

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and wishing everyone a Happy 2009.

2008/208. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Warttig (knee operation). There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda.

2008/209. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 December 2008 had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Berry 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.

2008/210. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Hamblen gave a brief report on items 2008/197 and 2008/198:-

i) Single Equality Scheme

Councillor Hamblen had read the consultation document and sent comments via e-mail. No response to the comments was received.

ii) Joint Strategic Waste Development Plan

Once again, Councillor Hamblen had read the consultation document, which relates to the treatment of waste in Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster. The consultation document deals mainly with the development of new and existing sites in the area. It was noted that medical waste is currently processed in Penistone. Comments had been sent by e-mail and an acknowledgment had been received.

2008/211. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he had still not been sent an invitation to attend the Crime and Safety Sub-Group. This was noted. Councillor Methley advised the meeting that she is in contact with the new Vice Chairman and will put him in touch directly with Councillor Blythe. There were no items to bring to the attention of South Yorkshire Police at this time.

2008/212 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. Councillor Blythe reminded the meeting that it had been agreed to re-visit the outstanding items on the Appendix at this meeting to try and expedite responses. He also reminded the meeting that in the Parish and Town Council Charter it was stated that Parish Councils should refer any items to the Assistant Director of the Directorate to which they relate. Bearing this in mind the following course of action was agreed upon:-

i) Items 1 and 20 – Grit bin provision

The Clerk suggested that she contact the Assistant Director of Highways to ascertain when the additional grit bin will be provided on Old Mill Lane. This was agreed to be acceptable. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that the grit bin at Churchfield has now been provided as requested and this item can be deleted from the Appendix.

ii) Items 4 and 9 – Road surface, drain clearance and road sweeping

Councillor Hamblen advised the meeting that the road has been swept and the drains cleared and therefore item 9 can be removed from the Appendix. However, in order to prevent similar situations arising in the future, it is important that item 4 be progressed as by dealing with the erosion of the road surface, the debris being washed from the fields would be reduced, meaning the drains would not require clearing as regularly and the road sweeping could also be reduced. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Assistant Director of Highways to progress this matter.

iii) Items 8,10,11,13 and 14 – various Parish Paths issues

Councillor Rowley asked if it would be possible for the above five items be raised with the Assistant Director responsible for footpaths, as some of the items have been outstanding for nearly a year. This was agreed to be acceptable.

iv) Item 16 – access to Co-Op Superstore

A discussion took place concerning the problems being encountered in accessing the Village Clock. Despite the best endeavours of all concerned, access is not available and the clock still only has one hand. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Rates Department of Barnsley MBC as they were also

trying to locate Mr Khan, to ask if they have made progress on this matter and, if so, if they can assist in providing an address.

v) Item 17 – Signs on A629 re speeding

It was agreed by all present that the Clerk write to the Assistant Director of Highways to ask him to provide a response to this matter as soon as possible.

vi) Item 18 – flooding at Crane Moor

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that Councillor John Wilson is arranging a site meeting with the residents of New Bailey and representatives of the Environment Agency to ascertain what action can be taken to resolve the problem of flooding at Crane Moor Road.

vii) Item 21 – Boundary Stones

Councillor Wilkinson asked if the Licence to Plant has been received. The Clerk advised the meeting that no response has been received. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Andrea Jackson to ask her to provide the Licence as soon as possible.

vii) Item 22 – Rats at Churchfield

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that she has had a visit from the person at Barnsley MBC who can assist with the problems being encountered with rats. He will be responding to the Clerk in due course and suggesting what course of action should be taken. This was noted.

2008/213. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she had nothing to bring to the attention of the Parish Council regarding Parish Paths other than the issues raised from Appendix A.

2008/214. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr McNamara of Copster Lane, Thurgoland, raised the issue of dog fouling in the Parish. He has two dogs and walks them every day along the A629 from Thurgoland towards Penistone. He has noticed a large increase in the amount of dog fouling on the footpath in this area and asked if the Parish Council could take any action on this subject. After discussion the following was agreed upon:-

- i) The Clerk advise the Dog Warden at Barnsley MBC of the problem and ask if he can patrol the area to try and identify offenders.
- ii) The Clerk ask if it would be possible for a dog bin to be provided on the A629, along with signs advising of the penalties for allowing dog fouling.
- iii) The Clerk asks if A4 or A3 posters can be provided for display in the Parish Notice Boards.
- iv) An article is placed in the April 2009 newsletter on the subject.

2008/215. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) **Erection of pitched roof to existing garage. Extension to garage and formation of raised rear patio.**
6 New Bailey, Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor

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

2008/216. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

The Clerk advised the meeting that no further Planning Applications had been received since the Agenda was produced.

2008/217. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that no information concerning approved/declined applications had been received since the last meeting.

2008/218. THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received the following information concerning the ongoing work taking place at The Telephone Exchange, Halifax Road, Thurgoland:-

'With regards to the appeal at the site this was sent in to the Planning Inspectorate on the 14th October 2008. The appellant and the Council have provided their statements but it is now in the hand of the Inspectorate to assess and determine the appeal. This is unlikely to be for at least another 6 to 8 weeks as the Inspectorate usually take between 3 and 6 months to determine the appeals.

With regards to works carrying on at the site I have spoken to a couple of local residents on this issue. The submission of the appeal has the effect of putting on hold any enforcement action that can be taken until the outcome of the appeal is received. The applicant is aware that any works carried out in relation to the application the subject of the appeal is done so at their own risk and if the appeal is dismissed enforcement proceedings can take place on any unauthorised works. However, if the appeal is allowed

then, on the proviso that the works carried out are in line with the appeal documents, the development will become authorised and as such no enforcement action would be necessary.'

This was noted.

2008/219. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE

i) War Memorial at Thurgoland

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response to the request for the land behind the wall at the War Memorial to be cleared of rubbish as follows:-

'I asked the local Neighbourhood Pride Supervisor to look into the problem and she informs me that the land is in private ownership and therefore not our responsibility. It would appear that it belongs to a local farmer as there are cows in there. I suggest you contact him direct.'

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Steven Couldwell, owner of the field, to ask if he can help. Councillor Berry also suggested that copies of the letters sent and received are sent to Dr Kershaw as it was he who raised the issue. This was considered acceptable.

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

2008/220. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i) Car parking at Crane Moor Road, Crane Moor

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response to the letter raising concern about cars parking on the pavement at Crane Moor Road as follows:-

'This matter has been investigated and whilst a number of vehicles were seen to be parking on Crane Moor Road, none were observed to be parking on the footway. Whilst I do not doubt that this occurs, the only way that the Council would be able to prevent this type of parking would be to introduce waiting restrictions. However, as the problem is being caused by residents and their visitors, this is not a solution that would be considered. If the road or footway is being obstructed then obstruction falls within the remit of South Yorkshire Police. With regard to the use of Crane Moor Road by buses, officers regularly meet with representatives of South Yorkshire PTE and this road has not been identified by them as being of concern. In view of the above I do not propose to take any action at present.'

This was noted.

ii) Grit bin location – Fir Tree Estate

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a response to the request for the grit bin at Fir Tree to be located in its original position. The bin was moved last winter following representations from residents, and this has led to confusion. The letter requests that the Parish Council confirm the preferred location of the bin in order to clear up the confusion. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Methley that the bin be located in the original position which is at the top of Fir Tree near the junction with Roper Lane. It was also proposed that a second bin be requested to be placed at the bottom of Fir Tree. This was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

iii) Proposed waiting restrictions at Roper Lane

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that the proposed waiting restrictions at Roper Lane will not go ahead. This was noted.

iv) Pavement at Churchfield

Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that the pavement was recently dug up outside number 68 Churchfield. The hole that was left was partially filled, and cones were placed around it. The work to repair the pavement and remove the cones was never completed and the cones have now been damaged by buses and cars using Churchfield. The pavement and road surface have also been damaged. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways to ask if they can attend to this issue as soon as possible.

v) Junction of Crane Moor Road and Crane Moor Nook

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that motorists leaving Crane Moor Nook are experiencing difficulties as cars coming up Crane Moor Nook have no warning that there is a junction as they approach the bend where Crane Moor Road meets Crane Moor Nook. The bend is a blind one and cars approach at considerable speed, which could cause an accident if a car is coming out of Crane Moor Nook at the same time. It was agreed that the Clerk request a sign to be placed on Crane Moor Road advising that there is a junction on the bend.

There were no other matters to bring to the attention of Highways at this time.

2008/221. JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk provided copies of the January 2009 newsletter to Councillors for distribution.

2008/222. 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.

2008/223. PARISH PRECEPT 2009/2010

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with a budget planning document for consideration. The cost of running the Parish for the year 2009/2010 is estimated at £9887.00 and the precept raised for the current year is £10,000. Councillor Blythe suggested a slight increase in the precept raised in order that funds may be able to be made available to local groups if requested during the year. After discussion Councillor Hamblen proposed an increase of 5%, making the precept £10,500. This was seconded by Councillor Berry and agreed by all present. The Clerk is to advise this when asked to do so by Barnsley MBC.

2008/224. 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 – January	381.55
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Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
N Howlett	Gardening at Belmont Terrace	450.00
The Lite Spot	Christmas Tree bulbs	8.91
T Horsfield	Christmas Trees	125.50
Extra Computers	Virus removal for computer	25.00

2008/225. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following item was requested to be placed on the Agenda for the meeting to be held in February:-
Penistone Community Partnership Councillor Blythe

2008/226. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor, at 7.00 p.m. It was noted that this meeting will be on the second Wednesday in February in order to accommodate the Clerks holiday.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk