

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Thrussington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.15 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Prior, Cllr Newby, Cllr Watson and the clerk.

### **1002/2022 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Kearns & Cllr Poland

### **1003/2022 – 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

### **1004/2022 – Welcome & introduction of new councillors, signing of acceptance of office forms and declaration of interest form**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Steve Watson to the meeting, councillors introduced themselves and the clerk confirmed that the forms had been completed and signed.

### **1005/2022 - 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

### **1006/2022 – County Council/District Council/Police reports**

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

#### Public hearings to be held as part of Local Plan process

A series of public hearings will be held as part of the scrutiny process for Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan which sets out a vision for growth in the area. The sessions will be held at Loughborough Town Hall starting on Tuesday, June 28.

Last year the Council submitted the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 to Government following several years of development, evidence gathering and consultations. The plan provides a robust strategy for growth which simultaneously safeguards the environment and helps build healthy communities. It identifies how the borough will meet increased Government targets for new homes, as well as providing employment land and critical infrastructure. Independent planning inspectors have been appointed by Government to examine the plan and assess whether it has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and if it is 'sound'. The assessment has already started, and the public hearings are the latest phase of that work.

The sessions are open for the public to attend but people cannot make representations unless they have already been invited to do so by the Local Plan programme officer.

The public hearings are all part of the local plan process which is subjected to intense scrutiny. This helps to ensure we get the best plan for Charnwood and one which delivers growth in a sustainable way and helps safeguard our local environment and build strong communities. The examination process is entirely independent of the Council.

The public hearings start on Tuesday, June 28 and the final session is on Friday, July 22. For more details on the local plan, the examination process and the full timetable of sessions, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan)

At the end of the examination, the Inspector will send a report to the Council recommending whether it can adopt the plan. In most cases, the report will recommend some changes and further consultation is needed. After that, the Council can adopt the local plan. It is anticipated that the Council will be asked to vote on the adoption of the Local Plan by end of the year.

#### Queen's Baton Relay for Commonwealth Games to visit Loughborough

Residents in Charnwood are being urged to show their support for the Commonwealth Games when the Queen's Baton Relay visits Loughborough in July. Charnwood Borough Council is planning an afternoon of fun activities and celebrations on Monday, July 11 to celebrate the Baton's visit to the town. During its visit to the town centre, the Baton will start at Queen's Park and make a quick stop at the Carillon Tower before heading to the Market Place for a celebration event.

The main stage will come alive in Market Place at 1pm with live music and entertainment. There will also be free children's arts and craft activities and face painting throughout the afternoon. A number of market stalls and children's fairground rides will be in the town centre to showcase Loughborough's Markets and Fair Royal Charter which celebrated its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

There will also be free sports activities and children's games taking place in Queen's Park between 12-3pm.

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The Baton is expected to arrive in Queen's Park and Market Place between 1.30-2.30pm but people are advised to check the Council's website for more details including the Baton route and proposed timings. Live updates will also be published on the Council's Twitter @CharnwoodBC on the day of the relay.

Residents are also being invited to visit Loughborough University's campus where the Baton will officially start its Loughborough journey at around 1pm before it travels by vehicle to Queen's Park.

The Queen's Baton Relay is an iconic part of the Commonwealth Games and its visit to both the University and the town centre gives Loughborough a chance to showcase its heritage and sporting excellence. For more information about the Queen's Baton Relay coming to Loughborough, visit the Council's website: [www.chnwood.gov.uk/QBR](http://www.chnwood.gov.uk/QBR)

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – a journey which brings together and celebrates communities across the Commonwealth during the build-up to the Games. In England, the Queen's Baton Relay will provide the opportunity for communities to experience the excitement for Birmingham 2022, as the 11 days of showstopping sport nears ever closer.

The Queen's Baton Relay is set to travel the length and breadth of England for a total of 29 days, before culminating at the Opening Ceremony for Birmingham 2022 on 28 July 2022. The relay in England was kicked off on Thursday 2 June when the Baton spent four days in London, coinciding with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend. The Baton resumed the international journey and return to England on Monday 4 July to start a 25-day tour of the regions.

Thousands of Batonbearers, each with inspiring backgrounds and stories, will have the honour of carrying the Baton during the journey through England. Batonbearers were nominated in recognition of their contributions to their local community and being an inspiration to others.

For more information on the Queen's Baton Relay, visit [www.birmingham2022.com/qbr](http://www.birmingham2022.com/qbr).

## Residents encouraged to explore hidden walks and public footpaths this summer

Walkers and ramblers are being invited to use an interactive map to explore Leicestershire's 1,800 miles of public footpaths. The interactive map allows people to see right of way footpaths across the county as well as highlighting over 150 specific walks.

The map also allows users to filter by routes distance and elements of interest, such as historic locations or family-friendly walks that pass play areas. The walks can also be seen by their difficulty so people of all abilities can know which ones they can attempt.

Leicestershire County Council is encouraging people to use their public footpaths over the coming months while stressing the benefits which include improved health and getting around without adding to carbon dioxide emissions. Research has shown most county residents going walking, cycling, or riding at least once a month and many residents have said they see access to the countryside as important. Leicestershire's public footpaths make up 40 per cent of highways in the county and are also used regularly in both town and rural locations for practical travel and leisure.

Leicestershire County Council is encouraging everyone to try out our great network of public footpaths. Our county has some beautiful walks, to help people improve their health and helping us reach our net zero targets too. The interactive map makes it easy to plan journeys and help people make the most of our fantastic countryside.

The website also has a wide range of leaflets for download or for use on mobile phones. To find out more, use the interactive map and plan your own footpath walk please go to: <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/walks/>

## Have your say on the proposed Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Carers Strategy

People are being urged to share their views on plans to support carers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland over the next three years. A consultation was launched on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, the start of Carers' Week, on the Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland (LLR) Carers Strategy 2022-2025 and it will run until the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

It is estimated there are around 100,000 carers in Leicestershire. The strategy has been developed jointly by Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and is a refreshed version of the LLR Joint Carers Strategy 2018-2021: Recognising, Valuing and Supporting Carers. The refresh aims to make the strategy clearer and more accessible.

The consultation will seek the views of public, carers themselves and the people they look after as well as organisations that work with carers, and council staff. Views are being sought through an online questionnaire and via targeted group consultation with carers, particularly those who are currently accessing support from the county council.

An engagement exercise last year demonstrated that Leicestershire carers continue to identify with the priorities contained in the 2018-2021 Strategy. These included recognising and valuing carers, helping them have their own lives alongside their caring responsibilities and making sure they have the support they need at the times they need it.

The consultation will shape the final version of the refreshed Carers' Strategy for the coming three years, establish future plans across the partnership, and set out specific actions for the county council to address in Leicestershire. The consultation outcomes, the final refreshed strategy and an action plan for Leicestershire will be discussed by the council's Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the County's Cabinet in the autumn. To take part in the consultation visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/leicester-leicestershire-and-rutland-llr-draft-joint-carers-strategy-2022-2025>

## **1007/2022 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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

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## **1008/2022 – Resolution to approve payments**

A copy of the payment schedule was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which totaled £919.41. Cllr Watson proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Newby and all councillors were in agreement.

- ATV Contract Services, mowing = £175.00
- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary = £276.41
- Zurich Insurance, annual payment = £458.00

## **1009/2022 – To discuss councillor co-option and agree actions**

The Chair reported that following the recent councillor co-option applications a second candidate had met with councillors. Cllr Prior proposed that the candidate be co-opted onto the parish council at the July meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Newby.

The clerk will invite the candidate to the July meeting.

## **1010/2022 – To discuss the request to use the village green on the 26<sup>th</sup> June for the skittles event and agree actions**

Councillors discussed the request and it was agreed that providing all the necessary risk assessments and insurances were in place that would permission would be granted.

## **1011/2022 – Update on traffic calming**

The clerk reported that she had still not had a response from the Highways department about a site visit to discuss the speed signs. It was agreed that Cllr Poland and Cllr Agar would be contacted to see if they could help progress things.

## **1012/2022 – Planning applications**

- N/A

## **1013/2022 – Parish Councillor updates**

- N/A

## **1014/2022 – Date of next meeting**

- It was agreed that the parish council meeting would take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the village hall.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

Chair closed the meeting at 19:35