

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillors Blythe, Hamblen, Methley, Oxley, Rowley, and Wilkinson. Also present District Councillor Barnard, Ruth Atkinson (Parish Clerk), and seven members of the public. Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2008/129. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Berry (illness), Cuerden (work commitments) and Warttig. Councillor Blythe declared a personal interest in item 22 on the agenda and advised that he would leave the meeting when this item was discussed. Councillor Wilkinson also declared an interest in the same agenda item.

2008/130. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2008 had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Methley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Hamblen and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

2008/131. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

2008/132. 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. He had, however, joined the impact team that had walked around Thurgoland in September. This 'walk-round' had included representatives from Berneslai Homes and Neighbourhood Pride, along with District Councillor Wilson. Some items had been noted by the team and advised to South Yorkshire Police.

Mr Campbell of Crane Moor Nook advised the meeting that he has been informed that South Yorkshire does not use the same property marking scheme as the one he used in Kent, but that Smartwater is used in the area. However, property marking kits are only provided free of charge to victims of crime. The turnaround in identifying property marked with Smartwater is approximately twenty four hours. This was noted.

Mr Campbell also advised the meeting that the lack of response to his calls to the Golden Line were as a result of a computer malfunction when meant that responses had not been made for a three week period. This was also noted.

2008/133 REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced a response has been received to item 18. Neighbourhood Pride has carried out grass cutting/clearance work around the Boundary Stones on Halifax Road and Hollin Moor Lane. However, a quotation for work to provide plinths can only be obtained from the Highways Department. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Graham Bateson in the Highways Department to ask for a quotation.

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that the conifers outside The Bridge Inn have now been trimmed so that the Boundary Stone is clearly visible. This was noted.

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that the repair to the pavement at Fir Tree has not yet been carried out. This is item number 7. on the Appendix and was requested in December 2007. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again to ask for this work to be carried out.

2008/134. PARISH PATHS

i) Footpath number 12a at Pog Lane

Councillor Rowley asked if it would be possible for the Clerk and Chairman to arrange to meet her on site to view the footpath at Pog Lane. This was agreed to be acceptable and an arrangement will be made.

ii) Barnsley Boundary Walk

Councillor Hamblen advised the meeting that she has reported various footpath issues that require attention on the Barnsley Boundary Walk. She has been advised that they will be attended to in due course. This was noted.

2008/135. MARINE DAVID MARSH

Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that the inscription previously agreed to be placed on the War Memorial has been attended to and an invoice is to be sent to the Clerk for payment at the next meeting. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Wilkinson for attending to this matter.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Area Forum has contributed £425.00 towards the cost of a new bench at Huthwaite Lane. The cost of the bench will be £511.13. Tony Frank of Thurgoland Builders has quoted £200 to remove the existing bench and replace it with the new bench and the cost of the plaque as agreed is £73.99. This is a total cost of £785.12, meaning that the Parish Council will pay £360.12. The bench has been ordered, as has the plaque, and once they are received, Mr Frank will complete the installation. This was noted.

2008/136. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that a number of black bags have been deposited along Pinfold Lane, Thurgoland, and have been there for a considerable length of time. District Councillor Barnard agreed to speak to the Neighbourhood Pride team and ask them to move the bags as soon as possible.

2008/137. OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The Clerk provided newsletters for distribution to all Councillors.

2008/138. TELEPHONE BOX AT CRANE MOOR ROAD

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that the formal objection made to the proposed removal of the telephone box at Crane Moor Road could only be made by the Local Authority. However, the proposal to remove the telephone box has been cancelled and the telephone box will remain. This was noted.

2008/139. INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Hamblen gave a brief report on the Environmental Forum meeting attended by herself and Councillor Blythe. The meeting had received presentations from Waste Management and Neighbourhood Services and had provided useful information concerning environmental issues. An e-mail 'address list' is to be provided for use by Parish and Town Councils. This was noted.

2008/140. THE OLD CO-OP SUPERSTORE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from a resident of Thurgoland expressing her displeasure at the condition of the Old Co-Op Superstore and asking why the Parish Council has not taken action to ensure that it is made to look better. It was noted that there has still been no response to any attempt to contact Mr Khan and that as the premises are privately owned, little can be done to force Mr Khan to improve the property. It was agreed that the Parish Council agree with the resident, but that the Clerk should respond accordingly. District Councillor Barnard suggested that he speak to the Planning Enforcement Officer to ask if there is any legislation that can be used to try and make Mr Khan tidy up the property and allow access for the clock to be fixed, but that he does not think that there will be anything that can be done unless the property was dangerous to members of the public. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that she has had no success in obtaining contact details for Mr Khan. Councillor Wilkinson suggested that the Clerk contact the Rating Office at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to ask if they can give her a current address for Mr Khan, in case this is different from the one held on file at the present time. This was considered to be acceptable.

2008/141. SPEED RESTRICTIONS ALONG THE A629

District Councillor Barnard advised the meeting that he has questioned the data taken outside Petwyn and Newholme on the A629 by the Highways Department. A small number of vehicles are travelling in excess of 46 mph (between 1 and 5%) which is within the acceptable limits set. Therefore the figures do not support moving the speed camera towards Newholme. A discussion followed during which Councillor Hamblen pointed out that the statistical information does not allow for a common sense approach to the problem. It would only take one car travelling in excess of 46 mph to seriously injure or kill a person and this should be avoided. District Councillor Barnard suggested that a mobile speed camera could be booked but as there are only a few such cameras in the Borough it would take a long time for this to take place. Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the request made some time ago to provide flashing signs at the entrance to Thurgoland at the 30mph sign be made again, as research shows that such signs are effective in reducing the number of cars travelling at excessive speeds. This proposal was unanimously agreed upon and it was further suggested that Councillor Oxley bring this matter to the attention of the school governors at Thurgoland School so that they can make the request as well.

2008/142. FLOWERING BULBS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an application form from the Area Forum which can be used to apply for half of the cost of flowering bulbs to be planted around the Parish. It was agreed that an application be made in October, with a view to providing bulbs for distribution at the November meeting.

2008/143. ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

This item had been placed on the Agenda by Councillors Blythe and Rowley. A discussion took place around the issue of what order the Agenda should follow, particularly the Public Session of the meeting and the Planning Applications. Councillor Blythe asked the opinion of the members of the public present and various suggestions were made as follows:-

- i) Leave the Agenda as it is
- ii) At 8 o'clock, or earlier if appropriate, have the Public Session
- iii) Move the Public Session and Planning Applications higher up the Agenda, to be immediately after the Parish Paths item.

Councillor Blythe proposed that, for a trial period, the Agenda order should be:-

- i) Apologies and Declarations of Interest
- ii) Minutes of the previous meeting
- iii) Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
- iv) Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub Group report
- v) Appendix A
- vi) Parish Paths
- vii) 10 minute adjournment for members of the public to raise matters with the Parish Council
- viii) Planning Applications received
- ix) Approved/declined Planning Applications
- x) All other items placed on the Agenda for consideration

This proposal was agreed to be acceptable by all present and will commence at the November meeting.

2008/144. HORSE DROPPINGS ON OLD MILL LANE

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she has been approached by residents of Old Mill Lane who are concerned at the amount of horse droppings being deposited along the lane. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Environmental Services to ask for their advice on this matter, and to ask if Old Mill Lane can be swept more frequently.

2008/145. FLOODING AT CRANE MOOR

It was noted that a number of members of the public in attendance were attending specifically to speak on this Agenda item and Councillor Blythe therefore asked permission of the Council to bring forward the 10 minute adjournment to this point in order that this matter could be discussed fully at this time. This was agreed to be acceptable.

2008/146. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following item was raised by members of the public:-

i) Flooding at Crane Moor

Joanne Armitage of Crane Moor spoke on behalf of the residents in attendance to advise the meeting of recent flooding at Crane Moor. The first instance had been in June 2007, with further flooding occurring in September 2008. The houses flooded were at New Bailey. The background to these events was explained and photographs passed around for information. The residents are concerned that this issue could occur again and are aware of a culvert from the fields above Crane Moor which may have been damaged or blocked as a result of building work at number 11 New Bailey. The Environment Agency has been contacted and has agreed to look into the matter. District Councillor Barnard advised the meeting that Barnsley MBC are only responsible for highways drainage and that he will request that the drains be cleared as soon as possible, with a view to a more frequent service taking place. He also advised the meeting that the culvert is the responsibility of the landowner through which it runs and therefore it is a matter for the Environment Agency to take up. It was also noted that, in extreme conditions, when the ground is at saturation point, total run-off can occur, for which there is nothing that can be done. District Councillor Barnard agreed to ask if a camera can be put through the culvert to check if it is damaged in order to make some progress on this matter. The residents in attendance asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to provide funding for any work to be done should it be necessary. Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that this would not be possible as it is not within the power of the Parish Council to provide funds for such a project. However, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the residents in their representations to The Environment Agency.

There were no other matters raised by members of the public at this meeting.

2008/147. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE AT SMITHY HILL

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a complaint from a resident of Fir Tree about the building site at Smithy Hill/Roper Lane. The two issues were concerning delivery of goods very early in the morning and the parking of heavy vehicles on the grass verges on Roper Lane. Since receipt of the complaint it was noted that the issues have been resolved directly with the site manager. Jane Ripley from the Strategic Housing Department has asked if she can attend the next meeting to give an update on the scheme. This was considered acceptable.

2008/148. WORTLEY TOP FORGE

The Clerk advised the meeting that an invitation has been received to the launch of Wortley Top Forge Nature Trail on 8 October 2008. The invitation was passed to Councillors for their information.

2008/149. THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a consultation document concerning the making and enforcement of byelaws. Comments are invited by Thursday 20 November 2008. It was agreed that the Clerk place this item on the Agenda for the next Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting to ascertain if comments should be made collectively or individually.

2008/150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) **Erection of one detached dwelling (Outline)**
The Knoll, Roper Lane, Thurgoland.

Councillor Blythe left the meeting at this time and Councillor Wilkinson took no part in the discussion concerning this application. There were no comments or observations made on this application.

2008/151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

Councillor Blythe returned to the meeting at this time.

- i) **Erection of a front porch and conservatory, a front balcony and a rear extension to dwelling**
Rock Cottage, The Old Rock Inn, Crane Moor

There were no comments or observations made on this application.

2008/152. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- i) **Erection of one detached dwelling house (resubmission)**
Hartcliffe View, Thurgoland

This application had been approved on 1 September 2008

- ii) **Conversion and extension to former telephone exchange to form one dwelling (resubmission)**
Former Telephone Exchange, Halifax Road, Thurgoland

This application had been refused on 5 September 2008. It was noted that work is still taking place at this location and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Planning Department to advise them of this and ask for their comments.

- iii) **Erection of six dwellings**
Hill Top Farm, Eastfield Lane, Thurgoland

This application had been approved on 5 September 2008

- iv) **Erection of a rear conservatory/garden room extension and side attached garage to dwelling**
24 Rookery Way, Thurgoland

This application had been approved on 10 September 2008.

2008/153. APPEAL FOR SITE AT DANCE LANE, CRANE MOOR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from Mr Harris of Crane Moor outlining the actions taken by the residents group at Crane Moor regarding the appeal process for the above application. District Councillor Barnard advised the meeting that he has made representation to the appeal but that at the present time no news has been received as to the outcome.

2008/154. 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.

2008/155. ACCOUNTS.

Councillor Hamblen proposed that the cheques on the list provided be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. The following items were therefore signed:-

Ruth Atkinson

Salary – October

372.45

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| Thurgoland School | Room Hire | 15.00 |
| Andy King | Website updating | 30.00 |
| Ruth Atkinson | Ink cartridge and paper | 16.57 |
| Holy Trinity Church | Newsletter printing | 280.00 |

2008/156. 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 November:-
Armistice Sunday R Atkinson

The Clerk asked if the subject of the wreath could be discussed at this time in order that the order can be placed in time for delivery in November. Councillor Methley proposed that this was acceptable. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present.

Councillor Hamblen offered her apologies for the meeting in November as she will be on holiday. This was noted.

2008/157. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2008 at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor, at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk