

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2005 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

2005/129. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies were received from Councillor Dalton (work commitments), District Councillors Rowley and Toon and Maggie Bennett of South Yorkshire Police. There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.

In the absence of Councillor Dalton the meeting was chaired by Councillor Methley.

2005/130. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2005 had been circulated to all Councillors. The following amendments were made:-

- i) The Luncheon Club is celebrating it's 20th anniversary, NOT 25th.
- ii) The distribution of the newsletters is to be clarified at the meeting.

Councillor Oxley also asked that it be noted that she cannot attend the Luncheon Club anniversary lunch. It may be possible for Councillor Rowley to attend instead and this information will be passed on to the relevant person.

2005/131. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered in the agenda.

2005/132. REPORT OF CRIME FIGURES FROM THE AREA FORUM MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received apologies from Maggie Bennett of South Yorkshire Police who has now moved areas and works in the Cudworth, Stairfoot and Ardsley area. The PCSO for our area is Julia McLaughlin and she will try to attend future meetings.

The Golden Line number has changed and is no 01226 736387.

It was noted that South Yorkshire Police have spoken to car owners who are double-parking on Roper Lane, causing problems for large vehicles. Warnings have been given and should the problem continue tickets will be issued.

It was also noted that reports have been received concerning intimidation from young people congregating on the steps of the Village Store. South Yorkshire Police are aware of this and will monitor the situation.

2005/133. CIP PROJECT

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

2005/134. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk had circulated Appendix A to all Councillors and reported that since the list was compiled there has been responses to the following items:-

i) Bus stop at Thurgoland Welfare

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive advising that the bus stop outside Thurgoland Welfare is no longer in use. The removal of the yellow lines is a matter for the Local Authority. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department to ask them to remove the lines as soon as possible.

ii) Bulb planting

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from the Penistone Partnership advising that the Environmental Sub-Group will deal with the request at their meeting on 6 October 2005, after which time they will contact the Clerk. This item will be placed back on the Appendix until such time as a response has been received.

iii) Pavement at Fir Tree/Roper Lane

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that this item has now been attended to and can be taken from the Appendix.

iv) Speeding along the A629

Councillor Blythe asked if it would be possible for the Clerk to write again to ask if a response to the request for speed calming measures can be provided before the next meeting. This was agreed to be in order.

v) Yellow lines at Thurgoland School

It was noted that a new crossing patrol person has been appointed, but that the yellow lines outside the school have not yet been re-painted. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask if this work can be carried out as soon as possible.

v) Pavement at Huthwaite Lane

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that the pavement on Huthwaite Lane has been sprayed with weed killer as requested. This item is therefore to be removed from the Appendix.

vi) Litter in Welfare Ground

Councillor Methley asked Mrs Denton from the Welfare Association if Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council should cut the long grass behind the goal posts, adjacent to the footpath through the Welfare Ground, as if it was cut it would be easier to collect the litter that collects. It was also noted that the long grass and nettles adjacent to the Halifax Road end of the footpath require cutting back. Mrs Denton is to take this issue up with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

2005/135. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that the stepping-stones across the River Don have been pulled back into place. The next step is to find someone who can design a bridge, and Planning Permission will then be required to progress the matter further.

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that a holly bush requires pruning at a kissing gate on the footpath known as Long Jack, and that a stile on the same footpath requires attention. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask for this work to be carried out.

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that the stone trough at Crane Moor Nook has been 'freed' by the builders on site. This should help with the water problems which occur at Crane Moor Nook.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Mick Birkinshaw advising of the following:-

Mick Burkinshaw deals with legal issues, such as ploughed out paths and obstructions, His number is 01226 772571.

Nigel Labdon deals with maintenance issues such as dangerous stiles, cutting back undergrowth and signs and waymarking. His number is 01226 772142.

These details were noted for future reference.

2005/136. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Rose was not present and therefore no report was available. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Rose to ascertain if progress has been made and if not to contact Barry Goodyear as a matter of urgency to ask him to contact Councillor Blythe who will meet him on site to progress the matter in order that the lights can be functional in time for Christmas.

2005/137. PUMP AND WELL AT HUTHWAITE LANE

All Councillors had received a copy of the letter from Yorkshire Local Councils Association, which gave advice on the procedure to be followed to ascertain the ownership of the land on which the pump stands. An article is in the newsletter that will give all Parishioners the chance to come forward and/or give information on this subject, and it was agreed that no further action can be taken until the next meeting, by which time any interested party will have had the opportunity to contact the Clerk. Whilst it is felt that the land is not registered as a Village Green or Registered Common Land it was agreed that, in order to

comply with the advice given, the Clerk should write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to confirm this in writing.

Councillor Berry asked if any progress had been made in securing funding from the Rural Target Fund. The Clerk advised the meeting that whilst it had been agreed that the project would be suitable for consideration, no further progress has been made until the ownership issues have been resolved. However, the Clerk agreed to contact Nick Waterfield to ask his further advice on this subject. Councillor Blythe raised the subject of Parish Plans, as it is widely accepted that any project that features in a Parish Plan is more likely to be successful when applying for funding. The Clerk advised the meeting that the results of the questionnaire are all available and need to be put together in a coherent document. It was agreed that the subject of the Parish Plan should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The subject of payment for materials already purchased for the pump was discussed and Mr Wade advised the meeting that approximately £100 has currently been expended, but that reimbursement is not required until the project is completed. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wilkinson that a donation of £100 be made now to the Wortley Top Forge Project in recognition of their support of the project thus far. Councillor Berry proposed that a donation of £200 be made and a vote was taken. There were four votes in favour of £100 and two votes in favour of £200. A cheque in the sum of £100 is to be made out to be signed at the next meeting.

2005/138. THURGOLAND VILLAGE CLOCK

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has placed an order with Clements Clocks for the Village Clock to have a radio controlled system and that the work should be carried out before the end of British Summer Time. In the meantime the Clerk has arranged for the clock to tell the correct time and will continue to keep the clock accurate should any more power cuts occur. It will be possible to link the electricity supply to the corner shop to ensure that there is less likelihood of the power being disrupted and this work will be carried out at the same time as the rest of the work. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order that progress can be monitored.

2005/139. ALLOTMENTS ON THURGOLAND HALL LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has met with Mr Wilson from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to discuss the requirements of the allotments holders as discussed at the recent meeting. A new plan is to be submitted and circulated to all parties for approval. In the meantime, the Clerk is progressing the funding application, as the cost will be the same as previously agreed. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which a further update will be provided.

2005/140. PLANTERS AT CHURCHFIELD

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has spoken to Berneslai Homes who have confirmed that funding for the planters at Churchfield comes from a 'pot' that is specifically for areas requiring improvement which are outside the remit of the Council budget. The additional funding requested from the Parish Council would be requested from any area that is Parished. Any area that is not Parished would receive a similar request for funding from Community Partnerships. This was noted and Councillor Blythe made the point that as Thurgoland comes within the Penistone Partnership it should be possible to apply for the additional funding from there. This was agreed to be an acceptable proposal and the Clerk is to contact Penistone Partnership to make this request.

2005/141. CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

All Councillors had been provided with a copy of a document outlining the Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Blythe that the Clerk ask for a sample resolution for the Council to discuss at the next meeting. This was agreed to be acceptable and the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2005/142. ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from South Yorkshire Police, via Maurice Williams, concerning the Armistice Day Parade that will take place on Sunday 13 November 2005. The letter advises that South Yorkshire Police will try to support parades wherever possible but that they ask for help with stewarding from Parish Councils. Third Party Liability Insurance must be in place in order for South Yorkshire Police to support an event. A pro-forma has been received detailing the particular event. After discussion Councillor Blythe proposed that the Parish Council take on responsibility for this event. This was agreed to be in order by all present. The Clerk confirmed that the

Parish Council has Public Liability Insurance to the value of £5 million. The following action was agreed upon:-

- i) That the Clerk order a wreath as in previous years.
- ii) That the pro-forma be returned, along with a letter asking for assistance from South Yorkshire Police.
- iii) If no assistance can be provided that South Yorkshire Police provide yellow jackets for stewards.
- iv) That this item be placed on the agenda for the November meeting, by which time all arrangements should be in place.

2005/143. CHRISTMAS TREES

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Billingley Trees advising that the cost of a 14 foot Norway Spruce is £90 plus VAT and a 10 foot Norway Spruce is £45 plus VAT. It was noted that Mrs Kershaw of Cote Lane had previously agreed to source Christmas Trees if required and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mrs Kershaw to ask her to assist. It was further agreed that the Clerk be given authority to order from the most economical supplier and to arrange delivery for the first week in December. The following was agreed:-

- i) No tree is required for The Bridge Inn as the one previously purchased is growing very well.
- ii) A 14 foot tree is required for Churchfields.
- iii) A 10 foot tree is required for the Village Hall
- iv) No tree is required for Crane Moor Club as the one previously purchased is growing very well.

2005/144. SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRANSPORT PLAN

The Clerk advised the meeting that a copy of the South Yorkshire Transport Plan has been received for information. Councillor Blythe suggested that he take the plan, summarise it, and provide a brief report to the next meeting. This was agreed to be acceptable and the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2005/145. BROADBAND

Councillor Oxley informed the meeting that she had been approached by a Parishioner who had asked if it would be possible to find out when broadband will become available in the village. It was noted that broadband is already available and that the Parishioner probably meant cable. It was noted that at the present time companies are not prepared to install cable, as it is too expensive to do so for the returns they would get.

2005/146. CAR PARKING ON ROPER LANE/SMITHY HILL

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that problems are being encountered on Roper Lane/Smithy Hill by cars double parking. It was noted that the cars are not parking illegally, but that there has been an increase in the number of cars parking in this vicinity because of the building work at Butterfields. Councillor Methley added that South Yorkshire Police are aware of this and are monitoring the problem on a daily basis. Councillor Wilkinson noted that the number of cars will decrease as time goes by as the Butterfields site progresses and it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order that it can be monitored.

2005/147. PROVISION OF DOG BINS

Councillor Berry asked if it would be possible to request the provision of dog bins at the entrance to Thurgoland School as many people walk their dogs in this area and dog mess is becoming a problem. She also requested a bin at Huthwaite Lane, at the opposite end of the footpath to the school. Mr John Wade noted that a dog bin has been requested at Old Mill Lane and has not yet been provided. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Pride to request bins and the school and Huthwaite Lane and place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

2005/148. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Planning application for Tilt Cottage, Old Mill Lane

Mrs Janet Pearce of Old Mill Lane asked if the Parish Council had received amended plans for an application made in July 2005 at the above location. The Clerk advised the meeting that no amended plans had been received. Mrs Pearce asked if the procedure could be explained, as she would have expected the Parish Council to have been consulted. Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that it is not always necessary for the Parish Council to be consulted on amendments to plans and that it has no powers to demand to do so.

ii) Provision of salt bins on Old Mill Lane

Mrs Pearce asked if it would be possible to request an additional salt bin on Old Mill Lane before the onset of winter. Mr John Wade advised the meeting that this request had already been made and that it had been agreed that one of the surplus bins from the Roper Lane end of the lane would be sited to the Cote Lane end. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask if it is possible to resite the bin as soon as possible.

iii) Speed limit on Halifax Road

Mrs Margaret Denton raised the subject of the start of the 30 mile per hour speed limit on the road leading from Wortley into Thurgoland. The limit comes into force near Thorpe's Garage and Mrs Denton wondered if it would be possible to impose a 40 mile per hour limit from the junction with Crane Moor Road to try and slow cars down a little earlier. It was agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for discussion when a response is received concerning the various other road safety issues through the village so that all the suggestions can be dealt with at one time.

2005/149. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch to dwelling.
19 Trinity Meadows, Thurgoland**

Councillor Wilkinson noted that this application would fall under 'permitted development'. This was noted and no comments or observations were made.

2005/150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

**i) Erection of two storey side extension to dwelling
8 Copster Close, Thurgoland**

Councillor Oxley declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. There were no comments or observations on this application.

**ii) Erection of two-storey rear extension to dwelling
Shandon, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no observations or comments on this application.

**iii) Renewal of planning consent – erection of detached dwelling house
Land adjacent Moorland View, Halifax Road, Thurgoland**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the original Planning Application for this location had been granted in 1990 and renewed in 1995. As it was a renewal there were no plans submitted. No comments or observations were made.

2005/151. APPROVED/DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no approved/declined Planning Applications to report.

2005/152. ERECTION OF STABLE BLOCK AND EQUESTRIAN MENAGE TRAINING AREA

This item had been placed on the agenda by Councillor Dalton. The Clerk advised the meeting that since the meeting held in July, at which the above plans had been discussed, various residents of South View have raised concerns to Councillor Dalton. The access to the proposed training area and stables is via a road between two houses that is owned by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. The residents adjacent are concerned that the road is not suitable for the increase in use and asked Councillor Dalton to enquire on their behalf if it is acceptable for a Council-owned road to be used for private enterprise. The Clerk has written to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council who have confirmed that they own the access

road and consider it is suitable for the level of activity associated with private stables. Councillor Wilkinson added that as there has been a gate into the field at the top of this road for many years it would seem that this is the best access route and that if Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council are happy there is nothing further that can be done. These comments were noted and will be passed to Councillor Dalton.

2005/153. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

All newsletters and circulars received since the last meeting were passed to Councillor Oxley for her to read and report and items to the next meeting.

2005/154. ACCOUNTS.

The following items were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly:-

Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Ruth Atkinson	Salary – October	353.04
Ruth Atkinson	Plants and garden items	50.00

There had been no deposits made into the account since the last meeting.

2005/154. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following items are to be placed on the agenda for the November meeting:-

- i) **Entrance to Welfare Ground via footpath opposite Post Office.**
- ii) **Footpath at entrance to Knoll Close**
- iii) **Land adjacent to Copster Close/Roper Lane**

2005/155. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 2 November 2005 at 7.00 p.m. at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk