

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2005 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillors Berry, Blythe, Dalton, Methley, Oxley and Rowley. Also present R Atkinson (Parish Clerk), District Councillor Smith and two members of the public.

2005/187. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from Councillor Rose and District Councillor Rowley. It was noted that Councillor Rose has indicated that he may not be able to continue in his role as Parish Councillor because of his illness. Councillor Dalton suggested that the Clerk forward a Christmas card to Councillor Rose, wishing him all the best from the Parish Council. This was agreed to be acceptable and the Clerk will attend to it. There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.

NB Belated apologies were received on Thursday 8 December 2006 from Councillor Wilkinson.

2005/188. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2005 had been circulated to all Councillors. They were agreed to be a true and accurate account of the meeting and Councillor Dalton signed them as such.

2005/189. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the work on the pavement at Knoll Close has begun and will be finished by Friday 9 December 2005. This was noted.

2005/190. REPORT OF CRIME FIGURES FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had not received any apologies or a report from South Yorkshire Police. Councillor Dalton suggested that this situation be monitored and that if no report is received for the next meeting further action be taken. This was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

2005/191. CIP PROJECT

There was no-one present from the project and no report had been received. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had written to Mick O'Rourke requesting a report but that nothing had been received. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that work is continuing in the Parish but it is not known at what level. It was agreed that the Clerk write again to Mr O'Rourke to ask him to attend the meeting in January 2006.

2005/192. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OUTSTANDING

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

i) Yellow lines outside Thurgoland School

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response to the request for the urgent re-painting of the yellow lines outside Thurgoland School. "In recent weeks the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Group have begun an exercise to survey all the zig-zag roadmarkings outside all primary schools to ensure that they comply with current legislation and that they are in the most appropriate location. It is then intended to establish a traffic regulation order on it, this will then enable the area to be policed by the Council's own parking enforcement officers. Therefore, unfortunately, it will not be possible to repaint the markings until this review has been undertaken." It was noted that in a letter dated 5 October it was stated that "I have been assured by the Highways Department that they have issued a request to the maintenance department for them to be repainted." After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Alan Carnall, reminding him of this and asking that the work be carried out as assured.

ii) Leaves at Cheesebottom, Thurgoland Bank.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council advising that a request has been made to Neighbourhood Pride for the leaves to be cleared from the gullies at Cheesebottom. Mr Roebuck and Mr Wade both advised the meeting that this work has not yet been carried out. It was agreed that this will be monitored.

Councillor Oxley suggested that the Appendix be revisited in detail at the January meeting as some items have been outstanding for many months. This was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

2005/193. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she has little to report other than the stepping stones across the River Don. A plan for a bridge has been drawn up for consideration by all parties and a meeting is to be held on 13 December 2005 at which both Parish Councils and all affected landowners will be able to discuss the various proposals in more detail. The meeting is scheduled to take place at The Rock Inn at Green Moor but it was noted that it is currently closed. Councillor Rowley is to look into this matter and advise the relevant people accordingly.

2005/194. PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/2007

All Councillors had received a Budget Planning document for consideration prior to the meeting. After a brief discussion Councillor Blythe proposed that the precept be set at £8750.00 in line with the previous four years. This was seconded by Councillor Methley and agreed upon by all present.

2005/195. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he has spoken to Barry Goodyear who has suggested that low voltage lights be used and that a fence be erected around the Christmas Tree at Churchfield. However, these were only suggestions. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has purchased some new low voltage lights and that the Christmas Trees will be delivered to Churchfield and the Welfare Hall on Monday 12 December 2005. Councillor Blythe is to liaise with Councillor Rose and between them they will attend to putting the lights on the tree once it has been delivered. The Clerk is to take lights to the Bridge Inn for their tree and advise Margaret Denton of the delivery date for the Welfare Hall.

2005/196. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk advised the meeting that she anticipates that work to produce a Parish Plan will take approximately 35 hours, spread over a few months. It was noted that there are still funds left over from the Rural Target Fund grant and they will be used to pay the Clerk for the hours worked on the plan. A monthly report will be given on progress being made. It was noted that the History Group may be able to provide photographs for use in the plan and Councillor Blythe offered to assist with proof reading during the process. The plan will be modeled on Silkstone as this was felt to be the Parish that was nearest in size and 'feel'.

2005/197. THURGOLAND VILLAGE CLOCK

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mr Tony Clements came to Thurgoland as arranged but could not fix the clock as he was not happy about putting up scaffolding etc. The new 'bits' were left with Councillor Oxley and Mr Clements has suggested that the Parish Council find a local person who is prepared to go up the ladder on the outside to fix the clock in place. Mr Clements will then come back to Thurgoland at the same time to fix the electrical parts inside the building. John Ramsden, who did the original clock, is now unable to help but has given the Clerk the names of three people who may be able to assist. The Clerk is to contact one of them, and arrange for the work to be carried out at a suitable time for all concerned.

2005/198. CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

All Councillors had been circulated with a copy of a proposed resolution which is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, asking them to put a motion forward in support of the Bill. After a brief discussion it was agreed by all present that the resolution be passed and forward to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

2005/199. PROVISION OF DOG BINS

The Clerk advised the meeting that an application has been made to the Area Forum for £100 towards the cost of a dog bin to be placed at Thurgoland School. A discussion took place concerning the provision of dog bins in other areas. It was agreed that at the present time bins will NOT be provided at Huthwaite Lane and Crane Moor Nook as it was felt that they will not be well used because of their proximity to open grassland. However, it was agreed that a large article be prepared by the Clerk for the January 2006 newsletter, asking for dog owners to be more responsible and not to allow their dogs to foul pavements and other public places.

2005/200. PUMP AT HUTHWAITE LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification from the Land Registry that there is no office in Wakefield and therefore no further progress can be made in ascertaining the ownership of the

land at Huthwaite Lane. It was agreed that now is the time to take the next step as advised by Yorkshire Local Councils Association which is to make a resolution that Thurgoland Parish Council intends to take ownership of the land and to advertise this fact in the local press. The Clerk is to draw up the necessary paperwork and circulate it to all Councillors before the next meeting so that the resolution can be made and the necessary notices posted.

2005/201. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor Blythe gave a verbal presentation following his perusal of the Local Development Framework document. Thurgoland is considered to be a large village and as such the LDP will restrict new housing to small scale development and will seek to support the rural economy. There are no allocated sites over .4 hectares and only piece of land is show on the plan which runs from 2005-2018. The land in question is classed as 'safeguarded land' which means that it is set aside in case it is needed for development in the long term. The land identified is the field immediately behind the War Memorial, on the corner of Halifax Road/Smithy Hill, where Thurgoland Institute once stood. Councillor Dalton thanked Councillor Blythe for his report and asked that the LDP was circulated to all Councillors in turn for them to look at individually. This was agreed by all present and Councillor Dalton took the document.

2005/202. THURGOLAND WEBSITE

The Clerk advised the meeting that Lucie Petty-Marsh will be leaving the Parish once her house is sold and has therefore requested that the Parish Council find another person to update the website on a regular basis. It was agreed that the Clerk place an 'advertisement' in the January 2006 newsletter to try to find a suitable person.

2005/203. HUTHWAITE QUARRY

This item had been placed on the Agenda by Councillor Berry. It has become apparent that tipping is once again taking place in Huthwaite Quarry, mainly from householders who are having building work done in the vicinity. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk place an article in the January 2006 newsletter asking people not to tip and advising that if they are 'caught' tipping, they will be reported to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

2005/204. PEOPLE UNITED AGAINST CRIME

All Councillors had been provided with a copy of a PowerPoint presentation from Martin Bancroft which outlines the 'Surf and Snack Shack' project. It is anticipated to bring the project to the hinterland, and support for the project is sought from the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to support the project and the Clerk is to write to Martin Bancroft to advise him of this. Councillor Dalton asked that the Clerk point out that it would be useful if the project could include Crane Moor, Huthwaite and Crane Moor Nook, and not just Thurgoland.

2005/205. CRANE MOOR CHAPEL

All Councillors had been circulated with a document requesting financial assistance for the Crane Moor Chapel Community Project and Crane Moor Children's Club. Councillor Blythe commented that there was slight confusion concerning the funding of Phase One. An amount of £2000 has been applied for from the Community Chest and an amount of £1000 is being requested from the Parish Council, which could represent duplicate funding. However, after discussion it was agreed that even if the bid to the Community Chest is successful, a grant from the Parish Council will still be useful to go towards Phase Two.

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that he is in possession of a cheque from the winding up of Crane Moor Village Association, the proceeds of which have agreed to be 'ring-fenced' for projects specifically within Crane Moor. He suggested that the £250 requested for the Children's Club should come from this fund as it is directly for Crane Moor.

Councillor Berry proposed that a grant of £1000 be awarded from Parish Council funds for Phase One and that £250 be awarded from the 'Crane Moor Fund'. This was seconded by Councillor Methley and agreed by all present.

2005/206. THURGOLAND WELFARE FOOTBALL CLUB

All Councillors had been circulated with a document requesting financial assistance to enable the work to be completed on the football pitch at Thurgoland Welfare. After discussion Councillor Dalton proposed that a grant of £1000 be awarded to the Football Club towards the cost of completing the drainage and associated works. This was seconded by Councillor Methley and agreed by all present.

2005/207. JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a small article from Thurgoland Toddler Group for inclusion in the next newsletter. The following items are also to be included:-

- i) Dog fouling
- ii) Parish Council website
- iii) Vacancy on Parish Council
- iv) An appeal to all community groups in the Parish to submit articles to the Clerk for future newsletters.
- v) Bridge across the River Don

Any further articles must be submitted to the Clerk by 23 December 2005.

2005/208. WIDTH OF OLD MILL LANE

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Dalton, as it has been on the Appendix for many months. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the current 'state of play' which is that a letter was sent to Mr S Gibbons on 7 September 2004 concerning the licence granted to the owners of Woodman's Cottage. An acknowledgment card was sent on 21 September 2004 advising that the matter 'will receive attention as soon as possible', but nothing further has been received on this subject. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head of Department (Mr G J Birkett), enclosing copies of the correspondence and asking for a response before the next meeting.

2005/209. THURGOLAND WAR MEMORIAL

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Oxley who advised the meeting that she felt that a letter of thanks should be sent to Dr & Mrs Kershaw and family for their work on the War Memorial as it looked lovely for the recent Armistice Parade. This was agreed to be acceptable and the Clerk is to send an appropriate letter and Christmas card. Councillor Berry asked it to be noted that Dr Kershaw has reported finding beer cans and needles behind the wall at the War Memorial when he has been tidying the site. This was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Environmental Department of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask them to come and remove the debris that has collected there.

2005/210. GRIT BOX ON OLD MILL LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council advising that an additional grit bin has been allocated to Old Mill Lane and that it should be in place within the next few weeks. Mr John Wade agreed to check this and to advise the Parish Council at the next meeting if it has not been located or if it is in the wrong location.

2005/211. BUS STOP AT THURGOLAND WELFARE HALL

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council advising that the yellow 'bus box' markings outside the Welfare Hall will be removed and the redundant pole will be taken away. It was noted that there is no pole at this location and that it is only the yellow 'bus box' markings that require removal.

2005/212. CIVIC CAROL SERVICES

The Clerk advised the meeting that invitations have been received to the following Carol Services:-
St Mary's Church, Barnsley – Thursday 15 December 2005 at 4.00 p.m. with refreshments in the Town Hall afterwards.

St John the Baptist Church, Penistone – Sunday 18 December 2005 at 3.00 p.m. with refreshments in St Johns Community Centre afterwards.

The Clerk will represent the Parish at Penistone on 18 December 2005 and if any Councillor wishes to attend either event they should contact the Clerk as soon as possible to advise her of their intentions.

2005/213. POLICE FORCE RESTRUCTURING

All Councillors had been provided with a document outlining proposals for the re-structuring of the Police Force for comment. It was noted that the deadline for comments had passed and therefore no comments were made. District Councillor Smith advised the meeting that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council had asked for an extension to the consultation period as they too had been given a very short timescale in which to respond.

2005/214. SPEEDING CARS ON COATES LANE

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Flora Trowles, a 92 year old resident of Coates Lane who is constantly finding that her wall is being knocked down by cars speeding around the bad bend on Coates Lane. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk forward copies of the letter to South Yorkshire Police and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and that she also advise Mrs Trowles of the action taken to assist her. Councillor Dalton also suggested that the Clerk forward a Christmas card to Mrs Trowles from the Parish Council. This was agreed to be acceptable.

2005/215. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Football Ground at Thurgoland Welfare

Mr F Roebuck advised the Parish Council that there is a large uncovered manhole on the football pitch just behind the goals near the footpath between Roper Lane and Halifax Road. It was agreed that this is dangerous and the Clerk is to write to Thurgoland Welfare Football Club to ask them to cover the manhole securely as soon as possible to avoid an accident occurring.

ii) Leaves along Halifax Road

Mr J Wade advised the meeting that there is a large accumulation of leaves along the A629 between Churchfield and the school. As this pavement is used by schoolchildren and people attending the church it was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask them to sweep the pavement as soon as possible.

iii) Overhanging foliage at Old Mill Lane

Mr J Wade advised the meeting that foliage is overhanging the pavement at 16 Old Mill Lane, making it impossible for pedestrians to use the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask them to arrange for this foliage to be cut back and the pavement made safe for pedestrians to use.

2005/216. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Fell 1 sycamore and 2 alder trees within TPO 8/1987 Area A1
The Old Mill, Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland**

The Parish Council wished to comment that as the trees are the subject of a Tree Preservation order, they are concerned that they should be felled, unless a tree surgeon produces a report advising of a good reason to authorise their removal.

**ii) Conversion and first floor extension to barn to form dwelling
Barn adjacent to Bank Cottage, Sheffield Road, Thurgoland**

It is not clear from the plans if this application will increase the footprint of the original barn and if it will bring it to a higher level than the original barn. If this is the case, the Parish Council wish to raise concerns on both matters.

**iii) Erection of general purpose agricultural building
Bird Lane Farm, Bird Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no comments or observations on this application.

2005/217. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

**i) Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling
6 Hartcliffe View, Thurgoland**

There were no comments or observations on this application.

**ii) Formation of fenced horse menage
Land adjacent The Old Barn, High House Farm, Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor**

There were no comments or observations on this application.

2005/218. APPROVED/DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Erection of detached dwelling
Land adjacent to Pilatus, Cote Lane, Thurgoland**

This application was refused in July 2004 as the site is in Safeguarded Land and Planning Permission can only be granted following a review of the UDP.

ii) Erection of side two storey extension

Hollin Moor Barn, Hollin Moor Lane, Thurgoland

This application was refused in November 2004 as the site lies within Green Belt and development is not permitted except in very special circumstances. Also the extension would be contrary to the UDP in that the design and size would be architecturally inconsistent with the character of the property and would be unduly intrusive to the detriment of visual amenity.

iii) Erection of detached dwelling (Outline)

Illton House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland

This application was refused in March 2005 because of the close proximity to Hall Cliffe House which would result in it having an overbearing impact to the material detriment of the amenities of the occupants of that dwelling.

iv) Erection of two-storey side extension, verandah and detached stable/garage

Leamington, Coates Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley

This application was refused in December 2004 as the site lies within Green Belt and development is not permitted except in very special circumstances. Also it would give rise to prejudicial to highway safety due to the restricted visibility at the proposed point of access onto the B6449.

It was noted that it is possible that work has commenced on this site, even though Planning Permission has been refused. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ascertain if this is the case.

2005/219. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

All newsletters and circulars received since the last meeting were passed to Councillor Oxley for her to read and report and items to the next meeting.

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that there is an interesting article concerning the setting up of allotment groups within last months' circulars. It was agreed that the Clerk pass this on to Nigel Labdon in order that he can use it if necessary when the allotment group is formed.

The Clerk provided each Councillor with a leaflet concerning the Open Access Land in Barnsley.

2005/220. ACCOUNTS.

The following items were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly:-

Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates	40.47
R Atkinson	Ink jet cartridges	23.48
Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
R Atkinson	Salary – December	353.04
R Atkinson	Ink jet cartridges	14.97
R Atkinson	Christmas Tree lights	31.00

There had been no deposits made into the account since the last meeting.

2005/221. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items to be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

2005/222. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 4 January 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at Thurgoland School, Thurgoland.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk