

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2004 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from District Councillor Rowley and District Councillor Toon.

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that she had interest in item 15 on the agenda and would therefore not take part in any discussion on that item. This was noted.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2004 had been received by all Councillors and were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Dalton signed the minutes.

3. 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.

4. REPORT FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The Clerk advised the meeting that at the last Area Forum Meeting there had been no presence from South Yorkshire Police and therefore no crime figures were available. This was noted.

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that youths are now using the Thurgoland Institute and Reading Room as a place to congregate and are climbing in through the broken windows. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Lancasters (the owners) and South Yorkshire Police to make them aware of this potential problem.

5. CIP PROJECT

There was no one present from the project. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has e-mailed the project leader to ask him to attend the meeting or provide a report, but has had no response. Concern was expressed at the lack of response to e-mails and telephone calls and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the relevant person at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask them if they can advise the Parish Council of the current situation concerning the project in order that the relevant action can be taken.

6. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the list was drawn up on 28 March 2004 a response has been received on items 6 and 8.

a) Item 6

The Clerk advised the meeting that South Yorkshire Police have visited the site and were unsure as to the exact location of the farmers crossing. It was agreed that the Clerk provide a map to indicate the crossing and that the item be placed on the appendix for the next meeting.

b) Item 8

The Clerk advised the meeting that in order to obtain a Tree Preservation Order, an initial enquiry must be made to the Forestry Officer explaining which trees require protection and why. The site will be visited and assessed, and any information concerning the ownership of the land will also be helpful. The Forestry Officer is Mr Robinson and can be contacted on 01226 772557. This information was noted.

A member of the public asked if it would be possible for the Appendix to be made available with the Agenda on the Notice Boards, as members of the public were not aware of what items were being discussed. It was agreed that the Appendix be posted along with the Agenda on each Notice Board in the Parish.

7. PARISH PATHS

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

a) Stepping stones across River Don

There has been no further progress on this subject since the last meeting.

b) Adopt a Path

There has been no further progress on this subject since the last meeting.

c) Boundary Walk

The walk will take place on Monday 3 May 2004 and will begin at The Bridge Inn at 9.45 a.m. (runners) or 10.00 a.m. (walkers). Anyone from Crane Moor wishing to join the walk can do so at Crane Moor Club at 10.30 a.m. The walk is being publicised via Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and is being jointly organised by Thurgoland Action and the Parish Paths Group. It is hoped that a good number of walkers will attend and an article with all the details is in the Thurgoland Action newsletter which will be distributed with the Parish Council newsletter.

8. THURGOLAND ACTION

Councillor Taberner advised the meeting that meetings of the group will now be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at The Bridge Inn. The results of the survey will be available in May, a gala is being planned for July and a Village Design Statement is to be produced. The Clerk is to try and obtain a copy of a Village Design Statement from another Parish to assist with this. It is hoped to form a Local History Group in the autumn, and Councillor Taberner asked that this item continue to be placed on the agenda for each meeting.

9. WOODMAN'S COTTAGE

Councillor Dalton appraised the meeting of the discussion which took place on 17 March 2004 concerning the advice received from Yorkshire Local Councils Association on this subject. It was agreed that the first course of action to be taken was for the Clerk to write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to request that all the licences that have been granted be revoked and to ask them to agree to abide by their word not to allow the 24 width of the road to be encroached upon. It was noted that Section 130(3) of the 1980 Highway Act states that they have a duty to stop obstruction of the highway. Once a reply has been received further action will be taken as is felt necessary.

10. ROAD SURFACE AT DANCE LANE, CRANE MOOR

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that he has walked and driven the roads in Crane Moor and is happy that the work stated as being carried out has been done. However, Councillor Dalton asked that the Clerk contact Neighbourhood Pride to ask if the pavement from New Bailey to Crane Moor Club could be swept as soon as possible as leaves from last autumn are still on the pavement.

12. DOGS IN THE CRICKET GROUND ON COTE LANE

A letter has been received from Thurgoland Cricket Club, a copy of which the Clerk has provided to each Councillor prior to the meeting. In the letter the Cricket Club request that dogs are NOT banned from the Cricket Ground as many people who walk their dogs do so responsibly and act as a 'Neighbourhood Watch' around the cricket pavilion. The situation is difficult, but it was agreed that the wishes of the Cricket Club should be taken into consideration and that no ban should be made on dogs in the cricket ground.

The Cricket Club also advise that Green Moor Cricket Club may have difficulties in completing fixtures as they have more than one team and a request is made that they are allowed to use Thurgoland Cricket Ground when necessary. This request was granted and the Clerk is to write to the Cricket Club to advise them of this.

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Petty-Marsh advised the meeting that the site is ready to go live. She will provide Councillors with copies of the pages from the site for a final check and aims to make the site live as soon as possible. Councillor Hague asked that thanks be placed on record to Councillor Petty-Marsh for her work so far on this project. A member of the public asked if any local businesses had agreed to sponsor the site, but Councillor Petty-Marsh advised the meeting that she had received no response to her requests. It was agreed that an article be placed in the next newsletter to ask again for sponsorship.

14. PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND BENCHES

The Clerk advised the meeting that she is awaiting quotations from CR Joinery and John Ramsden and should be in a position to provide them to the next meeting for consideration.

15. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised the meeting that there are now four allotments for rent as three tenants have not renewed their tenancy from 1 April 2004. An article has been placed in the Parish Newsletter and it is hoped that this will mean that the allotments can be re-let as soon as possible.

A quotation has been received from David Methley to tidy up the allotments and make the walkways clearly identifiable and tidy. The quote is for £580.00. After discussion it was agreed that, in the absence of other quotes, this is acceptable. The Clerk is to contact Mr Methley to advise him of this and to arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

16. ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING AT CHURCHFIELD

The Clerk informed that meeting that District Councillor Toon is still progressing this matter and should be in a position to provide an update at the next meeting. However, it is likely that improved lighting, rather than additional lighting will be provided. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the meeting as Councillor Toon will be in attendance.

17. GRASS CUTTING AT THE RECREATIONGROUND

The Clerk advised the meeting that a written request has been received from Thurgoland Welfare Association for an amount of £500 to assist with the cost of cutting the grass at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed by all present that this was acceptable and a cheque is to be forwarded as soon as possible.

18. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Clerk had distributed a copy of the newsletter to each Councillor, and with one or two amendments, they had been acceptable. Copies of the Parish Council and Thurgoland Action newsletters were distributed to Councillors for delivery.

19. GRASS CUTTING AT THE PLOT ON FIR TREE

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Methley. When the grass at The Plot is cut, a resident has been in the habit of clearing away the cuttings, but they are now unable to do so because of ill health. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk contact Neighbourhood Pride to ask if they can ensure that the cuttings are cleared away. It was noted that the shrubs have been cut back, but it was felt that a further trim would be beneficial. The Clerk is to make this request to Neighbourhood Pride.

20. DOG FOULING ON CHAPEL WALK

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Oxley as the problem of dog fouling on Chapel Walk is becoming increasingly serious. Councillor Oxley has spoken to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council who have advised her that they have zero tolerance on dog fouling, but it is difficult to apprehend the owners. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Environmental Health Department to ask if signs could be erected at both ends of Chapel Walk advising of the penalties for dog fouling.

21. FOOTPATH ALONG A629

The Clerk advised the meeting that this item was placed on the agenda at this time as it had been suggested that it may be possible to look at this footpath in the new financial year. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask them if it was possible for them to look into this matter.

22. THURGOLAND SCOUT GROUP

The Clerk had circulated a copy to each Councillor of a letter, addressed to Councillor Dalton, concerning a report which had appeared in The Sheffield Star. The report had caused embarrassment to the retired Scout Leader and the letter received was from the District Commissioner. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Dalton write a letter apologizing for any misunderstanding and embarrassment which the report may have caused.

23. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

a) BENCH AT CHINA SQUARE

A member of the public advised the meeting that a resident was concerned about the apparent disappearance of the bench from China Square. Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that, as minuted at the previous meeting, he has removed the bench and placed it at his house for safe keeping. The bench is in a poor state of repair and it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which time a decision can be taken on the provision of a new bench and a suitable location. It was also noted that a silver/chrome plaque measuring 5 inches by 2 inches is inscribed on the bench 'MADE BY THE BOYS OF SILKSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL AND PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGERS OF CRANE MOOR 1965'.

b) CAR PARKING IN THURGOLAND

A member of the public asked if the subject of car parking can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. In particular she asked that the discussion could focus on land at the Welfare Ground and behind the school. It was agreed that this will be placed on the agenda for the meeting, but may be something which can best be progressed by Thurgoland Action at a later date.

24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Formation of vehicular access to classified road 5 Elmhurst Cottages, Smith Hill, Thurgoland

There were no observations or comments on this application.

b) Erection of vehicular access to classified road Eaton House, Halifax Road, Thurgoland

The Parish Council felt that the formation of vehicular access onto such a busy trunk road and so close to the school was not acceptable from a safety point of view. Concern was also raised that mature trees will be felled should this application be approved.

c) Erection of front, side and rear single storey extension to dwelling 30 Fir Tree Estate, Thurgoland

There were no observations or comments on this application.

d) Erection of two link detached houses with attached garages Old Coal Yard, Crane Moor Nook, Crane Moor

The following was noted:-

- i) The original outline planning consent was granted in December 2000 and had expired.
- ii) The planning application now submitted was dated 11 March 2004 BUT the renewal of the outline planning permission was dated 31 March 2004.

It was therefore agreed that the Clerk respond pointing out the discrepancy in the dates of the renewal of the outline planning application and the final application. Also concerns were raised that the height of the proposed buildings will be excessive and will have an overbearing impact on the properties in the immediate vicinity.

e) Erection of first floor extension over existing garage 7 Mount Pleasant Court, Crane Moor

There were no observations or comments on this application.

f) Erection of detached house with integral double garage Plot 1, Land adjacent to The Knoll, Roper Lane, Thurgoland

There were no observations or comments on this application.

g) Erection of one dwelling (Outline) 1 Spring Gardens, Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland

It was noted that no additional development is permitted to take place at Huthwaite, and this comment is to be made to the Planning Board.

25. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no approved or declined applications to report.

26. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

Various items have been received and they were passed to Councillor Oxley.

27. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The Clerk had placed this item on the agenda and requested that the Parish Council pay for her subscriptions to the Society of Local Council Clerks. The fee is £78.00. This was agreed to be in order by all present and a cheque raised.

28. ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed for payment:-

Main Account

Ruth Atkinson	Ink jet cartridge	27.99
Ruth Atkinson	Salary	327.29
Crane Moor Chapel	Meetings on 17 March and 7 April	24.00
Ruth Atkinson	Photocopy paper	5.00
Ruth Atkinson	Stamps	21.84
BMBC	Provision of electricity to tree	799.83
Thurgoland Welfare Association	Grass cutting	500.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Memberships Fee	83.00

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during March :-

Main Account

Rent for allotments	140.00
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Parish Paths Account

NIL

29. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had provided copies of proposed Standing Orders to be adopted for use by the Parish Council. These were agreed to be in order and adopted with immediate effect.

30. 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) **Request for financial assistance in the provision of a Hearing Aid Loop System at Holy Trinity Church**
- ii) **Register of Interests – new regulations**
- iii) **Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Association for 2004/2005**
- iv) **Footpath opposite Hartcliffe View to Copster Close.**
- v) **Churchways development**
- vi) **Light outside Crane Moore Chapel**

31. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

Wednesday 5 May 2004 7.00 p.m. Thurgoland School
(Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

Councillor Dalton informed the meeting that he will not be available for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2 June 2004. It was therefore agreed to change the date of the meeting to Monday 7 June 2004.

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

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk