

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

PRESENT

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

2004/299. 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.

2004/300. CO-OPTION ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Dalton opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Robert Blythe to his first meeting as a co-opted Councillor. Mr Blythe had been provided with various documents by the Clerk, which he signed and returned. He was asked to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in order to officially become a Councillor.

2004/301. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 February 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.

2004/302. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that since the last meeting a problem had arisen concerning the grit bins in the vicinity of Fire Tree. During the recent snow an elderly person had been taken ill and the ambulance had difficulty accessing Fir Tree as there is only one grit bin on the estate and this was empty. A resident had contacted Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and had been told that no request had been made for additional grit bins. The Clerk advised the meeting that a request had been made since the last meeting as minuted and indeed a reply card had been received acknowledging the request. It was agreed that the Clerk provide a copy of the letter to Mr Westwood in order that he is aware of the request. Councillor Oxley asked that it be noted that Churchfield had been well gritted and Councillor Dalton also asked it to be noted that the rest of the Parish generally had been well gritted. The Clerk is to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

2004/303. 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 two reported crimes in Thurgoland and no reported crimes in Crane Moor. This was noted. It was also noted that there is no indication of the kind of reported crimes which take place. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact P C Thompson to ask if it would be possible for a breakdown to be provided.

2004/304. CIP PROJECT

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

2004/305. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received one telephone call concerning the two remaining vacancies on the Parish Council but that so far no firm approach has been made. It was agreed that the vacancies should be advertised in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter and that the notices will remain in the Parish Notice Boards. Councillor Methley advised the meeting that she has purchased some after-shave for Mr J Taberner as agreed at the last meeting and that she will pass it on to him in due course. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has written to Mr Taberner thanking him for his work for the Parish Council.

2004/306. 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 the following items:-

i) Chapel Walk

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that the work at Chapel walk has been carried out.

ii) Leaf sweeping

It was noted that the accumulation of leaves on Halifax Road has now been removed.

iii) Footpath through Chemist Wood

The Clerk suggested that this item be removed from the Appendix as it is in an adjacent Parish who are aware of the problem and therefore cannot be dealt with by Thurgoland Parish Council. This was agreed to be in order.

iv) Response times to requests to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

The Clerk suggested that this item be removed from the Appendix as a verbal request has been made via District Councillor Toon and the subject is kept under surveillance at Parish Clerks meetings, which are held every six months. It was agreed to be in order. In the meantime however, Councillor Blythe offered to speak to officers of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on this matter and report his findings to the next meeting.

v) Fly tipping in Crane Moor

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response from the Environmental Regulatory Unit advising that the responsibility of removing items that have been tipped rests with the landowner. However, Neighbourhood Pride can arrange for the removal of rubbish but there is a cost implication. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Stainborough Parish Council as the fly tipping is, strictly speaking, within their Parish and to contact Neighbourhood Pride to ask if they can remove the items without charge.

vi) Stables at Pog Lane

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from the Planning Department advising that the access from Pog Lane to the stable development cannot be sealed, as it is required for service vehicles to get to a sewer. The condition imposed is merely intended to prevent the access being used in connection with the stables themselves. This information was noted.

vii) Street lighting at Crane Moor Nook

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she has received a telephone call from Barry Goodyear concerning the possibility of providing an additional street lamp at Crane Moor Nook. Mr Goodyear is to provide a quote for the provision of a street lamp.

2004/307. CIP PROJECT

Mr O'Rourke was now in attendance and Councillor Dalton asked that his report be given at this time. This was agreed to be acceptable. Mr O'Rourke advised the meeting that the group is now meeting on a regular basis in Thurgoland on a Tuesday evening. The 'Get Set' scheme is to begin again in Thurgoland soon and will concentrate on environmental issues and health issues, smoking, drugs etc. There are currently approximately ten young people attending on a regular basis and it is hoped that this will increase during the summer months. A new Youth Worker called Keith Watkins is working alongside Mr O'Rourke and his telephone number is 07932 783921. It was agreed that Mr O'Rourke will provide an article for inclusion in the newsletter directly to the Clerk.

2004/308. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that it is intended to walk the Boundary on Monday 2 May 2005. Various points relating to the organization of the walk were discussed and Councillor Rowley is to co-ordinate the event. Details are to be provided to the Clerk for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

2004/309. BENCHES FOR SCOUT LEADERS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has met with Maurice Williams who has suggested suitable wording for the bench. It was agreed that the following wording will be used:-

In recognition of services to the cubs and scouts in Thurgoland Parish
SHEILA CASTLEDINE, TERENCE CASTLEDINE, MAURICE WILLIAMS, ELAINE LEASK GOUGH, SUE MOUNCEY

Who collectively gave 93 years of service

The Clerk is to order the bench and plaque as soon as possible.

2004/310. WATER PUMP AT HUTHWAITE LANE

Mr John Wade advised the meeting that progress is being made but as yet no quotation has been received. Further reports will be provided at each Parish Council meeting.

2004/311. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Robertshaws advising that from 1 April 2006 the annual rent for the allotment site will be £287.50. This is an increase of £237.50. After discussion it was agreed that in light of this increase the rent for the year 2005/2006 will be £15.00 and for 2006/2007 £20.00 per allotment. The Clerk is to advise allotment holders of this increase. The Clerk also advised the meeting that she has received replies to the proposal of splitting allotments into two more manageable plots to try and ensure that they are kept in a

better state of repair. Most tenants are in agreement with splitting the plots. A discussion took place concerning the upkeep of the site and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Allotments Society asking if they can recommend any contractors who can quote to completely refurbish the site and split the plots. Once a contractor has been found the Clerk will look at the various funding options that are available to try and get the project funded, either fully or in part.

2004/312. CRANE MOOR VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dalton advised the meeting that he had met with Councillor Rowley and the Parish Clerk on 9 March 2005 to discuss the issues concerning the Crane Moor Village Association. Subsequently, Councillor Dalton has been informed that the Village Association is now no longer in existence as all the Trustees have resigned. Councillor Dalton has asked that the insurance premium relating to the Recreation Ground be paid from the funds currently in the account of the Village Association and that all documentation relating to the playground equipment, insurance and any other relevant items be forward to the Parish Council as soon as possible. Once all documents and details of funds have been received decisions will be made concerning the winding up of the Association. It was also noted that Mr Dickinson, who lives adjacent to the Recreation Ground has cut the grass for many years and that this may require to be put on a more 'official' footing in the future. Councillor Dalton agreed to visit Mr Dickinson to ascertain his views on this subject and report his findings to the next Parish Council meeting.

2004/313. DRAINS ON ROPER LANE

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Methley who advised the meeting that whilst the drains along Roper Lane appear to be fairly free-flowing at the present time, she feels that it would be wise to have them cleaned out again in order that flooding does not occur in the event of heavy rain. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department to ask for this work to be carried out.

2004/314. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received thirty survey forms concerning the Rights of Way Improvement Plan public consultation, which are for distribution amongst members of the Parish. The majority of the forms were distributed to Councillors and members of the public and it was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the rest to be distributed at the earliest opportunity.

2004/315. COUNCILLORS SKILLS SEMINAR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received Certificates of Attendance for Councillors Methley, Oxley, and Rose following their attendance at a Councillors Skills Seminar held at Penistone recently. These certificates were presented to the relevant Councillors.

2004/316. NATIONAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification of the recommended annual salary increase from the National Association of Local Councils. The suggested hourly rate for SCP 18 is £8.147, which will mean a monthly increase of £10.14. Councillor Dalton suggested that this item be deferred until the next meeting as the increase comes into effect on 1 April 2005, and that it is discussed once the meeting has closed and the Clerk is not in attendance. This was agreed to be acceptable.

2004/317. THURGOLAND WELFARE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a request from Thurgoland Welfare Football Club for financial assistance towards improving the drainage on the football field. The cost if it is done 'in-house' will be approximately £3000. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Football Club to advise them that there are currently funds available from the Area Forum and that applications have to be made before the end of March. Once other funding streams have been explored this request will be reconsidered.

2004/318. THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The Clerk advised the meeting that a written request has been received from Thurgoland Village Welfare for financial assistance towards the cutting of the grass for the coming summer. The total cost is £651.50 plus VAT and an amount of £500 is requested. After discussion it was agreed that this request be granted and that a cheque for £500 be prepared to be signed at the next meeting.

2004/319. ANNUAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

The Clerk advised the meeting that the audit has now been completed for year ended 31 March 2004 and the only comment made was concerning the increasing balances held by the Parish Council. This was noted and the audit was accepted as complete. The relevant notices are to be displayed as required in the Parish Notice Board.

2004/320. YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Yorkshire Electricity concerning possible contingency plans in the event of prolonged power cuts. The letter has been sent to 1099 Parish Councils and the Clerk further advised the meeting that in order to assist with the contingency plans it is necessary to have electricity – this small matter appears to have been overlooked!! No action is to be taken on this letter.

2004/321. TEN MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

i) Article in Barnsley Chronicle

Mr F Roebuck provided the article that had appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle in which a Councillor from Hoyland made a comment when discussing the alcohol ban in certain streets in Barnsley. The comment made was that the Councillor was ‘aghast when I heard about this as I just thought they had sheep up there.’ Whilst it was agreed that this comment was made tongue in cheek, various residents were offended by it and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Councillor in question advising him of the offence caused by his unguarded comment.

ii) Thurgoland War Memorial

Mrs J Kershaw presented the Parish Council with an invoice for plants purchased for the War Memorial. This invoice will be paid at the next meeting. Mrs Kershaw and her family were thanked for their work on the War Memorial. Mrs Kershaw asked that it be noted that the Christmas Tree for Holy Trinity Church had been provided by Tom Horsfield and was significantly less expensive than those purchased by the Parish Council. It was agreed that this be noted and that Mr Horsfield be asked to quote for Christmas Trees this year.

iii) GREEN BELT

Two residents of Crane Moor questioned the policy on encroachment into the Green Belt following the recent Planning Application to extend a domestic cartilage into the Green Belt on a property at Crane Moor Road. The comments were noted and a copy of the Unitary Development Plan was provided in order that they could read the policy on this subject. It was agreed that the Clerk obtains information from the Planning Department about the policy for Green Belt applications.

2004/322. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Erection of two-storey side extension to dwelling
66 Fir Tree Estate, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Erection of two detached houses with garages (revised scheme)
Site of former coalyard, corner of Crane Moor Nook and Pog Lane, Crane Moor**

This application was a revised scheme for an application which was refused in July 2004 because it ‘would be materially detrimental to the amenities of the occupants of Greenways by reason of its overbearing and overshadowing effect.’ After discussion it was agreed that concerns would be raised about the height of the proposed two storey buildings and a suggestion made that it would seem that single storey dwellings would be more appropriate. The initial reason for the refusal is also still relevant.

**c) Erection of side two storey extension and front porch to dwelling
32 Fir Tree Estate, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**d) Fell two Oak trees within Tree Preservation Order Number 3/1997
14 Ormsby Close, Thurgoland.**

After discussion it was agreed that objection would be raised to this application as the trees are not diseased, they have a Tree Preservation Order on them, they do not appear to be on land belonging to the applicant and the Parish Council feel that too many trees are being felled, particularly indigenous ones.

**e) Erection of detached dwelling (Outline)
Illton House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

This application is an outline one for a dwelling next to Thurgoland Post Office. It was felt that a vehicular access onto Roper Lane adjacent to the bus stop was not acceptable from a road safety point of view.

2004/323. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

**a) Erection of side two-storey extension to dwelling and detached garage
1 Leamington Cottages, Coates Lane, Silkstone Common**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**b) Erection of side-attached double garage
Old Police House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

2004/324. APPROVED AND DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**a) Site at 1 Woodland View, Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland
Appeal by Mr & Mrs E Hague**

After discussion it was agreed that no comments be made concerning the appeal made by Mr & Mrs Hague on the decision made to refuse the above application.

2004/325. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

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

2004/326. ACCOUNTS

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

Main Account

Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire	12.00
Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Easy Space	Web Site renewal fee	56.40
HLB AV Audit	Audit Fee 2004	141.00
R Atkinson	Photocopy paper	3.99
Yorkshire Rural C C	Annual fee	25.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates	58.76
J Methley	Gift for J Taberner	19.75
R Atkinson	Salary – March	342.90
Holy Trinity Church	Photocopying of newsletters	40.00 (additional to list)

Parish Paths Account

NIL

The following deposits have been banked during February :-

Main Account

NIL

Parish Paths Account

NIL

2004/327. 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) Give Way sign at Sim Hill/Hollin Moor Lane

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that the Give Way sign at the above location has been knocked down. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to advise them of this and ask them to re-instate it.

ii) Water crossing road at Crane Moor Road

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that water is constantly running across the road on Crane Moor Road between Crane Moor Nook and Crane Moor Club. This can be dangerous in icy conditions. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask them to look at this location.

iii) Glass recycling boxes

It was noted that some residents do not have a green glass recycling box as they have either been blown away or stolen. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask how residents obtain a new box. This information can then be passed on to residents via the newsletter and Notice Boards.

2004/228. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as follows:-

Wednesday 13 April 2005 Thurgoland School 7.00 p.m.

This was a change to the original date of Wednesday 6 April as Councillor Dalton may be on holiday on that day.

SUBSEQUENTLY IS WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE PARISH CLERK HAS A PREVIOUS WORK COMMITMENT ON 13 APRIL 2005 AND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLOR DALTON, THE MEETING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON THE ORIGINAL DATE OF WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2005 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Ruth Atkinson
Parish Clerk