

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**2009/027. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Berry (family commitment), Hamblen (work commitments), and District Councillor Barnard. There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda.

**2009/028. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2009 had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Rowley 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.

**2009/029. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Thurgoland Out of School Club**

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced he has received a copy of the accounts for Thurgoland Out of School Club as requested at the last meeting. However, the financial information was not very specific and Councillor Blythe suggested that, before a decision on a grant can be made, more in-depth information is required. It was agreed therefore that the Clerk write requesting full accounts and that they are circulated to all Councillors before the meeting to be held in July 2009, at which time a decision can be taken. This was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

**ii) War Memorial**

Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that he has not had the opportunity to meet the stone mason on site to resolve the issue of the engraving on for Marine David Marsh. It was agreed that the Clerk take on this responsibility and arrange to meet the stone mason to make an assessment of the situation and arrange for additional suitable engraving to be carried out.

**2009/030. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP**

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that since the last meeting of the Parish Council, no meeting of the Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub Group had taken place and therefore there was nothing to report. There were no matters to be brought to the attention of South Yorkshire Police at this time.

**2009/031. REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON ITEMS ON APPENDIX 'A'**

The Clerk advised the meeting that since the Agenda was produced there has been one response to an item on Appendix A:-

**i) Car parking spaces at Churchfield**

The debris at the top of Churchfield had been left following the resurfacing work on the A629. It had now been removed. Councillor Oxley confirmed that this was indeed the case. This was noted.

**ii) Grass verges on A629 and various other locations within the Parish**

Whilst this item had not been dealt with, Councillor Methley asked if it was possible to ask the Clerk to chase up the grass cutting of the verges along the A629, and to also mention the grass at the top of Crane Moor Nook and along Bird Lane, as these areas are in need of cutting. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk telephone Elaine Down from Neighbourhood Services to ask her to contact Councillor Blythe and Methley to arrange a site visit at which all of these areas can be discussed in person.

**2009/032. PARISH PATHS**

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she had nothing to report in respect of Parish Paths.

**2009/033. 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 present:-

**i) Marine David Marsh**

The father and grandfather of Marine David Marsh were present and wished to record that an item reported in the Sheffield Star had had an error. It stated that David Marsh was killed in action on 30 April 2008, when in actual fact he was killed on 30 March 2008. This was noted. They also provided two options for possible engraving on the War Memorial as follows:-

**a) Marine David Marsh C.M. R.M. 30 March 2008**

**b) Marine David Marsh C.M. R.M. 2008**

If it is not possible for either of the above to be provided, it was accepted that the engraving will have to remain as it is at the present time. Mr Marsh is to attend the site meeting at the War Memorial with the

Clerk and the stone mason, in order that the matter can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

**ii) Enclosures Award 1814**

Mr John Wade had brought a large plan showing the Enclosures of 1814, which detailed the land ownership at that time. This shows that the quarry at Huthwaite was given to the Parish. This was noted.

**iii) Planning permission for The Former Telephone Exchange, Halifax Road, Thurgoland**

Two residents of Halifax Road asked if it was possible to confirm exactly what permission was granted for the Telephone Exchange site on Halifax Road. As the permission documents were not with the Clerk at the meeting it was not possible to confirm the details. The residents raised concern that they were of the opinion that permission had been granted for one storey only and at the present time it would appear that a two storey building is being erected. It was agreed that the Clerk check the plans and, if appropriate, query the building work that is taking place with the Planning Department at Barnsley MBC.

**2009/034. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**i) Erection of a detached dwelling  
Police House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

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

**2009/035. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED**

No additional Planning Applications had been received since the production of the Agenda.

**2009/036. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no notification of approved/declined applications since the last meeting. However, a planning issue had been brought to the attention of the Clerk by Councillor Berry. The footpath known as Chapel Walk, adjacent to the Methodist Chapel on Cote Lane has been closed and residents have contacted Councillor Berry to ask for clarification on this matter, as they are of the opinion that during the planning process it was agreed that the footpath remain open. The Clerk has checked the Grant of Permission and advised the meeting that in the Design and Access Statement submitted at the time of application it was stated 'the existing footpath will be retained, although as discussed, we intend to move this approximately one metre to the north, onto the boundary of the Church property.' In the Grant of Permission it was stated 'The public footpath shall be retained as shown on the approved plans for the lifetime of the development unless permission is granted for otherwise.' These points were noted. It was also noted that at the present time the footpath is closed in order that drains can be laid to the development, and if the footpath was kept open there would be a possible Health and Safety issue. After discussion it was agreed that the situation would be monitored and raised at the next meeting if it is appropriate to do so.

**2009/037. SHEEPHOUSE HEIGHTS WINDFARM**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification of a Public Meeting organised by Oxspring Parish Council, to be held at St Aidan's Church, Oxspring on Thursday 4 June 2009 at 6.00 p.m. The meeting is to find out more about the proposed wind farm at Sheepphouse Heights, including the transport route, which will directly affect Thurgoland and Oxspring. This information was noted.

**2009/038. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that she is aware that flowering bulbs can be obtained via Neighbourhood Services for planting in the Parish. It was agreed that when Councillors Blythe and Methley meet Elaine Down they will ask about this initiative and make a report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**2009/039. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The following highways matters were raised for discussion and action:-

**i) Playground sign on Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, as requested, she had looked out the correspondence relating to the location of the playground sign on Roper Lane. It had been agreed by the Parish Council in November 2008 that the sign outside the Doctors Surgery be relocated to the lighting column at the junction of Roper Lane and Hollin Moor View. This has been attended to, with the result that young people now use Hollin Moor View as a play area. Whilst this may not be because of the sign, it was felt that the sign can be misleading. It was suggested that a small additional sign be placed underneath the playground sign, advising that the playground is at the Recreation Ground, opposite the Post Office. It was agreed that the Clerk make this request, with advice taken on the exact wording to be taken from the Highways Department.

**ii) School Safety Zone Restrictions – Halifax Road**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence advising that the current zig-zag markings outside Thurgoland School are only advisory and not covered by a traffic regulation at present. It is proposed to impose restrictions of no stopping or waiting between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on days Monday to Friday, and the Parish Council are required to comment so that their views can be included in the report. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support these proposals. The Clerk is to respond accordingly.

**iii) Traffic signs on A629 at Crane Moor Road and outside Telephone Exchange**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from Mr Campbell of Crane Moor, advising the Parish Council that he and Councillor Blythe attended the last Area Forum Meeting, at which he raised the subject of the Give Way sign at the junction of Crane Moor Road and Halifax Road, and the removal of the Slow sign on the A629 outside the Telephone Exchange. He had taken photographs and these had been forwarded to Highways Department for consideration. This was noted.

**2009/040. CRANE MOOR RECREATION GROUND ANNUAL INSPECTION**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification from Digley Associates that, in conjunction with the new insurers for the Parish Council, they can offer an annual inspection of the playground equipment at Crane moor Recreation Ground for a fee of £35.00 plus VAT. The charge in previous years has been £100 plus VAT. It was proposed by Councillor Methley that the Clerk arrange for an inspection to take place at this price. This was seconded by Councillor Oxley and agreed by all present.

**2009/041. WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS AT CRANE MOOR NOOK**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a copy of correspondence which has been sent to all the residents of Crane Moor Nook advising them that Crane Moor Nook does not meet the Health and Safety criteria for waste collections and that in order for collections to continue the access must be brought to an acceptable standard. The specific areas of concern are:-

- i) Parked cars are narrowing the lane, making it dangerous for the wagons to operate.
- ii) Vegetation is overgrowing into the lane near Brick Row and on Pog Lane, making the lane narrower and increasing the problems where cars are parked.
- iii) The road surface has deteriorated and is now unsuitable for wagons to use.

The letter also suggests that the Waste and Recycling Communications Officer will be pleased to meet residents on site to discuss how these problems can be addressed. The Clerk advised the meeting that Councillor Barnard has also offered to meet residents and Parish Councillors. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk ask Councillor Barnard to contact Councillor Rowley who will arrange a meeting of residents and officers to discuss the issues and try to find an acceptable solution so that waste collections can continue without residents of Crane Moor Nook having to take their bins to the nearest adopted road.

**2009/042. THE MAYORESS AT HOME**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received two invitations for two ladies from the Council to attend The Mayoress at Home, on Thursday 18 June 2009 at the Town Hall, Barnsley, from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Councillor Cuerden was given one of the invitations and the second one is to be forwarded to Councillor Hamblen for her to attend if she is available.

**2009/043. FLOWER SEED FOR PLANTING IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, following the receipt of grant monies from the Area Forum for bulbs to be planted in the Parish in Autumn 2008, there was an amount of £50 outstanding to be spent on wild flower seeds to be scattered in the hedgerows. The Clerk had now used this money to purchase seeds and they were distributed to all Councillors for planting.

**2009/044. JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk advised the meeting that items for the July 2009 newsletter are required by the end of June 2009. The following items were agreed for inclusion at this time:-

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| i)   | Charities trip to the coast    | - | Councillor Methley to provide |
| ii)  | Thurgoland Toddler Group       | - | Article already received      |
| iii) | Thurgoland Local History Group | - | Maurice Williams to provide   |
| iv)  | The Tuesday Group              | - | Councillor Methley to provide |
| v)   | Dog fouling in the Parish      | - | Previous article to be used   |
| vi)  | Thurgoland Welfare events      | - | Margaret Denton to provide    |
| vii) | Socotots childrens group       | - | Article already received      |

**2009/045. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS**

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

**2009/046. ACCOUNTS.**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the annual insurance premium of £1042.14 as agreed at the last meeting was now due and payable and that all of the paperwork from the new insurers had been received. Councillor Cuerden proposed that the cheques on the list (including this additional item) be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. The following items were therefore signed:-

Ruth Atkinson	Salary – June	381.55
Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
Tesco	Ink Jet Cartridge	15.48
Hampsons Garden Centre	Flower seeds	48.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates	7.21
Norwich Union – Came & Co	Annual Insurance Premium	1042.14

**2009/047          MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

There were no items were requested to be placed on the Agenda for the meeting to be held in July.

**2009/048.          DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2009 at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON  
Parish Clerk