

# **THRUSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Thrussington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8.15 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Prior, Cllr Kearns, Cllr Newby, Cllr Watson, Cllr Poland, 2 members of the public and the clerk.

### **1088/2023 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chester.

### **1089/2023 – 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 Watson declared an interest on item 1094 application A; as a neighbour to the property in question.

### **1090/2023 - 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.

- A resident commented on when the white lines were being painted, it was noted that the white lines that had been requested to be painted had been done but that the clerk would look into this.

### **1091/2023 – County Council/District Council/Police reports**

A copy of PSCO 6098, Lesley Harrison's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which noted that a van had been stolen at The Laurels. Old Gate Road at 1600 hrs on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

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

#### **Charnwood Borough Council budget**

Charnwood Borough Council's budget was passed by Full Council on February 27<sup>th</sup>. It contains a proposal to increase the Charnwood element of Council tax by 9p a week for the average Band D property in the borough. The proposed increase would see the annual charge for the Charnwood element of an average Band D property rise by £4.78 (3.52 per cent) from April 1, 2023.

The Council's draft budget for 2023/24 looks to spend around £20 million on services for the borough. This includes generating extra income through fees and charges and using around £1.3 million of reserves.

The Council is also continuing to invest in the borough including:

- a planned £2m million regeneration scheme for the centre of Shepshed, with some joint funding being provided from other sources
- investment in local parks including £200,000 earmarked for Queen's Park in Loughborough and around £50,000 for the creation of a Community Garden in Syston
- £65,000 to facilitate additional EV charging points in the Bee Hive Car Park in Loughborough

The proposed increase to the Charnwood element of council tax means the annual charge for an average Band D property will rise to £140.47. Charnwood continues to have one of the lowest council tax charges in the country.

The Council is responsible for a wide range of services including; collecting recycling and refuse from more than 70,000 homes in the borough; supporting homeless people; managing open spaces including the Outwoods; emptying dog bins, litter bins, street cleaning; food safety inspections; licensing of pubs and clubs and taxis; operating Loughborough Markets, town centre events and the annual four-day Loughborough Fair; running Loughborough Town Hall; operating three leisure centres; running Charnwood Museum with the county council; handling planning applications and strategic planning; and operating a 24/7 CCTV system.

People on low incomes can apply for Local Council Tax Support. This gives up to an 85 per cent reduction on the whole council tax bill.

The Council is also playing a leading role in Loughborough Town Deal which has secured £16.9 million of Government funding for 11 projects which are worth a total investment of over £40 million for Loughborough. The projects will improve skills, improve Loughborough town centre, create jobs, protect against flooding and support the local visitor economy.

The Council has also been awarded £4 million from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund and will be backing 10 local projects which will see improvements made to community facilities around the borough.

#### **Charnwood Borough Council takes action to tackle fly-tipping and poor dog control**

Nine fines totalling over £3,000 have been handed out following reports of fly-tipping, dog fouling and poor dog control in Charnwood over the last three months. The borough council has taken action as part of its ongoing commitment to look after the local environment and crackdown on those who show a disregard for the area.

The Council is also advising people to continue to report issues. Seven people have been handed £400 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping. A £100 fixed penalty notice was also handed out to a dog owner following a report from a member of the public about persistent dog fouling in Hathern.

If you ever see any fly-tips across Charnwood or fly-tipping taking place, you are encouraged to report it directly to the Council by visiting: [www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping).

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To report issues with dog control and dog fouling, please visit the Council's website: [www.charnwood.gov.uk/dogcontrol](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/dogcontrol).

The Council work with waste partner, Serco to maintain streets and open spaces across the whole of Charnwood. People have a legal duty of care to take all reasonable steps to ensure their waste is disposed of in the correct way. Residents are reminded to only use authorised waste carriers to dispose of their waste and make sure the carrier has a license from the Environment Agency. You can find out more details on the Council's website about authorised waste carriers: [www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping)

## County budget

A budget that delivers major investment in support for vulnerable people has been set by Leicestershire County Council. The authority agreed its financial plan - including an extra £57m for vital help, such as home and residential care - at a full county council meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Designed to protect public services as much as possible during tough economic times, it will see major capital investment of £509m, service cuts totalling £3m, £59m of efficiency savings and a 4.99 per cent Council Tax increase from April to ensure the books will balance next year (which equates to £1.39 a week for a Band D home and generates £17.7m for front line services). An extra £1m has also been earmarked to offset the impact of service cuts and boost road maintenance, following better than expected Government funding earlier this year.

Although councils fared better than expected in the Government's Autumn Statement, the financial outlook remains extremely tough with the authority's budget gap set to rise to nearly £90m by 2026. Growing service demand is set to increase costs by £70m, with rising inflation forecast to add another £91m by 2026/27. On top of this, the National Living Wage increase drives up social care costs significantly and adds another £18m.

The budget includes:

- **£57m more to support vulnerable people** - to pay for more home and residential care, and support people with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health needs. The number of home care users has increased by 600 since January 2020.
- **£59m of efficiency savings** – reducing back office costs by maximising digital technology, simplifying processes and providing the right level of support to residents
- **A £509m four-year capital pot** - for the cost of building roads, schools and other one-off projects

The council's yearly budget totals £512m.

## Local councils lead the way on pact to drive forward a net zero Leicestershire

Leicestershire County Council has teamed up with key partners and stakeholders (including Charnwood Borough Council) from leading organisations to draw up an ambitious set of principles setting out Leicestershire's commitment to tackle climate change, nature decline and carbon reduction. The Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact is based on the principles of the Glasgow Climate Pact, signed by the UK government in November 2021. It supports national and international efforts to tackle climate change by bringing together the businesses and private sector, voluntary, community and social enterprises, universities, the education and research sector, the public sector and the people and communities of Leicestershire, to drive local action and work towards a number of shared environmental aims.

The core requirements of the Pact include the need to act quickly on reducing the impacts of climate change, reducing carbon emissions to net zero, halting ecological decline, supporting climate recovery, and working together to deliver effective action on climate change. The Pact – which stands as a statement of intent on the county's climate action pledges – was officially launched at a signing ceremony on Tuesday 28 February, attended by representatives from more than 40 organisations who gathered to share their ideas on how to work together towards the common goal of making Leicestershire a net zero county by 2045.

The county council is now calling upon other organisations and groups across the county to sign up to the pact and play their part in combating climate change and nature decline. A number of other organisations have already informally pledged their support, ahead of going through the formal decision-making process. The Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact underlines the urgent need for organisations in the county to work together to deliver our climate commitments. It highlights the fact that the Council can't reach net zero on our own – a combined effort is needed to make it a reality. For more information on this and to find out how you can get involved, contact [netzero@leics.gov.uk](mailto:netzero@leics.gov.uk).

## **1093/2023 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

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

## **1094/2023– 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.

## **1095/2023 – Planning applications**

- a. P/23/0406/2 – outline application for nine new detached dwellings and new means of access of Hoby Road, Thrussington. A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and agreed that the scale was enormous and that there was concern about the wildlife

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within the ancient field. Cllr Poland confirmed that he had called this application in to the planning committee. Cllr Kearns proposed that we submit an objection based on the comments of the working party, this was seconded by Cllr Newby.

- b. P/23/0129/2 – demolition of out buildings and erection of dwelling with associated parking provision and bin storage at 2 Back Lane, Thrustrington. A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and raised concerns about the change to the street scene, limited parking, issues with congestion at school drop off and pick up times and the effect of the character of that corner of the village. Cllr Watson proposed that we support the comments of residents and submit an objection based on our concerns, this was seconded by Cllr Prior. C
- c. To discuss the submission of a complaint to the LHA regarding the 68 home Bellway planning application (P/22/1539/2). Cllr Watson reported that he had spoken with Bellway Homes and they have submitted a set of completely redrawn plans to Charnwood Borough Council. It was noted that the Highways Authority do not normally object to planning application, however, it was noted that the details in the transport assessment submitted by Bellway Homes was in accurate and councillors felt that Highways should be alerted to this. It was noted that in their initial response that the junction had been remodeled but they are not looking at the village in its entirety. Councillors agreed that a complaint should be submitted and that we should challenge the fact that they never comment on planning applications.
- d. Update regarding the notification of the outcome of planning applications.  
Cllr Poland reported that he had spoken with the planning department and they no longer email out decision notices and that it is up to individuals to check the planning portal for decisions.

## **1096/2023 – To discuss the King’s Coronation and agree actions**

Councillors confirmed plans for the ‘café on the green’ and that the road closure will be from 1.30 to 5.30 PM, however, cars will need moving from 12.00 noon to 6.00 PM. It was agreed that residents will be notified of the road closure via a flyer. Councillors Kearns reported that she will speak with Wreake Valley Craftman about using their car park for residents cars for the duration of the road closure.

Councillors agreed that scones and tea will be provided by the parish council. It was noted that the tables from the village hall could be used on the green.

Cllr Newby agreed to look into the costing of bunting and commemorative pencils for the children in the village.

Cllr Watson agreed to source a PA system for the afternoon.

## **1097/2023 – To discuss the annual parish meeting and agree actions**

It was agreed that the annual parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 PM in the village hall and that refreshments would be served on arrival. The clerk will invite Cllr Poland and PSCO Harrison.

## **1098/2023 – Parish Council election update**

The clerk reported that nominations need to be submitted in person to Charnwood Borough Council by 4.00 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> April and that notification of whether the election will be contested or not should be available on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## **1099/2023 – Parish Councillor updates**

- Cllr Kearns reported that there is a lot of standing water at the top of Segrave Road.
- Cllr Kearns reported that there is still no weight restriction sign in place.
- Cllr Newby requested that the parish council send a condolence card to the Knapp family and acknowledge our appreciation of everything he did for the village.
- Cllr Watson asked about the bins on the green and the clerk confirmed that this needs chasing again.
- Cllr Watson asked about the speed sign and the clerk confirmed that everything is in place, we just need to carry out the consultation with neighbours.
- Cllr Kearns reported that the parish council noticeboard is dangerous, it was agreed to remove it and discuss the purchase of a new one at a future meeting.

## **1100/2023 – Dates of 2023 meetings**

- A copy of the draft meeting dates were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
  - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
  - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June
  - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
  - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October
  - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Signed:**

**Date:**

Chair closed the meeting at 21:35