

THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thrussington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2023 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

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

1073/2023 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Chester and Cllr James Poland.

1074/2023 – 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.

- Cllr Kearns on item 1082 as a member of the group.

1075/2023 - 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.

- It was noted that a local resident had raised concerns about the volume of traffic coming through the village from Brooksby College, the majority of which appear to be students, and following an accident on the 7th March asked if it would be possible to contact the college and suggest their students use the A607 as a more appropriate route rather than travelling through the village. Councillors thanked the resident for raising these concerns and agreed that they would write a letter to the college.
- It was noted that a request had been received, after the agenda had been published, to use the village green on the 24th June as part of the Leicestershire Round, which is a community relay. Councillors agreed to the use of the village green in principle providing that the necessary risk assessments had been carried but that it would need to be formally agreed at the March meeting.

1076/2023 – County Council/District Council/Police reports

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

Local Plan hearings have resumed

A series of public hearings have resumed 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 were paused last year by independent planning inspectors who have been appointed by Government to examine the plan.

They put the hearings on hold to allow more time for the consideration of information relating to Leicester's unmet housing and employment need. Leicester does not have enough land for the new homes and employment it needs in future years. Councils in Leicestershire have agreed to work together to share this unmet need.

The hearings reconvened in October when the inspectors heard representations relating to how Charnwood can accommodate some of Leicester's unmet need.

The hearings re-started on Tuesday, February 7 at Loughborough Town Hall and be held on various days until February 23. For the full schedule, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/examination.

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 Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 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.

For more information about the Local Plan, the examination process and the public hearings, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan.

Views sought on strategy to help Charnwood tackle climate change

Views are being sought on a climate change strategy for Charnwood which is being developed by the borough council.

The Climate Change Strategy 2023-30 sets out how the Council will help lead local and work in partnership with communities, residents, organisations, and businesses to reduce emissions and help look after the environment. It also references the Council's existing efforts to reduce its own carbon footprint. A consultation has been launched on the strategy and people are being encouraged to have a say.

The draft Climate Change Strategy and its associated action plan sets out the Council's commitment to take local action on climate change.

The strategy's seven themes include:

- Transport
- Planning, Land Use and Biodiversity
- Buildings and Heating (energy)
- Resources including Food and Waste
- Business and Economy

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- Governance and Finance
- Partnership and Communication

The strategy's action plan includes encouraging businesses and communities to reduce energy use; working with partners to bring sustainable benefits to communities; reducing the Council's own carbon footprint by using more electric vehicles and making buildings more energy efficient and working with partners to reduce flooding in the borough. Residents are encouraged to visit the Council's website to read the strategy and have a say. The consultation ends on 6th March. Visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/ClimateStrategy.

Voter ID for elections

The Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023 and will include the borough and parish elections in Charnwood.

The requirement is only for voters visiting polling stations. A list of the accepted forms of photo can be seen on Charnwood's website: www.charnwood.gov.uk/VoterID. Those without a suitable form of photo ID can apply for a free ID called a Voter Authority Certificate. This ID can only be used for elections. Applications can be made online through [the Government website](#) or by completing a paper form.

A paper form is available to download and print from the [Charnwood Borough Council website](#). Alternatively, residents can request the form is sent to them via post by contacting the elections team on electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk or by calling 01509 634546. Those who require a Voter Authority Certificate are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is **5pm on Tuesday April 25, 2023**. Residents should first make sure they are registered to vote before applying.

Charnwood have also put together a list of FAQs on their website which may be helpful for any inquiries from residents: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/voter_id_faqs.

County Council waives road closure fees for coronation celebrations

Leicestershire County Council is offering free road closure applications for street parties being held to mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King later this year.

The Coronation will take place on Saturday, 6th May and, across the weekend, including Monday, 8th May, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion.

On Sunday, 7th May 2023, the Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country. The council says its decision will help to support villages and communities who want to organise events.

The applications for temporary traffic orders, which involve road closures if events are being held on the highway, usually cost in the region of £400 - £650. The deadline for applications is Friday, 31 March 2023.

Guidance, complete with an application form, is available at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/plan-an-event/your-responsibilities> or by emailing eventsnetworkmanagement@leics.gov.uk.

1077/2023 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 24th January 2023

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

1078/2023– Resolution to approve payments

A copy of the payment schedule was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which totaled £276.41. Cllr Kearns proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Newby and all councillors were in agreement.

- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary = £276.41

1079/2023 – To discuss the request from Bellway Homes to attend a meeting with the parish council and agree actions

The clerk reported that she had received a request from Bellway Homes to attend a meeting with councillors to go through their planning application but they would not confirm their rationale for the meeting.

Cllr Watson commented that it is hoped that the local plan will come to fruition before the planning application has been decided and that he was disappointed that Bellway Homes did not approach the parish council initially.

It was agreed that Cllr Watson would speak with Bellway Homes to find out what the purpose of the meeting would be.

1080/2023 – Planning applications

- P/23/0022/2 – replacement of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling at 2 Back Lane, Thrussington. A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and agreed that they had no objections.

1081/2023 – To discuss the King's Coronation and agree actions

Councillors discussed plans for the King's Coronation and confirmed that the 'café on the green' will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May. It was noted that the road closure application had been submitted and LCC have confirmed that they are unable to close Main Street.

Councillors confirmed that they had spoken with local business to inform them of the event and the plans to close the road.

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It was noted that the village green would be set up with music and that the parish council would provide tea, coffee and scones. Councillors agreed that residents would be asked to bring their own food/refreshments.

The clerk confirmed that Charnwood Borough Council would not be providing bunting. Cllr Newby offered to look into this.

Councillors agreed that the village green could be used for the event and that the usual risk assessments would need to be carried out.

1082/2023 – To discuss the request for Skittles to use the village green on the 3rd June and agree actions

The clerk confirmed that she had received a request for the village green to be used for skittles on the 3rd June.

Councillors discussed the request and Cllr Prior proposed that permission be granted based on the completion of the risk assessment, this was seconded by Cllr Newby and all councillors were in agreement.

1083/2023 – Update on the installation of the new bins

The clerk reported that she had submitted the bin request to Charnwood Borough Council but had not received any communication. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Cllr Poland to assist with getting this resolved.

1084/2023 – Update on the installation of the speed signs

The clerk reported that everything is in place for the speed signs but the parish council do need to carry out the consultation with the neighbouring properties.

1085/2023 – Update on the annual litter pick

It was noted that the litter pick will take place on the 11th March and that the clerk will arrange to collect the litter pickers from Charnwood Borough Council and that an advert has been placed in Thrussington Life requesting volunteers.

1086/2023 – Parish Councillor updates

- Cllr Watson reported that Cllr Poland had raised the concerns with the local plan to the inspectors at the recent hearings and that these concerns had been taken onboard. It was noted that once the hearings had finished the final report will be circulated. Cllr Watson commented that the hope of the village is that the two sites will be removed from the plan.
- Cllr Watson reminded councillors that once the local plan is in place we will need to review the neighbourhood plan.
- Cllr Watson asked if details of the local elections and the need for photo ID when voting could be put on the noticeboard.

1087/2023 – Dates of 2023 meetings

- A copy of the draft meeting dates were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
 - Tuesday 28th March
 - Tuesday 18th April – annual parish meeting
 - Tuesday 23rd May
 - Tuesday 27th June
 - Tuesday 18th July
 - Tuesday 19th September
 - Tuesday 17th October
 - Tuesday 21st November

Signed:

Date:

Chair closed the meeting at 20:10