

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2004 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.

2004/206. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

Councillor Dalton informed the meeting that since the last meeting two letters of resignation have been received, one from Councillor Hague and one from Councillor Petty-Marsh. The Clerk read the letters to the meeting. Councillor Petty-Marsh offered to continue to maintain the Parish website and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to her to advise her that the Parish Council would wish her to continue to do this. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to both Councillors thanking them for their work whilst Councillors. In recognition of their work it was also agreed that Councillor Rowley would arrange for some flowers to be sent to each of them. A limit of £25.00 was agreed for the flowers for Councillor Hague and £10.00 for Councillor Petty-Marsh.

It was agreed that the selection process for two new Councillors will take place in January and that the Clerk will arrange for the necessary notices to be placed in the Parish Notice Boards prior to this time.

2004/207. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 December 2004 had been received by all Councillors. It was noted that the amount of expenditure on Christmas Tree lights had been set at £100 (not £1000) and Councillor Rowley asked it to be noted that Councillor Dalton had proposed the amount of £750 for the Out of School Club. Once these amendments had been made the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and Councillor Dalton signed them as such.

2004/208. 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.

2004/209. REPORT FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received figures for the period 6 October 2004 to 24 November 2004 as follows:-

Thurgoland	9 reported crimes
Crane Moor	0 reported crimes

2004/210. CIP PROJECT

Mick O'Rourke advised the meeting that the Youth Centre at Thurgoland cannot be used at the moment as it has had an infestation of mice that has yet to be dealt with. However, a group has been formed and they are working on outdoor projects for the moment until they can use the Youth Centre again. Mr O'Rourke will continue to attend meetings on a regular basis to keep the Parish Council updated on any progress and issues that are raised.

2004/211. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk had circulated Appendix A to all Councillors and reported that since the list was compiled, two responses had been received.

i) Benches

Mr Birkinshaw has suggested that quotations be obtained from Earnshaws Fencing Centre, Pendlewood Outdoor Furnishing and Ibbotson and Son Joinery Manufacturers. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain quotations and place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

ii) Footpath 12 from Crane Moor Nook to Sim Hill

A reply has been received confirming that the area of Mag Wood Meadow is a Natural Heritage Site of Special Scientific Interest. The letter confirms the status and gives details of the exact area of the site. Footpath 12 runs through the site as thought. It was agreed that this information be placed on file for future reference and Councillors Rowley and Dalton requested copies of the document. It was agreed that the Clerk provide copies to them.

2004/212. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she had nothing to report at the present time. However, the following items relating to footpaths were raised by Mr Wade of Old Mill Lane:-

i) Footpath 29a (recently diverted) at Romtickle.

A new signpost has been erected at a junction on the new footpath and it is signed as three bridleways and one footpath when in actual fact it is two bridleways and two footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Birkinshaw to ask if this matter can be attended to at the earliest opportunity.

2004/213. THURGOLAND ACTION

Councillor Taberner was not present at the meeting and Councillor Methley reported that the last meeting of Thurgoland Action had only been attended by herself, Councillor Taberner and two members of the public. It had been decided by Councillor Taberner that the group would be wound up as there was now very little interest in progressing the ideas raised in the questionnaire. Councillor Methley also advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Gerry Firth of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association in connection with the funds received for the group. However, the Clerk has not received this letter and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Firth to ask him to provide her with a copy of the letter.

2004/214. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Rose advised the meeting that he has purchased tree lights and will ensure that they are put on the tree at Churchfield and delivered to The Bridge Inn. The Christmas Trees will be delivered on Monday 6 December 2004.

2004/215. WATER PUMP AT HUTHWAITE

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that she has spoken to the person who has the component parts of the water pump and he will make them available to be assessed at any time. Councillors Rose and Berry are to progress this matter. It was noted that the pump may be beyond repair and this will also be assessed.

2004/216. SCHOOL GOVERNOR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received documentation concerning the appointment of a Community Governor to Thurgoland School. However, Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that she has received a telephone call from Mrs Davies advising her that she has been appointed as a Governor in this capacity. No further action is to be taken on this matter and Councillor Oxley has accepted the post.

2004/217. PARISH PLANS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she feels that it is now of paramount importance that a Parish Plan is produced as any applications for funding that are made in the future will be required to be 'backed up' by a Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Taberner to ask him to provide her with the information received from the questionnaires and, based on the Silkstone Parish Plan, she will produce a document for approval for Thurgoland.

2004/218. THUROGLAND HISTORY GROUP

Councillor Rose advised the meeting that Maurice Williams will shortly be in contact with the Parish Clerk as the newly formed group may wish to ask for financial assistance from the Parish Council for equipment and room hire. It was agreed that once the Clerk receives a request it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2004/219. CAR PARKING ON COTE LANE AT TRANS PENNINE TRAIL ENTRANCE

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Oxley as a member of the public had raised concern at the number of cars parking on Cote Lane and narrowing the road at the bridge adjacent to the access to the Trans-Pennine Trail. It was noted that this item had been raised before and no progress had been made in securing car parking but it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Robinson to ask if there is any possibility of any car parking being provided in the future.

2004/220. RECYCLING

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Dalton. Councillor Dalton asked if it would be possible for the Clerk to write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask if it would be possible for arrangements to be made for the collection of plastics, cans and other items for recycling in addition to the kerbside collections currently being made of paper and glass. This was agreed to be acceptable and the Clerk is to attend to this request.

2004/221. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2005/2006

This item had been placed on the agenda by the Clerk. Councillors had been provided with a budget-setting document in order that a decision could be made concerning the precept to be raised for 2005/2006. After a brief

discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dalton that the precept should be set at £8750. This was agreed by all present.

2004/222. NEWSLETTER

The Clerk advised the meeting that the next newsletter is scheduled to be produced by January 2005 and that items for inclusion should be provided to the Clerk by Christmas. The following items were suggested for inclusion:-

- i) Thurgoland Pantomime
- ii) Details of the Tuesday Group
- iii) Details of the Local History Group
- iv) Vacancies for Parish Councillors
- v) Telephone numbers of departments within Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- vi) An item to be provided by Mr John Wade about Old Mill Lane

2004/223. NOISE POLLUTION AT PEAR TREE FARM

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence following the complaints made about noise pollution and the possible breeding of dogs at Pear Tree Farm, Crane Moor Nook. Any noise nuisance cannot be made via the Parish Council, but must be made individually by the person who is affected by the noise. The telephone number for Environmental Health is 01226 772458. A visit has been made to the premises but there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation. The Animal Welfare Officer has written to the occupants of Pear Tree Farm to try to make an appointment to visit the premises and is also contacting the Kennel Club to ascertain how many litters are registered to be bred. These comments were duly noted and it was suggested that residents contact the number provided in order that the matter can be progressed through the correct channels.

2004/224. LITTER BIN AT COTE LANE/HUTHWAITE LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has spoken to Neighbourhood Pride to ask if a litter bin can be provided at the above location. Unfortunately a bin cannot be provided at present unless it is purchased by the Parish Council at a cost of approximately £300. Once in place it would be emptied by Neighbourhood Pride. After discussion it was agreed that this is not an acceptable solution and therefore the matter will not be progressed. The Clerk is to write to Neighbourhood Pride to advise them of this and to ask that this location be placed on the 'waiting list' for a bin to be provided as soon as possible. It was also noted that there is a large amount of litter along Crane Moor Road from its junction with Halifax Road to Crane Moor Nook and it was agreed that the Clerk ask for this to be removed at the earliest possible time.

2004/225. CHAPEL WALK

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter advising that a response to the request made concerning Chapel Walk should be received by 7 December 2004. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2004/226. FOOTPATH AT ROPER LANE/FIR TREE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter advising that 'the statutory undertakers working at this location have now been requested to investigate and take the appropriate action.' Councillor Methley advised the meeting that a small 'make-safe' repair has taken place but that it has failed to rectify the situation. It was agreed that the Clerk write again asking for a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

2004/227. FOOTPATH AT PILATUS, COTE LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter advising that the repairs to the footpath at this location are to be carried out in the near future. It was noted that the work has already been carried out and therefore no further action is to be taken on this item.

2004/228. FOOTPATH FROM HAND LANE TO POG LANE, CRANE MOOR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter advising that 'the location will be considered for the highway maintenance resurfacing programme should this be necessary.' It was felt that the content of the request had been misunderstood as it seems to refer to the road rather than the footpath and it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the meeting which will take place with Mr Gibbons in January 2005.

2004/229. ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The Clerk advised the meeting that an invitation has been received to attend the annual Environmental Forum which is to be held at Barnsley Town Hall on Thursday 9 December 2004. This invitation was passed to Councillor Dalton.

2004/230. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND OPEN ACCESS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter informing the Parish Council that the public consultation for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan will take place between January and April 2005. The letter ask for the help of the Parish Council in displaying posters in the Parish Notice Boards so that the views of local residents can be obtained as part of the consultation process. It was agreed that the Clerk respond and ask for posters to be provided for the five Notice Boards.

2004/231. CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

The Clerk advised the meeting that an invitation has been received to the Civic Carol Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Thursday 16 December 2004 at 4.00 p.m. This was noted.

2004/232. PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PLACES

The document concerning this initiative had been circulated to all Councillors for their comments prior to the meeting. The only comment was made by Councillor Methley who asked if a request could be made to include Fir Tree as a designated street. This was considered to be acceptable and the Clerk is to make this request.

2004/233. COUNCILLOR SKILLS SEMINAR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification of a Councillors Skills Seminar which is to be held at St Johns Community Centre, Penistone, on Tuesday 25 January 2005. It was agreed that Councillors should consider if they wish to attend this seminar and final numbers will be confirmed at the meeting in January 2005.

2004/234. MEETING WITH MR GIBBONS OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

The Clerk advised the meeting that, in conjunction with District Councillor Toon, she has arranged for Mr S Gibbons of the Highways Department to attend a meeting at which all the current highways issues outstanding will be addressed. The meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 12 January 2005 at 7.00 p.m. and will take place at Crane Moor Chapel. An agenda will be drawn up for the Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 January 2005 and notices will be placed in the Parish Notice Boards. The meeting will also be advertised in the newsletter.

2004/235. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

The following items were raised by members of the public:-

i) Street name sign at Huthwaite Lane

Mr Wade advised the meeting that the street name sign at Huthwaite Lane has been damaged. Mr Wade kindly agreed to secure the sign before further damage takes place.

2004/236. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Erection of two-storey side extension, verandah and detached stable/garage building
Leamington, Coates Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Erection of first floor side extension to dwelling
Rivermill Farm, Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**c) Fell sycamore T15 and crown lift sycamore T14 within TPO 15/1980
The Old Barn, Copster Lane, Oxspring, Penistone**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**d) Erection of side-attached garage extension to dwelling
Huthwaite Snug Cottage, Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

2004/236. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

There were no additional Planning Applications to consider.

2004/237. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no notified approved or declined applications since the last meeting.

2004/238. PLANNING APPLICATION FROM MR BALL OF OLD MILL LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received further correspondence from Mr Ball who had requested information from the minutes of two meetings. The Clerk had provided the requested information and had not received any further correspondence on this subject. The Clerk suggested that a book be kept of all Planning Applications, stating the comments made by the Parish Council and that entries be kept in street name so that past applications can be referred to quickly at subsequent meetings. This was agreed to be acceptable. It was also noted that as most Planning Applications are dealt with by delegated officers the Parish Council does not receive notification of the outcome. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Department on a monthly basis to ask them to provide a copy of each decision which can then be kept on file for future reference.

2004/239. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

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

2004/240. ACCOUNTS

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

Main Account

Thurgoland Pre-School	Grant	750.00
Thurgoland C of E School	Room Hire 3 November 2004	15.00
Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire 1 December 2004	36.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates	22.56
R Atkinson	Stamps	11.76
R Atkinson	Salary – November	342.90
S Rose	Purchase of tree lights	86.47

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during November :-

Main Account

NIL

Parish Paths Account

NIL

2004/244. 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) Fencing between Churchfield and Thurgoland churchyard

2004/245. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

Wednesday	5	January 2005	Crane Moor Chapel	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	12	January 2005	Crane Moor Chapel	7.00 p.m.

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

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk