

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

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

2008/227. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

2008/228. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2009 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 Oxley and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

2008/229. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

2008/230. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he had attended a meeting of the Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group on Wednesday 4 February 2009. It had been reported that in January 2009 there had been four reported crimes in Thurgoland and no reported crimes in Crane Moor. An event is to be held at Thurgoland Village Hall on Thursday 26 February 2009 at 10.00 a.m. The event is to alert residents to the dangers of 'cold calling' and to give advice on this subject. Similar events have been organised at other locations in the area and have proved very successful. This was noted.

2008/231 REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced there have not been any responses to the items on Appendix A. Some of the items on the Appendix have been marked with an asterisk – this is to denote that an acknowledgement has been received, but a full response is still awaited.

2008/232. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she had nothing to bring to the attention of the Parish Council regarding Parish Paths. The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that the Trans Pennine Trail from Thurgoland Tunnel to Romtickle will be closed for six weeks from 9 February 2009 so that resurfacing and route raising work can take place. The link to Roper House Lane/Old Mill Lane will have a chipped surface and a tarmac and stone surfaced horse section. This was noted.

2008/233. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Horse and Jockey public house – Roper Lane, Thurgoland

A number of residents present raised concern at the proposed extension of the Premises Licence for The Horse and Jockey public house at Roper Lane. The application made is to extend the opening hours for the provision of dancing and entertainment until 2.00 a.m... The Parish Council had not been made aware of this application and it had not been placed in the Barnsley Chronicle, but had appeared in Look Local, a free newspaper available from the Post Office in Thurgoland. The residents present had already made their own objections to the Licensing Department and asked for the support of the Parish Council. The deadline for making comments was noted as 18 February 2009. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Warttig that the Parish Council support the residents by commenting that the proposed extension to 2.00 a.m. is considered to be inappropriate, as the Horse and Jockey is surrounded by residential properties and the additional noise will pose an unwarranted intrusion to the residents in the immediate vicinity of the property. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Wilkinson and agreed by all present. As the Parish Council had not been notified, it was also agreed that the Clerk clarify the procedure for consultation on such applications for future reference.

ii) Knife attack in Thurgoland – autumn 2008

A resident asked if the Parish Council is made aware of the background of potential tenants of council and housing association properties in the Parish. This follows the recent knife attack in the Village Hall and subsequent conviction of a local man who had only recently been release from prison for similar offences. Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the Parish Council has no notification of the background of any resident moving into the Parish and no power in this area. However, after discussion

it was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley MBC and Berneslai Homes to place these concerns of record and to ask if there is a procedure in place to check on the background of potential tenants coming into the Parish. Councillor Blythe also agreed to bring this subject up at the next Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group Meeting.

iii) History Group Heritage Project

Mr Williams and Mr Wade advised the meeting that work is almost complete on the new pavement from the traffic lights to the Village Pump on Halifax Road. The book, DVD and website are all nearing completion and details on a launch date for the project will be provided to the Parish Council when they become available. This was noted.

iv) Site at Dance Lane, Crane Moor

Mr Harris of Crane Moor advised the meeting that the appeal hearing for the site at Dance Lane, Crane Moor, is Thursday 12 February 2009 at 10.00 a.m. at The Town Hall, Barnsley. Mr Harris is to attend and notification will be sent to the Parish Council after the hearing. This was noted.

2008/234. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Conversion and extension to former telephone exchange to form one dwelling.
Former Telephone Exchange, Halifax Road, Thurgoland**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she contacted the Planning Department on receipt of this new application as the Planning Appeal for the original application has not yet been resolved. The applicant is within his right to submit a new, revised application whilst the appeal is ongoing. The new application is required to be assessed and determined in the normal manner. Bearing this in mind, the application was considered and Councillor Wilkinson proposed that the same comments be made that were made on the application that is at Appeal. This was seconded by Councillor Warttig and agreed by all present.

**ii) Erection of wind turbine to be attached to existing building
Glenwood Livery, Pog Lane, Crane Moor Nook, Crane Moor**

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

**iii) Erection of single storey extension to existing pre-school nursery building
Thurgoland Pre-School Nursery, Halifax Road, Thurgoland**

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

2008/223. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

**i) Erection of a pitched roof to existing garage, extension to garage and formation of a raised rear patio (resubmission)
6 New Bailey, Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor.**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the original application for this property had been refused on 29 January 2009 as 'The raised patio will have an unacceptable impact on the privacy and amenity of the adjoining property, by reason of its elevated position, which would result in significant overlooking of habitable room windows and private garden areas. Contrary to UDP Policy H8E.' This application was made following the refusal. No comments or observations were made on the resubmission.

**ii) Change of use from agricultural building to dog kennels
Pule Hill Lodge Barn, Rag Lane, Thurgoland**

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

2008/235. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

This application had been granted on 12 January 2009.

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

This application had been refused on 14 January 2009 for the following reason:-

'The proposed scale of the dwelling on a small, open corner site would be detrimental to the appearance of the street scene and to the character of the area, contrary to the UDP Policies H8D, BE^ and Supplementary Guidance 3, infill residential development.' This was noted.

2008/236. SITE AT DANCE LANE, CRANE MOOR

This item had already been covered in the public part of the meeting, but it was once again noted that the Appeal Hearing for this application is to take place on Thursday 12 February 2009 at 10.00 a.m. at Barnsley Town Hall.

2008/237. COMPOSTING FACILITY AT HOOD GREEN

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from the Clerk of Stainborough Parish Council, asking for further objection to be made to the proposed composting site at Hood Green. It is

requested that a letter be sent to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, stating the same objections as previously submitted. However, it was noted that since receipt of this letter, a decision has been made by Barnsley MBC to grant permission for the site to go ahead. It was therefore considered inappropriate to send a letter at this time.

2008/238. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE

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

2008/239. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i) Boundary Stones at Hollin Moor Lane and Crane Moor Road/Halifax Road

The Clerk had provided Councillors with a copy of the proposed 'Licence to maintain grass verges at Hollin Moor Lane and A629 Thurgoland' for consideration. A discussion took place following which Councillor Warttig proposed that the matter is not progressed at this moment in time. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present.

ii) Grit bin location – Fir Tree Estate and Old Mill Lane

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received responses concerning grit bins at Old Mill Lane and Fir Tree Estate as follows:-

a) Fir Tree Estate

The grit bin at Fir Tree is to stay at the top of 'The Plot' as this is considered to be the safest and most suitable location. No additional bins are available at the present time but the request for an additional bin at the bottom on Fir Tree has been added to the database for consideration next winter. This was noted.

b) Old Mill Lane

An officer from Barnsley MBC travelled the length of Old Mill Lane during the recent cold weather and noted that three grit bins are in the agreed locations. However, the request for an additional bin at the Cote Lane end of Old Mill Lane cannot be accommodated under the current assessment procedure. It will be placed on the list to be considered if the policy changes in the future. The officer negotiated the full length of Old Mill Lane safely when driving carefully and taking the appropriate care given the conditions. Whilst this response was not considered acceptable, it was agreed that no further action can be taken on this matter at the present time.

iii) Pavement at Churchfield

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence stating that the pavement outside 68 Churchfield has been repaired. Councillor Oxley confirmed that this is the case.

iv) A629 Halifax Road

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley MBC in connection with various issues of road safety on the A629 through Thurgoland:-

a) Junction of A629 and Crane Moor Road

The signage and markings are to be inspected at this location and any necessary works completed.

b) Speeding outside Thurgoland School

The survey undertaken by the schoolchildren at Thurgoland School cannot be considered as accurate, but the results of the speed survey undertaken by Barnsley MBC have previously been reported to the Parish Council. In the past three years there has only been one reported incident at this location which was caused by a child running into the road, and was not speed related. This was noted and it was agreed that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for a full analysis of what measures have been promised and what has been delivered. Further action will then be considered.

2008/240. JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk advised the meeting that a resident of Crane Moor Road had contacted her to advise that he did not receive his January newsletter until after the date of many of the events noted. He suggested that residents who wish to do so provide their e-mail details and an e-newsletter be sent, thus cutting down on postage and time. This was noted and it was suggested that at the next meeting, the content of the next newsletter is discussed and an article making this suggestion be written. The Clerk also advised the meeting that Thorpes Garage now offer a home delivery service and have asked if details of this can be placed in the newsletter. Again, this will be discussed at the March meeting. It was also suggested that an article be placed in the next newsletter asking residents to submit interesting stories for inclusion in future newsletters. It was noted that the newsletter is always put on the website so that anyone who wishes to do so can download it at their convenience.

2008/241. DOG FOULING IN THE PARISH

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a note of the actions taken in response to the request made following concerns raised by a resident at the last meeting about the increase in dog fouling, particularly along the A629. The actions taken are as follows:-

i) Patrols will be made along the A629 to try and catch anyone allowing their dog to foul.

ii) Signs advising of the fines in place for allowing dog fouling will be placed on lamp posts.

- iii) The request for additional dog bins has been placed on the waiting list, which is currently very long.
- iv) Five posters have been provided and placed in the Parish Notice Boards, advising of the health risks associated with dog fouling.

All of the above points were noted.

2008/242. DRAFT HOME TO SCHOOL POLICY 2010-2011

The Clerk advised the meeting that the consultation period for the above policy ends on 27 February 2009. There are no changes to the 2009-2010 policy which has been consulted upon and approved. Bearing this in mind, it was agreed that the Parish Council has no further comment to make for the 2010-2011 policy.

2008/243. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with a copy of the Publication Scheme adopted by the Parish Council. This information will be placed on the website so that it is accessible to all residents. This was noted.

2008/244. HUTHWAITE QUARRY

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has finally ascertained that the Parish Council does not hold the Title Deeds to Huthwaite Quarry as it is currently unregistered. Once this fact had been ascertained via The Land Registry, the Clerk spoke to an officer from the Estates Department of Barnsley MBC who was very helpful and advised that in order for the Parish Council to register the land they will need to go back as far as the Enclosure Award in the 1800's. A letter has been received from Newman and Bond asking if they can assist further in this matter. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk ask Newman and Bond and Dransfield, Lofthouse and Hodgkinson solicitors to provide a quotation for registering the land to the Parish Council in the first instance. Mr John Wade of Old Mill Lane provided the Clerk with some old maps showing the extent of the quarry, which she is to copy to both solicitors to assist in this matter. Once both quotations have been received the matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting for further consideration.

2008/245. FLOODING AT CRANE MOOR

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he, along with other Councillors, had recently attended a meeting at Crane Moor Chapel, at which residents, officers of Barnsley MBC, Area Forum Officers and MP's were in attendance. A site visit was made to the area in question and it was agreed that a survey of the culvert will be carried out by Barnsley MBC, after which time a report will be made outlining the cause of the problem and possible remedy. A resident of Mount Pleasant Court who was present at the meeting advised that. In his opinion, there is still a significant risk of flooding occurring at the bridge near the Chapel. The gentleman in question has made some improvements to Crane Moor Dyke, but feels that more work is necessary in order to prevent flooding problems in the future. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr S Kilner, to ask when the investigation will be carried out and to ask for a copy of the report. At the same time, the concerns of the resident concerned will be put to Mr Kilner for his comment and possible action to be taken.

2008/246. THURGOLAND VILLAGE CLOCK

The Clerk advised the meeting that the contractor who has agreed to mend the village clock once access to the Co-op Superstore has been gained, has visited the site, and proposes that he goes up to the clock from the outside to try and fix a new hand. This proposal was considered to be acceptable. The Clerk also advised the meeting that she has once again spoken to the Business Rates Department at Barnsley MBC who are themselves trying to locate Mr Khan. Once they have done so, they will contact the Clerk and advise her how best to contact him. This was noted.

2008/247. ALLOTMENT SITE

The Clerk advised the meeting that the rent for the allotments for 2009/2010 requires agreeing. For the current financial year a total of £580.00 was collected in rent and a total of £466.26 was expended on rent to Wentworth Estates and water rates. Councillor Oxley proposed that the rent stays the same, £20.00 per plot per year. This was seconded by Councillor Wilkinson and agreed by all present. The Clerk is to advise allotment holders of this and a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 9 April 2009 at Thurgoland Village Hall at which the rents can be collected and the Allotment Group meet to discuss any matters relating to the site. It was noted that all of the allotments are currently tenanted and that there are five people on the waiting list, three from the Parish and two from outside the Parish.

2008/248. PENISTONE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he is now one of the Vice Chairmen of Penistone Community Partnership and has recently attended a meeting. Funding is proving difficult at the moment, but the Partnership plans to do what they can with the funds available. An open meeting is planned in April to which all interested parties will be invited. It is hoped that Parish Councils from the Penistone area will attend so that they can advise the Partnership what is required in terms of projects in their Parish. A date for the meeting will be provided once it has been fixed.

2008/249. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

The Clerk advised the meeting that an invitation has been received to attend the 31st Environment Forum, which is to be held on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at 'The Core' in Barnsley. It was agreed that the invitation be passed to Councillor Hamblen in order that she can represent Thurgoland Parish Council if she is available. All other 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.

2008/250. 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 – February	381.55
Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment Water Rates	97.08
Easyspace	Website hosting	58.08

2008/251 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 March:-

Bridge at Hollin Dyke – flooding	Councillor Warttig
Bird Lane road surface	Councillor Warttig
Pinfold Lane road surface	Councillor Warttig
Review of signing arrangements for bank accounts	Councillor Blythe
Fly tipping – Cliffe Common Lane	Resident
Road surface at Mount Pleasant	Resident

2008/252. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2009 at Thurgoland School, Thurgoland at 7.00 p.m.

Councillor Warttig asked that his apologies be noted for the meeting in March as he will be on holiday.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk