people who have developed severe physical disabilities following accident or injury
- Schemes which support individuals with budgeting, benefits, debt advice, and cost saving ideas
- Support with English language and ICT skills to help people from BAME communities to gain employment
- Vehicles such as a wheelchair accessible minibus and a mobile foodbank delivery service

Applications for the current round of grants are being accepted until June 8, 2022, but further grants will be available in September and November. Applying groups must be based in Leicestershire. More information can be found here: <https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/shire-community-grant.html>

## **991/2022 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

A copy of the minutes were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Kearns proposed that the minutes be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Newton and all councillors were in agreement. The minutes will be added to the website.

## **992/2022 – Resolution to approve payments**

A copy of the payment schedule was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which totaled £496.41. Cllr Newton proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Kearns and all councillors were in agreement.

- ATV Contract Services, mowing = £175.00
- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary = £276.41
- Helen Chadwick, clerks expenses = £35.00

## **993/2022 – Resolution to approve year end accounts and external audit for 2021/2022**

The clerk circulated a copy of the year end accounts for 2021/2022 which showed an income of £12,000 and expenditure of £8,143.63. Cllr Newton proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true reflection of the financial year, this was seconded by Cllr Kearns and all councillors were in agreement.

## **994/2022 – Resolution to adopt financial orders**

A copy of the financial orders was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was noted that there were no changes. Councillors agreed to adopt the financial orders.

## **995/2022 – Resolution to adopt standing orders**

A copy of the standing orders was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was noted that there were no changes. Councillors agreed to adopt the standing orders.

## **996/2022 – Resolution to adopt code of conduct**

A copy of the new code of conduct was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was noted that there were no changes. Councillors agreed to adopt the new code of conduct.

## **997/2022 – To discuss councillor co-option and agree actions**

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The clerk reported that the two applications had been received and were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors voted on vacancy one and it was agreed that candidate B be co-opted onto the parish council. Councillors voted on vacancy two and agreed that they would invite candidate A to an informal meeting prior to the June meeting.

## **998/2022 – Update on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and agree actions**

Thanks were noted to Charnwood Borough Council for their donation of bunting and flags for the village. It was noted that invitations have been sent out to villagers from the host of the party. Cllr Kearns confirmed that cream teas would be available in the Church on Sunday.

## **999/2022 – Update on traffic calming**

The clerk reported that she has received no response from LCC Highways with regards to a site visit so has asked Cllr Poland to see if he can push this through.

## **1000/2022 – Planning applications**

It was noted that comments have been passed to the local plan working party group to confirm that they would be supportive of the group and the aim of opposing the proposal being put forward by the Charnwood Borough Council. It was noted that there may be some monies available from the parish council if professional help is needed to support an work. Councillors agreed that whilst there is money available it would be limited.

## **1001/2022 – Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Kearns reported that:

- The ridge and farrow is being filled in and an extra has been installed at the entrance to the triangular piece of land on Seagrave/Old Gate Road
- There has been a lot of trouble on the green with lorries trying to gain access to Fernley Rise and asked whether it would be possible to have a sign installed to say 'no HGV'. It was noted that there are some issues with sat navs.
- Benton’s estate agent has installed a ‘for sale’ sign that has been attached to the street sign and that this needs removing.

## **1002/2022 – Date of next meeting**

- It was agreed that the parish council meeting would take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15 PM and that this would be followed by the annual parish meeting at 7.45 PM.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

Chair closed the meeting at 20:50