

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2005 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

2004/246. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from Councillor Taberner (holiday) and District Councillor Rowley. There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.

Councillor Dalton wished everyone connected with Thurgoland Parish Council a very happy and prosperous New Year.

2004/247. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 December 2004 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.

2004/248. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

2004/249. REPORT FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no member of South Yorkshire Police present at the Area Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2004 and therefore no crime figures were available.

2004/250. CIP PROJECT

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

2004/251. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk had received a letter from Councillor Hague thanking the Parish Council for their flowers. The invoice for the purchase of the flowers was passed to the Clerk from Councillor Rowley and the Chairman thanked Councillor Rowley for attending to this matter.

The Clerk advised the meeting that notices have been posted advising that there are two vacancies and that electors have fourteen days in which to claim a poll. If no poll is claimed the Parish Council can co-opt two new members. The notices are to be displayed until 21 January 2005 and after this date anyone wishing to be co-opted should contact the Parish Clerk. This information has also been put in the newsletter which is to be circulated within the next week. Any applications will be considered at the February Parish Council meeting

2004/252. 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 no responses to any of the items. However, Councillor Methley informed the meeting that the broken gate at the Welfare Ground has been attended to. This item is therefore to be removed from the list. There were five items which will be placed on the agenda for the meeting which will take place on 12 January 2005 with Mr Gibbons. Councillor Rowley passed on a document outlining contacts for the Post office in order that the Clerk can follow up the item relating to Thurgoland Post Office.

2004/253. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she had nothing to report at the present time.

2004/254. THURGOLAND ACTION

Councillor Taberner was not present at the meeting but the Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Yorkshire Rural Community Council concerning the monitoring forms for the grant awarded to Thurgoland Action. It was agreed that the Clerk fill in these forms as soon as possible.

2004/255. THUROGLAND HISTORY GROUP

The Clerk had circulated copies of a request received from the Thurgoland Local History Group for computer equipment and financial assistance towards the cost of the hire of the Village Hall. Also in the letter was a suggestion that in the constitution of the group a clause is inserted that should the group fold, all monies held at that time revert to Thurgoland Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Williams and arrange to meet with him to advise him of various options that may be available to secure funding from elsewhere.

Once funds have been secured the item will be placed on the agenda of a Parish Council meeting and a decision made concerning further funding and, should the Parish Council provide funding, a decision will also be made concerning the constitution.

2004/256. RECYCLING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council advising that the council is currently running a trial collection of steel and aluminium cans from approximately 8,000 homes and had recently completed a trial collection of garden waste and thin cardboard from 12,000 homes. Once the results of these trials are available it is likely that these schemes will be expanded into other areas and residents will be notified of this. It is not anticipated that plastic will be included in kerbside collections.

These comments were noted and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write again to advise that, particularly in Crane Moor, collection dates for kerbside recycling and household waste are not communicated effectively to residents. It was suggested that communication is improved, perhaps via the Parish Council.

2004/257. COUNCILLORS SKILLS SEMINAR

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Councillors Skills Seminar is to be held at Penistone Saint Johns Community Centre on Tuesday 25 January 2005. It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillors Methley, Oxley and Rose will attend.

2004/258. FENCING BETWEEN CHURCHFIELD AND THURGOLAND CHURCHYARD

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Oxley at the request of a resident of Churchfields. Some residents of Churchfield overlook directly onto the graveyard and have asked if it would be possible for a fence to be erected to block their view of the graveyard. After a brief discussion it was agreed that such a request should be made directly to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council by the individual residents as such a fence may not be acceptable to all residents. Councillor Oxley is to communicate this information to the resident in question.

2004/259. BENCHES FOR SCOUT LEADERS

The Clerk advised the meeting of various quotation received for tanalised softwood benches. It was proposed by Councillor Methley that a three seater bench be purchased from Wentworth Garden Centre at a cost of £95.99. This was agreed by all present. It was also agreed that a quotation is required for a plaque and suitable engraving, but this cannot be done until the wording has been agreed upon. It was agreed therefore, that the Clerk order the bench for delivery in Marsh 2005 and that at the February meeting the wording is agreed upon. It was also agreed that the Clerk contact the Welfare Committee to discuss the site of the bench, in conjunction with Maurice Williams.

2004/260. PLANNING APPLIATIONS AT HUTHWAITE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received further correspondence from Mr Ball who has asked that 'before proceeding further, therefore, I now offer the Parish Council an opportunity to explain their inconsistency'. The Clerk had consulted the Chairman on this matter and they had agreed to write to Yorkshire Local Councils Association to ask for their advice on this matter before replying to Mr Ball. The Clerk has therefore written, enclosing all the documents that are relevant and the item will be placed on the agenda once a reply has been received.

2004/261. NEWSLETTER

The Clerk circulated a draft newsletter for approval. It was noted that two telephone numbers had been omitted and these will be amended. The newsletter should be ready for distribution at the weekend and Councillors Oxley, Rose and Methley will attend to distribution on Huthwaite Lane following the resignation of Councillor Petty-Marsh. Thanks were expressed to the three Councillors by Councillor Dalton.

2004/262. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

The following item was raised by a member of the public:-

i) Wall between Ormsby Close/The Woodlands

A resident of The Woodlands advised the meeting of a problem which has occurred concerning a wall which has collapsed between Ormsby Close and The Woodlands. After discussion it was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for the meeting which is to take place on Wednesday 12 January 2005 at which Mr Gibbons will be in attendance. It was also agreed that as many Councillors as possible will attend a site meeting at 12.15 p.m. on Saturday 8 January 2005 in order that they are fully aware of the problem before 12 January. It was noted that this is in the same vicinity as the water pump and it was agreed that both items will be looked at on site at the same time.

2004/263. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Installation of front and rear dormer extensions to dwelling
3 Rockleigh, Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland**

Comments were made concerning the materials to be used for this extension, bearing in mind the position of the dwelling I=which is in Green Belt.

2004/264. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.
There were no additional Planning Applications to consider.

2004/265. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no notified approved or declined applications since the last meeting. However, the Clerk advised the meeting that an application which was refused in September 2004 has gone to appeal and the Parish Council have been asked if they wish to comment. The application in question is the erection of a two storey side extension at The Old Wire Mill, Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland. It was refused as it is the policy of the Local Planning Authority not to permit development except in very special circumstances when the site lies in Green Belt. It was felt that the extension would be materially detrimental to the openness and visual amenities of the Green Belt, contrary to various policies and that no very special circumstances exist that would justify the granting of planning permission. The Parish Council had not made any comments when consulted and after discussion it was agreed that no comments would be made at appeal.

2004/266. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

All newsletters and circulars received since the last meeting were passed to Councillor Oxley.

2004/267. ACCOUNTS

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

Main Account

R Atkinson	Salary – January	342.90
S Rose	Mileage claim for tree lights	8.48
Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire	24.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	82.00
R Atkinson	Ink jet cartridge	23.99
YLCA	Purchase of stationery	3.40
Cottage Gardens Plant Centre	Flowers for Councillors	35.00

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during December :-

Main Account

NIL

Parish Paths Account

NIL

2004/268. ANNUAL AUDIT

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification of an error on the Annual Return. The Income Bond from which the Parish Council draws interest should not be shown on the return. The return was therefore amended and initialed by the Clerk and the Chairman. It will now be forwarded to HLBV Audit and the audit should be complete before the next meeting.

2004/269. 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) Post Box and drainage at Crane Moor

This was placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Rowley. The Post Box surround has been damaged and the drains at the trough are overflowing. Councillor Rose is to take a look at these items before the next meeting.

ii) Provision of salt box on Old Mill Lane

Councillor Methley asked if this could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

iii) Fly tipping on footpaths

Councillor Dalton asked if this could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

iv) Construction of access to classified road at 4 Moorland View, Halifax Road.

The Clerk advised the meeting that information concerning this previous item had been received since the agenda was drawn up. However, it was agreed not to place the item on the agenda as it was agreed that as no-one can provide evidence that a wall has been removed to create the access no further action can be taken.

2004/270. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

Wednesday	12	January 2005	Crane Moor Chapel	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	2	February 2005	Thurgoland School	7.00 p.m.

It was agreed that the following items be placed on the agenda for the meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 January 2005:-

Huthwaite Lane – issues concerning the adoption of Ormsby Close and not of Huthwaite Lane

Crane Moor Nook – issues concerning the adoption of the nook and drainage problems.

Footpath along A629 – resurfacing beyond ‘Old Road’

Drains on Roper Lane near the Village Hall

Manhole outside the Old Police House on Roper Lane

Various issues outstanding on Schedule A

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk