

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2005 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillors Berry, Blythe, Dalton, Methley, Rose and Rowley. Also present R Atkinson (Parish Clerk), and five members of the public.

2004/229. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from District Councillor Rowley, District Councillor Toon (Area Forum Meeting) and Councillor Oxley (holiday). There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda. It was noted for future reference that Declarations of Interest need considering very carefully by Councillors in order to ensure that Declarations are made when appropriate.

2004/230. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2005 had been received by all Councillors. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and Councillor Dalton signed them as such.

2004/231. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not on the agenda of the meeting.

2004/232. REPORT OF CRIME FIGURES FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk had circulated all Councillors with Crime Figures provided by South Yorkshire Police for the whole of 2004 and for January and February 2005. It was noted that these figures cannot be provided on a monthly basis and it was agreed that they will be requested at various intervals when it is considered necessary by the Parish Council.

2004/233. CIP PROJECT

There was no-one present from the CIP Project and no report had been received.

2004/234. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk had circulated Appendix A to all Councillors and reported that since the list was compiled there have been responses to the following items:-

i) Graffiti in the Parish

The Clerk advised the meeting that South Yorkshire Police have a team of people who can clean up graffiti within the area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Andy Thompson to ask him to arrange for graffiti to be cleaned up at the following locations:-

- i) The tunnel at the Trans Pennine Trail
- ii) Crane Moor Club
- iii) The lamp post at Belmont Terrace

It was also agreed that Councillors will provide details of locations requiring attention at each meeting and that this item be placed in the next newsletter in order that Parishioners can provide locations direct to the Clerk.

ii) Grass cutting at Churchfield

Councillor Oxley had advised the Clerk that the grass has been cut at Churchfield and that, following a request from the Parish Council, smaller mowers have been used, resulting in a much better and neater cut. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Neighbourhood Pride.

iii) Grit Bin provision

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter advising the following:-

- i) Crane Moor nook has been added to the database and will be CONSIDERED for a bin before next winter.
- ii) Fir Tree Estate has been assessed and does not reach the required priority rating. However, it has been added to the database and will be CONSIDERED for a bin before next winter.
- iii) Old Mill Lane has been assessed and does not reach the required priority rating. However, a request has been received for a bin near the old railway bridge and this will be CONSIDERED for a bin before next winter.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write and thank Mr Kilner for agreeing to these requests but to point out that on Old Mill Lane there will then be four bins along one half and no bins from Cote Lane to New Mill Lane.

2004/235. RESPONSE TIMES FROM BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he has spoken to the relevant person within Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council who should be able to provide him with a response before the next meeting. This item will be place on the agenda for the meeting.

2004/236. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting of the following:-

- i) There are two footpath signs which require replacement – Councillor Rowley has spoken to Nigel Labdon who will deal with this matter.
- ii) There has still be no progress on the stepping stones but Nigel Labdon has now taken this project on board and Councillor Rowley will continue to update the Parish Council on a regular basis.
- iii) A footpath sign has been found in the quarry – this is to be removed as soon as possible.
- iv) The Boundary Walk will take place as planned on Monday 2 May, beginning from The Bridge Inn, Cote Lane at 10.00 a.m. All details are contained in the newsletter, which is being distributed within the next week.

2004/237. WATER PUMP AT HUTHWAITE LANE

Mr John Wade advised the meeting that the gentleman who was approached to assist with the restoration of the pump is unwilling to become involved at this time. This information was passed to the Clerk via Councillor Berry and the Clerk is in contact with Archie Sinclair at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Mr Sinclair deals with conservation and listed buildings and it is hope that he can provide the details of a suitable contractor to progress this matter as soon as possible. If this is not possible, Mr Wade suggested that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency to ask if they can assist in any way.

2004/238. CRANE MOOR VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that the situation is as follows:-

- i) The insurance for the Recreation Ground has been paid for this year by the Village Association.
- ii) An inspection report for the playground equipment will be provided to the Clerk in due course.
- iii) The funds currently held by the Village Association will be passed to the Parish Council on condition that the funds are ring fenced for use within Crane Moor. This was discussed and considered to be acceptable and the Clerk is to write to the Village Association advising them of this.
- iv) Once all the documentation has been received a sub-committee will be set up to progress how the Parish Council are to deal with the taking over of the Recreation Ground and the long term plans for the equipment and benches.

All of the above items were agreed to be acceptable and the Clerk is to contact Mrs Allen to advise her of this.

2004/239. WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council concerning queries raised about replacement boxes and bags. A helpline number has been provided for residents to call to request additional items and this has been reproduced in the newsletter. A new initiative is in place for rural areas where homes share a common access and wheeled bins can be supplied for paper and glass. This information was also reproduced in the newsletter and the relevant contact details given so that residents can make their own arrangements if their property is suitable for this initiative. These comments were noted.

2004/240. PARILIMENTARY CONSTITUENCY REVIEW

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Stocksbridge Town Council to all Councillors concerning the proposals regarding the Boundary Commission's review of Parliamentary Constituencies. After discussion it was agreed that these proposals be noted but that it would appear that there is some confusion amongst Parish Councils about the Parliamentary Constituencies and the Local Authority Boundaries.

2004/241. PENISTONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Nick Waterfield, the Project Development Officer for Penistone and District Community Partnership who wishes to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to explain the work of the Partnership and offer assistance with new projects and funding opportunities within the Parish. Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he recently attended a meeting of Penistone and District Community Partnership and it would appear that there are pots of funds available for various projects, which should be explored. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Waterfield, inviting him to attend the meeting in June.

2004/242. COUNCIL TAX BILLS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from the Executive Director of Finance advising that the Council Tax Bills sent out in the Parish had an error showing the percentage increase as 0.0% when it should have been 4.49%. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write for clarification on this matter as the percentage increase on Parish Precept was 0.0%.

2004/243. NEWSLETTER

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with a draft newsletter to which no amendments had been notified and the newsletter was therefore distributed for posting.

2004/244. WOODLAND VIEW/ORMSBY CLOSE

Councillor Methley had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as a member of the public had approached her concerning a report of residents from Woodland View tipping rubbish through a gap in their wall onto the land that adjoins the quarry. A resident of Woodlands View was in attendance and he advised the meeting that the gap in the wall was where a gate had blown down and that the rubbish was in fact grass cuttings which had been disposed of in a proper manner but had been placed at the other side of the wall on a temporary basis only. The Chairman thanked the resident for this information and the subject was closed.

2004/245. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no items raised by members of the public present.

2004/246. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Erection of front and rear dormer extensions to dwelling
2 Cliffe Cottages, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

Concerns were raised that this is the first house on the row to apply for a front dormer extension, which would set a precedent for the other houses, and dormer extensions on the front of this row would be aesthetically unacceptable.

**b) Erection of detached bungalow with integral garage (outline)
1 Spring Gardens, Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland**

This application replaces the application made during 2004 for a detached house, which has been changed to a bungalow. However, the original comments made were still relevant, that no further development is allowed in the hamlet of Huthwaite as it is in Green Belt.

**c) Erection of general-purpose farm building
Lower Pickliffes Farm, Oxspring, Sheffield**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

2004/247. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

No Planning Applications had been received since the agenda was produced.

2004/248. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Fell two Oak trees within Tree Preservation Order number 3/1997
14 Ormsby Close, Thurgoland, Sheffield**

This application has been refused by the Planning Board because 'the loss of light to the garden does not warrant the felling of two healthy and protected trees. The loss of the trees would be detrimental to the amenity of the area and would be contrary to council policies GS22 (Woodlands, Hedgerows and Trees) and SPG9 (Trees and Hedgerows).

**b) Use of land to form extension to domestic curtilage
Land rear of 1 Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor, Sheffield**

This application has been refused by the Planning Board because 'the site lies within Green Belt, wherein it is the policy of the Planning Authority not to permit new development except in very special circumstances. The proposed extension constitutes inappropriate development contrary to policy and prejudicial to the character and openness of the Green Belt and there are no very special circumstances to justify the granting of planning permission.' Also 'The development is materially detrimental to the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to policies GS9 and GS13 of the UDP.'

2004/249. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

All newsletters and circulars received since the last meeting were to be delivered to Councillor Oxley to read upon her return from holiday.

2004.250. ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed for payment in accordance with the schedule provided to all Councillors:-

Main Account

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| Thurgoland Village Welfare | Donation towards grass cutting | 500.00 |
| J Kershaw | Purchase of plants | 20.00 |
| BMBC | Contribution towards A629 footpath | 1000.00 |
| Wentworth Castle Estates | Allotment rent | 50.00 |
| Wentworth Garden Centre | Bench for Scout Leaders | 105.99 |
| Symantec | Computer anti-virus subscription | 39.95 |
| R Atkinson | Purchase of stationery | 53.43 |
| Thurgoland School | Room Hire | 15.00 |
| R Atkinson | Salary – April | 342.90 |

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during March :-

Main Account

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| Allotment rents | 80.00 |
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Parish Paths Account

NIL

2004/251. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

It was requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next meeting:-

i) Litter on Crane Moor Road

Councillor Rowley asked if this item, which is on Appendix A could be revisited. It was agreed that the Clerk write to ask when a response can be expected on this matter.

ii) Provision of litter bin in lay-by along A629

Councillor Methley remarked about the vast amount of litter that is left in the lay-by on the A629 between Thurgoland and Oxspring. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask if it would be possible for a bin to be provided at this location.

iii) Wortley Top Forge

A member of the public advised the meeting that more volunteers are needed to help out at Wortley Top Forge. This was noted and a small article will appear in the next newsletter in July.

iv) Pear Tree Farm

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that residents at Crane Moor Nook are still concerned that Pear Tree Farm is being used as a dog breeding business. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and discussed further at that time.

v) Car parking at Huthwaite Lane

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that since the pavement has been re-instated on Huthwaite Lane, residents have begun to park their cars on it, making it difficult for pedestrians to use the pavement safely. It was agreed that the Clerk write to South Yorkshire Police to ask for their assistance in dealing with this issue.

vi) A629 from Churchfields to Thurgoland Bank

Councillor Oxley had asked if this item could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The road surface of the main road is in need of repair.

vii) Thurgoland Institute and Reading Room

Councillor Oxley had asked if this item could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The windows of the Institute have become broken again and it is a while since the issue of the fate of the building was discussed.

viii) Allotments

The Clerk advised the meeting that she is to meet with a representative of Barnsley Metropolitan Council who may be able to advise upon refurbishment of the allotments. Once the site meeting has taken place the Clerk will report his findings to the Parish Council for further consideration.

ix) Thurgoland History Group

The Clerk advised the meeting that the application for funding to provide computer equipment and room hire for the history groups has been submitted and that a reply should have been received by the next meeting. Once a reply has been received the item will be placed on the agenda.

x) Barnsley Chronicle

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a telephone call from the Councillor who is alleged to have made comments about Thurgoland. It would appear that the Chronicle has named the wrong person and it was the Chairman of the group who were meeting who made the comments. The Clerk has apologised to the Councillor in question and an apology should be received from the Barnsley Chronicle before the next meeting.

2004/252. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

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| Wednesday | 4 | May 2005 | Thurgoland School | 7.00 p.m. |
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The meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

2004/253. VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Dalton asked members of the public to leave in order that the next two items could be discussed privately. All Councillors had received a copy of a letter of application to join the Parish Council from Mr Gordon Wilkinson of Huthwaite House. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Wilkinson to invite him to join the Parish Council with effect from the next meeting.

2004/254. CLERKS' SALARY INCREASE

The Clerk left the meeting in order that this item could be discussed privately. The Chairman subsequently informed the Clerk that the suggested pay increase as advised by the National Association of Local Councils was accepted and that the new monthly pay for the Clerk will be £353.04 backdated to 1 April 2005.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk