

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2004 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

**2004/01. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Apologies were received from Councillor Oxley (holiday), Councillor Taberner (holiday), District Councillor Rowley and District Councillor Toon.

Councillor Hague advised the meeting that she has an interest in item 25 on the agenda and will leave the meeting at the appropriate time.

**2004/02. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Hague proposed that Councillor Dalton be re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Berry and accepted by all present. Councillor Dalton accepted the nomination.

**2004/03. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Dalton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Councillors for their continued support.

**2004/04. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Rose proposed that Councillor Methley be re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and accepted by all present. Councillor Methley accepted the nomination.

**2004/05. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO OUTSIDE BODIES.**

The following appointments to outside bodies were made:-

- i) Councillor Rose is to continue as a Parish Council representative on Thurgoland School Governors as his term of office is not yet at an end.
- ii) Councillor Hague advised the meeting that she can no longer attend meetings of the Rural Road Safety Committee. It was agreed that Councillor Methley should replace Councillor Hague and the Clerk is to advise the Rural Road Safety Committee accordingly. It was also noted that Councillor Berry receives correspondence and it was agreed that the Clerk advise the Rural Road Safety Committee to forward all future correspondence to Councillor Methley.
- iii) Councillor Methley advised the meeting that she can no longer attend meeting of the Penistone Paramount Committee. It was agreed that Councillor Hague should replace Councillor Methley and the Clerk is to advise the Penistone Paramount Committee accordingly.
- iv) It was noted that Councillor Dalton, Methley and Rowley are currently Trustees of Thurgoland Charities and will continue to serve in this role.

**2004/06. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FALLING ANNUALLY**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the following annual subscriptions are due and payable:-

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| i)   | Wentworth Castle Estates - annual rental for allotments | £50.00  |
| ii)  | Yorkshire Local Councils Association                    | £293.00 |
| iii) | Allianz Cornhill Insurance                              | £738.17 |

Whilst the increase in the annual insurance premium was noted, it was agreed that all of the above payments were in order and cheques would be raised later in the meeting.

**2004/07. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2004**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 2004 had been received by all Councillors and were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Dalton signed the minutes.

**2004/08. 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.

**2004/09. REPORT FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The Clerk advised the meeting that no minutes from the Area Forum meeting had been received and therefore no crime figures were available.

**2004/10. CIP PROJECT**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mick O'Rourke is to attend the meeting at 8.15 p.m. It was therefore agreed to adjourn this item until such time as Mr O'Rourke was in attendance.

**2004/11. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OUTSTANDING**

The Clerk had circulated Appendix A to all Councillors and reported the following:-

**i) Litter bin at Churchfield**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Elaine Down from Neighbourhood Pride has offered to provide a litter bin free of charge at the top of Churchfield to replace the one which was set alight. It had been suggested by Elaine Down that the Parish Council purchase a further bin to be placed at The Plot on Fire Tree as this is an area which accumulates a lot of rubbish. After discussion it was agreed to purchase a bin at a cost of £184.00 plus Vat. The Clerk is to contact Elaine Down to advise her of this.

**ii) Concealed entrance at Thurgoland Bank**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item.

**iii) Uneven road and hatched area at school**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item.

**iv) Response times to requests to BMBC**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item.

**v) Thurgoland Institute and Reading Room**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Lancasters advising that steps have been taken to board up the windows of the Institute to stop young people entering the building. The Planning Application is 'on ice' until the new Local Development Plan is available. It was also noted that South Yorkshire Police are aware of the potential problems concerning young people using the building and they are patrolling the area on a more regular basis and will report any incidents to the Clerk and Lancasters. These comments were noted.

**vi) Pinfold Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that District Councillor Toon has provided a written report on various matters and has advised that 'it is highly unlikely that this will be seen as a priority'. This was noted.

**vii) Road sweeping at Sim Hill/Hand Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that District Councillor Toon has provided a number to call if the road requires sweeping at any time. The number is 01226 772045 and is the Cleansing Department. This was noted.

**viii) Drinking ban in streets**

The Clerk advised the meeting that District Councillor Toon has spoken to Garry Kirk in the Borough Secretary's Department who is dealing with this issue. It can take many months for a ban to be put in place and District Councillor Toon will update the Parish Council on progress.

**ix) Parking problems on Roper Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item

**x) Surface water problems on Thurgoland Hall Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item

**xi) Woodman's Cottage/Old Mill Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no progress on this item

**xii) Dog Fouling on Chapel Walk**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Elaine Down from Neighbourhood Pride has agreed to provide a Dog Bin at Chapel Walk free of charge. It was noted that the land at Chapel Walk belongs to the Methodist Chapel and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chapel to ask for their permission to site a Dog Bin. The Clerk also advised the meeting that the Environmental Health Department are to put signs in the area advising of the fines that can be levied for dog fouling. The Clerk further advised the meeting that Elaine Down has suggested that a Dog Bin be placed at the top of Churchfield and that this could be purchased by the Parish Council. An alternative would be to re-site the bin from Crane Moor Recreation Ground as this is rarely used. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**xiii) Footpath along A629**

The Clerk advised the meeting that District Councillor Toon has advised that this item will not be on the schedule of works for this year as it is not of high enough priority. It will be look at again in the next financial year. A member of the public asked if this matter could be taken further as is it not possible to use a pushchair of wheelchair along the first section of the footpath and that the Disability Discrimination Act should cover such an eventuality. Councillor Dalton is to make enquiries concerning the Disability Discrimination Act and the matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**xiiii) CIP Project**

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**2004/12. PARISH PATHS**

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting of the following items concerning Parish Paths:-

**i) Stepping stones across River Don**

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that there is no progress to report on this item.

**ii) Adopt a Path**

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that some volunteers have come forward to adopt a path. If anyone else wishes to join this scheme they should contact Councillor Rowley.

**2004/13. THURGOLAND ACTION**

Councillor Taberner was not in attendance and therefore no report was available. Councillor Methley advised the meeting that the monthly meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday 12 May 2004 and that a public meeting will be held on Thursday 17 June 2004 at 7.30 p.m. at Thurgoland Village Hall.

**2004/14. PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND BENCHES**

Councillor Rose advised the meeting that he is working on the varnishing and repair of the Notice Boards and benches within the Parish. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Rose for carrying out this work.

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that in his opinion the bench removed from China Square is beyond repair. It was agreed that once the development at China Square has taken place, a replacement bench will be purchased. In the meantime it was suggested that the next newsletter carries an item asking if anyone has any ideas on what to do with the old bench.

**2004/15. ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING AT CHURCHFIELD**

The Clerk advised the meeting that District Councillor Toon has arranged for the lighting officer to come to site to discuss the options for improved lighting at Churchfield. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Oxley in order that she can arrange to meet the necessary people on site to progress this matter.

**2004/16. CAR PARKING PROBLEMS IN THURGOLAND**

A discussion took place concerning the ongoing problems of the lack of convenient parking spaces in Thurgoland. It was agreed that this is a massive problem and one which cannot be dealt with appropriately at this moment in time.

**2004/17. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

The Clerk advised the meeting that a request has been received from Holy Trinity Church for financial assistance to purchase a Hearing Aid Loop System. The total cost of the system will be £1381.86. After a brief discussion Councillor Dalton proposed that a £500 contribution should be made by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. A cheque is to be drawn up at the June meeting.

**2004/10. CIP PROJECT**

Mr Mick O'Rourke was now in attendance at the meeting along with Elaine MacFarlane, a Youth Worker at Penistone. Mr O'Rourke advised the meeting that there is a severe shortage of Youth Workers in the Borough and at the moment it has not been possible to provide anyone for Thurgoland. However, it is hoped that a long-term Youth Worker will be in post in September of this year. In the meantime Mr O'Rourke and Ms MacFarlane will work in the village on Wednesday evenings and some weekends. Mr O'Rourke further advised the meeting that he will attempt to attend future meetings of the Parish Council to keep them updated on progress. Mr O'Rourke further advised the meeting of his mobile telephone number (07932 782350) and numbers for Ms MacFarlane (07786 525789 and 01226 762728).

**2004/18. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND – REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

All Councillors had been provided with information concerning new requirements for the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests. These requirements were noted. Councillor Petty-Marsh asked if she needed to declare membership of a civil liberties organization. The Clerk advised that it would be best to declare this and she will provide Councillor Petty-Marsh with the relevant form.

**2004/19. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION**

This item had already be dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**2004/20. PAVEMENT ALONG ROPER LANE**

Councillor Oxley had asked the Clerk to place this item on the agenda in her absence. The pavement along Roper Lane is in urgent need of repair. The section in question is from opposite Hartcliffe View to opposite Copster Close. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask them to deal with this matter.

**2004/21. WALL BETWEEN CHURCHWAYS AND CHURCHFIELD**

Councillor Oxley had asked the Clerk to place this item on the agenda in her absence. Residents of Churchfield have asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the wall dividing Churchways and Churchfield. The Clerk advised the meeting that she will look out the Planning Application and advise her findings to the next meeting.

**2004/22. PROVISION OF LIGHT OUTSIDE CRANE MOOR CHAPEL**

The Clerk advised the meeting that this item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Oxley. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Dalton will speak to the relevant people connected with the Chapel and report his findings to the next meeting.

**2004/23. SPEEDING RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCHFIELD**

The Clerk advised the meeting that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Oxley. It has recently been noted that cars travel down Churchfield from Halifax Road at excessive speeds. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to request the provision of signs to be erected at the top of Churchfield advising that there are elderly residents living there and asking motorists to watch their speed.

**2004/24. FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS**

All Councillors had been provided with proposed new Financial Standing Orders by the Clerk. These were proposed as acceptable by Councillor Dalton and it was agreed to adopt them with immediate effect.

**2004/25. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**

Councillor Hague left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Councillor Hague asking for permission to borrow the Christmas Tree lights belonging to the Parish Council for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party which is to be held in June 2004. It was agreed that this was acceptable and Councillor Rose will arrange to deliver the lights to Councillor Hague. Councillor Hague came back into the meeting.

**2004/26. ALLIANZ CORNHILL INSURANCE**

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting. However, an issue concerning the insurance policy was raised. There is a second Parish Pump at Huthwaite Lane and it was asked if this pump should be maintained by the Parish Council and placed on the insurance policy. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be discussed more fully.

**2004/27 . TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

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

**i) Huthwaite Quarry**

A question was raised by a member of the public asking if the relevant minute could be found stating that the Quarry will be kept as a conservation area. It was noted that this could have been as long as ten years ago and the Clerk advised the meeting that she will need to do some research in the archives in Barnsley Library to try and find the minute. It was noted that without a definite date this may not be possible as it could take hours of fruitless searching. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ii) Pavement on Halifax Road at the bottom of Trinity Meadows**

A member of the public asked if it would be possible for the pavement to be swept at this location as there is an accumulation of leaves around the bus stop. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Neighbourhood Pride to make this request.

**iii) Barnsley Chronicle**

It was noted that despite contacting the Barnsley Chronicle, there had been no mention of the Boundary Walk. A discussion took place during which it was noted that there is a distinct lack of news about Thurgoland in any of the local media. The Clerk advised the meeting that minutes of meetings and calling notices are always posted to The Barnsley Chronicle and the Sheffield Star. Councillor Petty-Marsh agreed to contact the Barnsley Chronicle to provide them with a report and photographs taken at the Boundary Walk and try to build up some rapport with the Thurgoland Correspondent.

**iv) Stone troughs in the Parish**

A member of the public asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility for maintaining and insuring the various stone troughs that are around the Parish. It was agreed that the location of the troughs will be marked on a map and the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which time it can be discussed more fully.

**v) Oak Tree at Thurgoland Institute**

A member of the public asked if there is a Tree Preservation Order on the large Oak Tree in the grounds of Thurgoland Institute. The Clerk is to contact the relevant person at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and report the answer to the next meeting.

**2004/28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a) Erection of rear first floor decking verandah with access stair  
The Spinney, Cote Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Erection of side single storey extension to dwelling  
11 Cliffe Avenue, Crane Moor**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**2004/29. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no approved or declined applications to report.

**2004/30. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS**

Various items have been received and it was agreed that the Clerk should pass them on to Councillor Oxley.

**2004/31. ACCOUNTS**

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

**Main Account**

J Methley	Petrol expenses	5.00
R Atkinson	Salary	327.29
BMBC	Room Hire	12.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Purchase of stationery	8.91
Holy Trinity Church	Photocopying	80.00
N Sandbach	Website design	100.00
Wentworth Castle Estates	Allotment annual rental	50.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Annual subscription	293.00
Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Annual premium	738.17

**Parish Paths Account**

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during April :-

**Main Account**

BMBC	Precept	8750.00
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**Parish Paths Account**

NIL

**2004/32. 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) Land at Huthwaite Lane – information requested on any developments**
- ii) Letter received from Thurgoland Pre-School requesting financial assistance**
- iii) Drains along Roper Lane**
- iv) Concerns raised by Mrs Davies from Thurgoland School about the kick-wall**

**2004/33. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

MONDAY      7      June      2004      7.00 p.m.      Thurgoland School

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

Ruth Atkinson  
Parish Clerk