

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR ROAD, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Berry, Blythe, Oxley, Rowley, Warttig and Wilkinson. Also present Jane Ripley and her colleague (Strategic Housing), Ruth Atkinson (Parish Clerk), and six members of the public. Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

**2008/158. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Cuerden (illness), Hamblen (holidays) and Methley (holidays). There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda.

**2008/159. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 October 2008 had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Oxley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

**2008/160. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Black bags on Pinfold Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Councillor Methley had informed her that the black bags of rubbish reported on Pinfold Lane had been removed a couple of days after the last meeting. This was noted.

**ii) Application to Area Forum for flowering bulbs**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, since the Agenda had been produced, she had received notification that the application for £250 to purchase flowering bulbs had been successful. Bulbs to the value of £200 had been purchased with £50 being held back to purchase wild flower seeds in the spring of 2009. Councillors were provided with bags of bulbs to be planted as soon as possible.

**2008/161. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT SMITHY HILL**

Two members of The Strategic Housing Department at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council were present and Jane Ripley gave a brief report on the progress being made on the affordable housing scheme at Smithy Hill, Thurgoland. A document was made available to all present outlining the eligibility criteria, how to apply and details of the houses being constructed. The application list will be opened on Monday 10 November 2008. A resident of Fir Tree raised concerns about problems being encountered on the building site at the present time. Jane Ripley agreed to bring these concerns to the attention of the Site Manager and to have an ongoing dialogue with any residents who had concerns during the building process. It was noted that the access road from Fire Tree will be resurfaced on completion of the project. Councillor Blythe thanked Jane Ripley and her colleague for their attendance and they left the meeting, as did two members of the public who had attended specifically to raise their concerns about the scheme.

**2008/162. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP**

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the Crime and Safety Sub-Group had not met since the last Parish Council meeting. This was noted.

**2008/163 REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'**

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced there had been no responses to any of the items on Appendix A.

**i) A629**

It was noted that the re-surfacing of the A629 through Thurgoland is currently in progress. Councillor Berry proposed that the Clerk now remind Barnsley MBC of their promise to provide additional signage and road markings to slow traffic at this location. This was seconded by Councillor Wilkinson and agreed by all present.

**ii) The Old Co-Operative Superstore**

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that she has been made aware that someone has had access to the building since the last meeting. This was confirmed by Maurice Williams, a member of the public present. However, as no contact has been made by the owners of the premises, no further action can be taken at this time.

**iii) Huthwaite Quarry title deeds**

Councillor Rowley asked if any progress had been made in tracing the Title Deeds to Huthwaite Quarry. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has been in contact with the Land Registry and is awaiting their response. This was noted.

Councillor Oxley proposed that all long-standing outstanding items on the Appendix be reconsidered for action in January 2009. This was agreed to be acceptable.

**2008/164. PARISH PATHS**

**i) Footpath number 30 at Thurgoland Bank**

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that she has received information from a resident advising that the Public Footpath sign for footpath number 30 leading from Thurgoland Bank has been removed and is at the side of the road. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Sarah Ford, the Public Rights of Way Officer to ask her to arrange for it to be re-positioned.

**2008/165. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**i) Flooding at Crane Moor**

Mr Gregory of New Bailey raised the issue of the flooding at Crane Moor and advised the Parish Council that he has been in contact with Barnsley MBC who have agreed to have a site meeting to consider the culvert that runs at the back of New Bailey. This meeting is to include District Councillor Wilson and residents of New Bailey. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact District Councillor Wilson to ask him to expedite the meeting. Once the meeting has taken place it will become clearer what progress can be made on this matter.

**ii) Thurgoland History Group Lottery Funding**

Maurice Williams advised the meeting that the pump at Halifax Road should be refurbished by March 2009, but this is dependent upon Barnsley MBC completing the work on the footpath access. The DVD is nearly completed and the website should be up and running before Christmas. Work has begun on the pump box and this too should be completed by Christmas. This was noted.

**iii) Parking on Crane Moor Road**

A resident advised the meeting that cars are parking wholly on the pavement at Crane Moor Road outside New Bailey. This means that pedestrians cannot walk on the pavement and have to walk in the road, thus putting themselves and car drivers at risk. It was also noted that this practice occurs near the bus stop at New Bailey and that if cars parked on the road, they would be double parked because of the cars parked outside South View. This would mean that buses would not be able to negotiate the road, causing more problems. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways Department at Barnsley MBC to advise them of these problems and to ask for their assistance.

**iv) Marine David Marsh**

Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that the inscription on the War Memorial in Thurgoland has been done. A query has been raised as to why no mention of the date of Marine Marsh's death is recorded. None of the names on the War Memorial have a date recorded and therefore the name of Marine Marsh has been recorded to be the same as all of the other names. The bench at Huthwaite Lane will provide a comprehensive record of Marine Marsh and this should be in situ before the end of the year. This was noted.

**2008/166. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**i) Conversion of church into dwelling, including demolition of adjoining church hall  
Thurgoland Methodist Church, Cote Lane, Thurgoland.**

There were no comments or observations made on this application.

**ii) Erection of a detached dwelling with two parking spaces  
Land adjacent to Brynonen, Cote Lane, and 1 Springwood Close, Thurgoland**

There were no comments or observations on this application.

**2008/167. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED**

**i) Erection of detached garage to dwelling  
Flat 5, The Old Rock Inn, Crane Moor**

There were no comments or observations made on this application.

**ii) Erection of side two storey and rear single storey extensions to dwelling  
3 Lionel Hill, Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor**

There were no comments or observations made on this application.

**2008/168. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

**i) Erection of one detached dwelling (outline)  
The Knoll, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

This application had been approved on 29 October 2008

**ii) Erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling and a raised patio  
Huthwaite View, Cote Lane, Thurgoland**

This application had been granted on 9 October 2008.

**iii) Conversion and extension to former telephone exchange to form one dwelling  
Former telephone exchange, Halifax Road, Thurgoland**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received information from the Planning Department advising that an appeal against the decision to refuse Planning Permission has been made and that comments should be made to the Planning Inspectorate before 25 November 2008. It was agreed that comments should be made, advising that work is continuing on the site, despite the original application being refused and there is strong local opinion that this should not be allowed.

**2008/169. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE**

**i) Christmas Tree at Churchfields**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Neighbourhood Services concerning the provision of a replacement tree for the one that was damaged during grass cutting. The letter is confusing and it was agreed that the Clerk speak to Alan Wilson to ascertain the exact intention of Neighbourhood Services on this matter.

**ii) Leaves on pavement in Thurgoland**

Councillor Oxley noted that there are a large number of wet leaves on the pavement along Halifax Road and Roper Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Neighbourhood Services to ask them to clear the leaves as soon as possible, to make the pavements safer to negotiate by pedestrians.

**2008/170. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**i) Grit bin provision at Churchfields**

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that the grit bin that is normally situated outside number 68 Churchfields has not been delivered. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways Department at Barnsley MBC to ask them to provide a bin at this location.

**ii) Pavement repair at Fir Tree/Roper Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the pavement repair at Fir Tree/Roper Lane has been completed.

**iii) Playground Sign – Roper Lane**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley MBC advising that the existing Playground Sign outside the Doctors Surgery on Roper Lane will be removed. However, the re-location of the sign is more of a problem because of legislation regarding the siting of such signs. The only place that is considered suitable is on the new lighting column on the opposite side of the road at the junction of Hollin Moor View. A discussion took place concerning this proposition following which Councillor Wilkinson proposed that this suggestion be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Warttig and agreed by all present. The Clerk is to advise Barnsley MBC according.

**iii) Drains along A629 from Crane Moor Top to traffic lights**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence advising that the gullies along the A629 have been emptied, cleaned and jetted. This was noted.

**iv) Pavement at Churchfield**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the pavements at Churchfields have been inspected and that one defect outside number 30 was identified. The pavements at Churchfields will be referred for assessment for inclusion in the annual priorities for the Local Roads and Footway Planned Maintenance programme in 2009/10. This was noted.

**v) Boundary Stones at Hollin Moor Lane and Crane Moor Top**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley MBC concerning the possibility of placing the Boundary Stones on plinths to raise them up. The verge at Hollin Moor Lane is not maintained by Barnsley MBC as it is a rural verge. The verge at Crane Moor Top is only maintained as far as cutting the grass required to ensure visibility for motorists exiting from Crane Moor Road, which does not include the area around the Boundary Stone. A 'Licence to Plant and Maintain the Highway' can be granted to the Parish Council, who would then become responsible for maintaining the area around each stone. Estimates for providing raised plinths can be obtained from Engineering Services if required. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk apply for the Licence. Once this has been obtained provision for the maintenance of the areas will be made. It was further agreed that at this time, no progress will be made on raising the stones onto plinths as it would be a very expensive project.

**2008/171. HORSE DROPPINGS ON OLD MILL LANE**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Regulatory Services advising that there are no laws concerning horse droppings, and that an inspection of Old Mill Lane found only a small amount of droppings. However, the comments made have been passed to Neighbourhood Services and Highways who will deal with the issue of road sweeping. It was noted by a member of the public that, despite assurances, Old Mill Lane does not receive two sweeps a year. It was agreed that the Clerk write to ask that this assurance be honoured in order that the amount of horse droppings can be reduced. A resident in attendance also asked it to be noted that, particularly during the summer months,

young horse riders can cause a potential problem on Cote Lane, as they often ride two abreast, causing motorists to have to drive in the middle of the road. Councillor Blythe agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Crime and Safety Sub-Group at their next meeting.

**2008/172. THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she placed the subject of the Consultation Document on the Making and Enforcement of Byelaws on the Agenda of the last Clerks' Liaison Meeting. Barnsley MBC will be making their own comments on the document and if any Parish Council wishes to comment via them, they should advise their comments as soon as possible. It was agreed that Thurgoland Parish Council did not have any additional comments to make, and would leave the consultation to Barnsley MBC.

**2008/173. BALLOT TO SELECT TWO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BARNLSLEY MBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a Selection Paper on which to nominate one candidate for the Barnsley MBC Standards Committee. The five candidates are:-

Councillor Mrs C Bradbury	Penistone Town Council
Councillor Mrs N Collett	Penistone Town Council
Councillor Mrs A Rusby	Penistone Town Council
Councillor Mrs J Unsworth	Penistone Town Council
Councillor Mr R Blythe	Thurgoland Parish Council

Councillor Oxley proposed that Thurgoland nominate Councillor R Blythe. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present.

**2008/174. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from District Councillor Wilson advising that the Barnsley MBC representative who will be laying a wreath at Thurgoland War Memorial on 9 November 2008 will be District Councillor Andrew Millner. The Clerk is to advise him of the arrangements. A wreath has been purchased and was given to Councillor Blythe, who will lay it on behalf of Thurgoland Parish Council. Councillor Blythe invited all Councillors to join him at 9.50 a.m. on Sunday 9 November 2008 at Holy Trinity Church for the service, followed by the short walk to the War Memorial for the two minutes' silence at 11.00 a.m.

**2008/175. CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk advised the meeting that in past years the Parish Council have provided a tree for outside Thurgoland Welfare Hall and one for Churchfields. It was agreed that this arrangement should be made for the coming year. Mr H Denton has kindly agreed to put the lights on the tree at Churchfields and the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements with him.

**2008/176. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS**

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

**2008/177. ACCOUNTS.**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there were three additional items to be paid since the Agenda was produced. Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the cheques on the list and the three additional items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present. The following items were therefore signed:-

Ruth Atkinson	Salary – November	372.45
Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	16.50
Timpsons	Engraved plaque for bench	73.99
Steven R Wesson	Engraving on War Memorial	50.00
Tom Horsfield	Flowering bulbs	200.92
Allianz Cornhill	Additional premium for Crane Moor	
	Play equipment	98.49
BDO Stoy Hayward	Annual Audit Fee	334.88

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the amount for the prizes in Thurgoland Tennis Tournament was £26.00. It was agreed that a cheque for this amount be drawn up for signature at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2008 from BDO Stoy Hayward, which has been audited and approved. The External Auditor's Report

states that 'on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.' This information was received and approved by the Parish Council and the Clerk will display the necessary notice to this effect to complete the audit.

**2008/178. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following items were requested to be placed on the Agenda for the meeting to be held in December:-

Pinfold Lane road resurfacing	Councillor Warttig
Bird Lane/Hopping Lane – standing water	Councillor Warttig
Freedom of Information Act	Ruth Atkinson
Clerks salary – annual pay increase	Ruth Atkinson
Rats at Churchfield	Councillor Berry
January 2009 newsletter	Ruth Atkinson

Councillor Oxley offered her apologies for the meeting in December. This was noted.

**2008/179. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3 December 2008 at Thurgoland School, Halifax Road, Thurgoland, at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON  
Parish Clerk