

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

2004/271. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from District Councillor Rowley. There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.

2004/272. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 January 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.

2004/273. 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. Councillor Dalton asked the permission of the Council to take item 6(a) concerning the vacancies on the Parish Council to be taken at the end of the meeting when the public and press would be excluded. This was agreed to be in order.

2004/274. REPORT FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that at the last Area Forum Meeting it had been reported that there had been seven reported crimes in Thurgoland and no reported crimes in Crane Moor. This was noted. It was also noted that an article had recently appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle in which it was reported that a Councillor from Hoyland had made some comments concerning Thurgoland. It was agreed that the article should be provided for discussion at the next meeting.

2004/275. CIP PROJECT

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

2004/276. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR TABERNER

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Councillor John Taberner advising that he wishes to resign from the Parish Council as he is intending spending time abroad in his retirement and therefore will not be able to commit to the responsibilities of being a Parish Councillor. The resignation was accepted and it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter thanking Councillor Taberner for his work for the Parish. It was also agreed that Councillor Methley arrange for a suitable gift to be purchased to the value of £20.00 and delivered to Councillor Taberner.

2004/277. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

It had been previously agreed that this item be deferred until the end of the meeting.

2004/278. 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 two of the items as follows:-

i) Thurgoland Post Office

The Clerk has received a telephone call from Post Office Customer care advising that the current owners of the Post Office have tendered their resignation and that there is no obligation on their part to sell the premises as a Post Office. However, the Post Office do not wish to lose the Post Office and will actively encourage it to be sold as it is and will look for a suitable replacement Postmaster within their database if necessary. If it is sold and change of use is granted the Post Office will try to find alternative premises within the village but can make no guarantees. Whilst it was felt that this situation is far from ideal it was acknowledged that little can be done to change it. It was agreed that the position will be monitored and further action taken as and when necessary.

ii) Trans Pennine Trail

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Steve Robinson advising that car parking provision has been increased at Wortley and that signage will be provided at Cote Lane directing visitors to that facility but that there has been no progress in identifying resources for provision of dedicated car parking at Thurgoland and that it is unlikely that such resources will become available. This was noted.

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that since the Appendix was produced the hole in the pavement on Crane Moor Road has been filled in. This item was therefore removed from the Appendix.

2004/279. PARISH PATHS

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

2004/280. RECYCLING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence outlining the problems encountered within the Parish concerning collection dates and times for recyclable materials. In future any relevant information will be forwarded to the Parish Council and residents will have calendars. It was noted that in Thurgoland the glass/paper collection takes place between 7 and 7.30 a.m. and after discussion it was agreed to produce notices for the Notice Boards to advise residents of collection dates and times and that similar information will appear in the next newsletter.

2004/281. BENCHES FOR SCOUT LEADERS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has not yet seen Maurice Williams concerning the wording for the plaque but that she will do so before the next meeting and place the item on the agenda for March.

2004/283. WATER PUMP AT HUTHWAITE LANE

The Clerk received a report from Mr John Wade concerning the water pump/well on Huthwaite Lane. In summary, volunteers from Wortley Top Forge have inspected the pump and the well and it is in a very bad state of repair although the circular well is in remarkable condition. It was agreed that they will provide the details of a specialist company who can quote for refurbishment and report to the Parish Council. The Clerk advised the meeting that there are funding bodies who should be able to be approached with a view to funding the project. The volunteers are very enthusiastic about helping to restore the pump and it was agreed that this project should be pursued. Mr Wade volunteered to progress matters on behalf of the Parish Council and was thanked for his help thus far. The item will be placed on the agenda at the next meeting and progress made once a quotation is received.

2004/284. POST BOX AT CRANE MOOR NOOK

Councillor Rose advised the meeting that he has replaced the stones around the Post Box that had been damaged and he asked if it would be possible for him to be able to put some paving slabs down to enable easier access to the box. This was agreed to be in order. Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that one or two residents have suggested that the current box is too small for all but the smallest letters. It was noted that the Post Box is a 'GR' box and after discussion it was agreed that the box should be kept as it is because of the heritage value.

2004/285. PROVISION OF SALT BOXES

This item had been placed on the agenda as a result of the meeting held between the Parish Council and Mr Gibbons of the Highways Department. At that meeting Mr Gibbons suggested that a 'wish list' be drawn up outlining locations at which it is felt salt boxes would be beneficial. These locations will be placed on the global list held by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and provided with salt boxes as and when funds are available. The locations agreed up were as follows:-

Crane Moor Nook adjacent to the Post Box
Old Mill Lane within the first 400 yards of Cote Lane
Fir Tree Estate at the bottom.

It was also noted that Churchfield has been gritted recently and it was agreed that thanks should be expressed for this. It was also noted that the salt box at the top of Fir Tree has not been filled with salt despite two telephone requests from residents. It was agreed that the Clerk write to bring all of these items to the attention of the relevant person.

2004/286. FLY TIPPING IN CRANE MOOR ON FOOTPATHS

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that he has discovered at least three locations in Crane Moor where fly tipping is taking place on farmers' land. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Environmental Health department to ask if the landowner is responsible for the removal of this waste or if it can be removed by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. The Clerk will provide Councillor Daltons telephone number in order that he can advise of the exact location of the tipping.

2004/287. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Oxley. The lights on the Christmas Tree at Churchfield had not been lit during the Christmas period and an engineer had informed Councillor Oxley that the problem is with the power supply attached to the lamp post. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Goodyear to ask if it would be

possible for one of his engineers to take a look at the supply and provide a report to the Parish Council in order that the situation can be dealt with before next Christmas!

2004/288. STREET LIGHTING AT CRANE MOOR NOOK

This item had been placed on the agenda following the meeting held between the Parish Council and Mr S Gibbons. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Goodyear to request an additional street light at Crane Moor Nook. The Clerk is to provide Councillor Rowley's telephone number in order that Mr Goodyear can contact her to discuss the exact location.

2004/289. GRASS CUTTING AT CHURCHFIELD

This item had been placed on the agenda following problems encountered during the grass cutting season in 2004. The problem was that the large machines used during wet weather pull the grass out of the ground and leave bare patches. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask if it would be possible to use smaller machines that are less 'aggressive' to try to preserve the grass.

2004/290. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

i) Old Mill Lane

This item had been discussed at length during the meeting with Mr Gibbons and Mr Wade asked for clarification concerning the granting of the licence allowing the resident of Woodmans Cottage to 'annex' part of the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association to ask for their view on this subject.

ii) Litter at entrance to Welfare Ground

It was noted that there is a large accumulation of litter opposite Thurgoland School at the entrance to the footpath through the Welfare Ground. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask if this litter can be removed.

iii) Land belonging to Thurgoland Charities

Mr F Roebuck reported that a fairly large tree has fallen down on the land belonging to the charities. The wood from the tree has been chopped up, but it belongs to the charities and if it is sold the profit should go to the charities account. Councillor Dalton agreed to speak to Mrs Davies and make sure that any monies raised from the sale of the wood are credited to the charities accounts.

2004/291. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

There were no observations or comments on this application.

2004/292. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

**a) Erection of two-storey extension to dwelling
1 Hill Top Cottage, Eastfield Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Conversion of integral garage for use as hairdressing premises
12 Trinity Meadows, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**c) Conversion of building to form dwelling (including Listed Building consent)
Ivy Cottage, The Mill Buildings, Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on these applications.

2004/293. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Formation of equestrian arena and erection of stable block and tack room
Land off Pog Lane, Crane Moor**

This application has been approved. Concerns were raised about the clause which states that 'access on Pog Lane shall be retained for service vehicles only' as it is felt that Pog Lane is not suitable for any further traffic and the

plans did not make it clear where the access will be. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Department to ask for clarification on this matter.

b) Appeal by Mr F Kilburn, Site at Horse and Jockey Public House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland
The Clerk advised the meeting that the amended plans for this application had been refused and that Mr Kilburn is appealing against this decision. The Parish Council have been asked if they wish to make any comments at appeal. It was agreed that no comments would be made.

2004/294. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

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

2004/295. ACCOUNTS

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

Main Account

R Atkinson	Salary – February	342.90
Thurgoland School	Room Hire – 2 February	15.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc	Seminar Fee	75.20
Mr J Taberner	Thurgoland Action Expenses	260.00
Mrs J Methley	Thurgoland Action Expenses	65.00
Local Council Review	Annual subscription	13.00

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during January :-

Main Account

NIL

Parish Paths Account

NIL

2004/296. 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) Allotments**
- ii) Crane Moor Village Association**

This item was raised by Councillor Dalton who advised the meeting that it required action before the meeting in March. It was agreed therefore that an extra meeting be scheduled to discuss this one item and a date was fixed on Thursday 10 February 2005 at 6.30 p.m. at Crane Moor Chapel. The item will then be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting.

- iii) Drains on Roper Lane**

2004/297. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

Wednesday	2	March 2005	Thurgoland School	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	6	April 2005	Thurgoland School	7.00 p.m.

2004/298. VACANCIES ON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Dalton closed the meeting and the press and public were asked to leave.

The Clerk advised Councillors that an application has been received from Mr Blythe of Roper Lane to be considered as a Parish Councillor. All Councillors were provided with a copy of his application and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Blythe be co-opted to the Parish Council in time for the next meeting. The Clerk is to write to Mr Blythe to advise him of this decision.

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

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk