

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2008/272. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hamblen (work commitments). There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda.

2008/273. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2009 had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Berry and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

2008/274. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda of the meeting.

2008/275. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group were, once again, meeting on the same night as the Parish Council and therefore he could not attend. However, he had received minutes of the previous meeting and reported the following items relevant to Thurgoland and Crane Moor:-

i) Crime statistics for February 2009

There had been two reported crimes in the Parish during February 2009, one of which had been theft from a motor vehicle on Roper Lane, Thurgoland.

ii) Warnings from South Yorkshire Police

South Yorkshire Police are warning residents of a spate of thefts of lights from Land Rovers. On certain parts of the Trans Pennine Trail motor cycles are becoming a nuisance and users of the trail should be aware of this.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from a resident of Roper Lane, concerning the footpath which runs between Roper Lane and the affordable housing site. Youths are congregating on a regular basis, causing noise and litter problems. It was agreed that the Clerk bring this to the attention of South Yorkshire Police and ask them to attend the area on a more regular basis. Councillor Berry advised the meeting that youths are once again congregating at the top of Churchfield and it was agreed that the Clerk also bring this to the attention of South Yorkshire Police.

2008/276 REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced there have been responses to the following items on Appendix A:-

i) Bird Lane road surface

The inspector has identified road safety work that needs to be undertaken, along with works to the drainage system, which will be undertaken at the same time. Councillor Warttig advised the meeting that these works have commenced. This was noted.

ii) Bridge at Hollin Dyke - flooding

Work is currently underway to replace a defective culvert at the road side which will reduce the incidence of flooding to the carriageway. Councillor Warttig advised the meeting that this work has been completed. This was noted.

iii) Pinfold Lane – road surface

Pinfold Lane has been referred for assessment for inclusion in the programme of major works, and in the meantime, patch repairs will continue to be made. An additional inspection is to be made and any necessary safety repairs will be carried out. This was noted.

iv) Speeding on the A629

A response to the request to provide the agreed signage has been received, advising the following:- "A scheme regarding the speed limit signing and 'gateway' features was designed. Due to a proposed relocation of the site of the 30 mph change in speed limit and the proposed introduction of a 40 mph 'buffer zone' on the Wortley side of Thurgoland, the necessary legal process is currently being undertaken and, subject to objections, the works should be issued early in the new financial year." This was noted and it was agreed that as the year progresses, the situation will be monitored and raised again if it is felt necessary to do so.

2008/277. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting of the following information regarding Parish Paths:-

i) Annual Boundary Walk

The cost of providing pie and peas to all walkers taking part in the Boundary Walk on Monday 4 May 2009 will be £3.50 per head. Councillor Methley proposed that this item of expenditure be approved, to be taken from the Parish Paths funds. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present. It was noted that there is a broken stile on the route, which may result in a small diversion. Councillor Rowley is to contact the land owner concerned to ask if he will attend to the stile and, if he will not, she is to contact the Clerk to ask her to bring the matter to the attention of the footpaths office at Barnsley MBC. The walk has been advertised on the Parish Council website and the April newsletter. Posters are to be placed in the parish noticeboards and an article is to be provided for The Barnsley Chronicle and Sheffield Star.

ii) Footpath 39

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she has found correspondence relating to footpath number 39 which confirms that the section from Highfield Farm to Bird Lane is classed as a Non-Definitive Public Footpath (claimed), which is why it is shown on the Definitive Map as a dead end footpath that does not link to the rest of the network. Councillor Rowley is to make further investigation into the exact meaning of 'Non-Definitive Public Footpath (claimed)' and make a report to the next meeting, at which time any necessary action can be considered.

2008/278. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Sharp Ford Bridge – Cote Lane

Mr John Wade of Old Mill Lane advised the meeting that the trees adjacent to Sharp Ford Bridge, Cote Lane, have been cut back, thus increasing visibility for drivers approaching this narrow bridge. New signs have also been put up, making a great improvement to road safety. This was agreed to be a great improvement and was noted.

ii) Telephone box on Cote Lane

Mr John Wade of Old Mill Lane advised the meeting that the damage to the telephone box opposite the Bridge Inn on Cote Lane was repaired, but that it has been vandalised again. It was agreed that the Clerk report this recent vandalism to British Telecom for repair as soon as possible.

iii) Pavement from Roper House Lane to bottom of Thurgoland Bank

Mr John Wade of Old Mill Lane advised the meeting that the pavement from Roper House Lane to the bottom of Thurgoland Bank is very overgrown and is not suitable for pedestrians to use. This means that there is no safe walkway along this very busy stretch of road. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC Highway Department to ask them to look at the pavement and advise what works can be undertaken to make it safe for pedestrians.

iv) Marine David Marsh

Mr Moffatt of Trinity Meadows, grandfather of Marine David Marsh asked if he could record the thanks of the family of David for the provision of the bench at Huthwaite Lane, and for the inscription on the War Memorial, both of which are greatly appreciated. However, the family request that consideration is given to putting the date of David's death on the War Memorial as at the present time it is unclear which conflict he was killed in. Their suggested wording would be '1984-2008 Killed in Action in Afghanistan – 30 April 2008' the family are willing to meet the cost of this work. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk look out the documentation received in 2008 when the original inscription was carried out, to ascertain the correct etiquette for inscriptions on War Memorials, as the Parish Council does not wish to cause offence to the families of other ex-servicemen killed in any conflict. This item will be placed on the Agenda of the May meeting for further discussion and action.

v) Street lighting at Crane Moor Nook

Mr John Campbell of Crane Moor Nook had placed this item on the Agenda, but it was agreed that it could be discussed at this time in the meeting. It has been reported nationally that some lighting on motorways and other roads is to be turned off to save power. Mr Campbell noted that there are a large number of street lights on Crane Moor Nook, bearing in mind the length of the Nook and that it is an unadopted road. The matter was discussed at length and Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that by having street lights on, it enables the National Grid to 'tick over' and thus be able to provide power to houses at peak times. Bearing this in mind, Mr Campbell was thanked for his suggestion, but was advised that no action will be taken by the Parish Council.

2008/279. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Formation of parking area and creation of new vehicular access onto classified road
Hill Crest, Cote Lane, Thurgoland**

There were no comments or observations to be made on this application.

2008/280. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

There had not been any Planning Applications received since the Agenda was produced.

2008/281. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

There had not been any notification received concerning approved/declined Planning Applications since the last meeting.

2008/282. SITE AT FORMER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a report from The Planning Inspectorate, advising that the appeal lodged against the decision made by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council has been dismissed. A copy of the Appeal Decision had been forwarded to all Councillors for their information, the content of which was noted. It was also noted that the appeal was against the decision made in July 2008, and that a subsequent application for a more modest dwelling is still awaiting decision by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. A Site Visit is to take place on 7 April 2009, after which time a decision will be notified to the Parish Council.

2008/283. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE

There were no items to bring to the attention of Neighbourhood Pride at this time.

2008/284. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i) Churchfield

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that tarmac from work completed some time ago has been left in the parking spaces at the top of Churchfield. This results in the loss of at least one parking space. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC to ask them to arrange for the removal of this item.

ii) Grass verges at Roper Lane/Smithy Hill

The Clerk advised the meeting that a resident of Fir Tree, who lives adjacent to the affordable housing scheme at Smithy Hill, has reported that the grass verges on Roper Lane have been damaged by the contractor's vehicles using the building site. Now that work has finished, it would appear that the verges have been left looking unsightly. Councillors Oxley and Methley confirmed that this is indeed the case. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC to ask if they can ensure that either themselves or the contractors re-instate the verges as soon as possible.

iii) Proposed Local Roads Maintenance Programme 2009/2010

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a list of carriageways and footways considered for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Local Roads Maintenance Programme for Penistone East and West. The only item in Thurgoland Parish is for surface dressing at Cliff Common Lane, Crane Moor from Dance Lane to 60 metres past the parking area. This was noted.

iii) Junction of Crane Moor Road and Crane Moor Nook

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response to the request to provide a warning sign at the junction of Crane Moor Nook and Crane Moor Road as follows:-

"Due to the high volume of requests for service being received from all sources by the Traffic and Road Safety Group, a new working relationship has been developed between the Traffic Group and the Local Area Board. As part of this new working relationship all requests for service are now taken to the Area Board for discussion. The Area Board will then prioritise all these requests for service. I can confirm that your request has been added to the list for discussion and consideration by the Area Board." This was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk copy this letter to Councillors Hand-Davis, Barnard and Wilson so that they are aware of the request when it is brought up.

iv) Road surface at Hand Lane/Mount Pleasant, Crane Moor

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a lengthy letter in response to the request made for the eroded road surface along Hand Lane to be repaired. The letter advises that there is some damage to the carriageway, which has no highway drainage. Any remedial work to the drainage is not high priority and gullies will not be provided in the near future. The road overall is not likely to be included in the local road programme for many years as it does not score high enough at the present time. Routine inspections will be carried out and any urgent repairs and sweeping will be carried out as and when necessary. This 'No' was noted.

2008/285. FLOODING AT CRANE MOOR/NEW BAILEY

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification of a meeting to be held on Friday 17 April 2009 at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor, at 2.30 p.m. This meeting will be attended by residents, Mick Clapham MP, Borough Councillors, Highways Officers and Area Forum Officers. This meeting has been called as a result of the drain survey which has been undertaken and shows that the pipework to the culverted watercourse at the rear of New Bailey has suffered severe structural damage and in places is in a near state of collapse. There is also a restriction in the pipe in the form of a gully grate, located in the garden of number 5 New Bailey, and it is considered that removal of this grate is a matter of priority. All Councillors are invited to attend the meeting, and a report will be made to the next Parish Council meeting, once full discussion between all parties has taken place.

2008/286. HUTHWAITE QUARRY

The Clerk had provided copies of letters received from Pennine Law and Newman and Bond, outlining the action proposed and provisional cost of registering Huthwaite Quarry to the Parish Council, in the absence of the Title Deeds being able to be located. The provisional cost is between £500 and £750 plus

VAT. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk once again contact the Estates Department at Barnsley MBC to ascertain if they hold the Title Deeds, or any indication of where they were lodged following the sale of some of the quarry for building land in 1979.

2008/287. THURGOLAND PARISH CLOCK

The Clerk advised the meeting that the clock has had a new hand fitted and that the cost was £150.00. Access to the Co-op Superstore has still not been possible, but the new hand was fixed from the outside. It was noted that the excess on the insurance policy is £125.00 and, after discussion, Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the Clerk contact the insurers to ascertain if a claim will result in an increase in premium. If it will not, the claim is to be submitted, if it will result in an increase in premium, the claim is not to be submitted and the full cost be borne by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present.

2008/288. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk advised the meeting that she is unable to attend a meeting on either the 1, 8 or 15 July 2009 because of work commitments and a Royal Garden Party. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Blythe that the July meeting be held on Wednesday 22 July 2009. This then gives a shorter period of time between the July and September meeting, reducing the risk of a meeting being called in August. This was seconded by Councillor Wilkinson and agreed by all present. The Clerk thanked the Council for their understanding in this matter.

2008/289. STREET LIGHTING AT CRANE MOOR NOOK

This item had been dealt with during the public session of the meeting and no further discussion was necessary.

2008/290. WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT AT PENISTONE

Mr John Campbell of Crane Moor Nook had e-mailed the Clerk to ask if this item could be placed on the Agenda. He had attended the recent public information day at Penistone and raised concern that the wind turbines will be transported by road, coming along the A616, through Wortley and then Thurgoland. He felt that such wide and long loads were not suitable for transportation along this route. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted on the proposed wind turbines. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Paul Hand-Davis to ask if the consultation period has ended and, if not, how the Parish Council can raise concern about the transportation of the loads through the Parish.

2008/291. BELMONT TERRACE GARDEN

The Clerk advised the meeting that the agreement for gardening Belmont Terrace is to be renewed in the Spring 2009. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wilkinson that the Clerk contact Mr Nick Howlett and ask if he will do the same work as last year for the same price of £450.00. This was seconded by Councillor Methley and agreed by all present.

2008/292. APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for April 2009 was circulated for distribution by Councillors. Mr John Campbell of Crane Moor Nook congratulated the Parish Council on providing the newsletter on the website, which was useful for residents who may be missed in the delivery schedule. This was noted.

2008/293. 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. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that Penistone Grammar School is to be renamed when it is redeveloped in a few years' time and that the Area Forum still had some funds available for local projects.

2008/294. NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter of apology and a bouquet of flowers following the recent mix up with the signatures on the Parish Council accounts. All of the mandates now match and signatories are both accounts. This was noted.

2008/295. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE PREMIUM

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received information from Norwich Union advising that they can now quote for Parish Council insurance. As the renewal is due in June 2009, it was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quotation for comparison from Norwich Union.

2008/296. ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk advised the meeting that there are no additional items to be paid since the Agenda was produced. Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the cheques on the list be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present. The following items were therefore signed:-

Ruth Atkinson	Salary – April	381.55
Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Annual Membership Fee	380.00
Bygone Times	Clock repair	150.00
Tesco	Ink cartridges and paper	21.82

2008/297. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Cuerden provided information to the Clerk for inclusion on the Agenda of the meeting to be held in May. This will be copied and circulated to all Councillors with the Agenda.

2008/298. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13 May 2009, and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. As it is the Annual Meeting, Councillor Blythe proposed that it be held at Thurgoland School. This was agreed to be acceptable by all present. It was also agreed that, as a consequence of this, the June meeting also be held at Thurgoland School, with the July meeting being held at Crane Moor Chapel on the amended date of 22 July 2009. Councillors Berry and Methley offered their apologies for the May meeting as they will both be on holiday.

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

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk