

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillors Berry, Blythe, Cuerden, Methley, Oxley, Rowley, and Wilkinson. Also present District Councillor Hand-Davis, Ruth Atkinson (Parish Clerk), and five members of the public. Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2008/253. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

2008/254. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 February 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 Oxley and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

2008/255. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Grit bins at Fire Tree Estate

Councillor Methley noted that the request for an additional bin at Fir Tree should have stated that it was for the top of the estate, not the bottom. This was noted.

ii) Tenancy of council houses and affordable housing

Councillor Oxley asked if the vetting of possible tenants for council and affordable housing continues after the first tenants have left, thus ensuring that the initial criteria is met in the future. Councillor Hand-Davis advised the meeting that his understanding is that the same criteria is applied ad infinitum. This was noted.

2008/256. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group were meeting on the same night as the Parish Council and therefore he could not attend. However, he had attended the 'cold calling' event which had been held at Thurgoland Village Hall on Thursday 26 February 2009 at 10.00 a.m. Councillor Rowley asked if a similar event is to be held at Crane Moor at any time in the future. Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he will raise this matter at the next Crime and Safety Sub-Group meeting.

2008/257 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. It was noted that items 1,2,3 and 5 have been outstanding for between one and two years and Councillor Hand-Davis agreed to look into these matters on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk is also to write to ask for responses.

2008/258. PARISH PATHS

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

i) Footpath 29

A lengthy response had been received concerning the bridleway/footpath issue from when the footpath was diverted. New signage has been provided as part of signage for the Trans Pennine Trail and this has gone some way to resolving the issues raised by Mr Wade many months ago. However, some of the footpath waymarking is still not resolved. Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that she is prepared to use the yellow waymarking discs provided by Barnsley MBC and fix them in the appropriate places with Mr Wade. This was considered acceptable. However, there is a broken footpath sign by the stone stile at Huthwaite House Farm which needs repairing. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Barnsley MBC to advise them of this issue.

ii) Footpath 39

A response to this issue had been received, advising that there does not appear to be a problem with a septic tank and that some mud is to be expected on public footpaths. However, it is stated that the footpath is a dead end footpath. Councillor Rowley asked if the Clerk would look into this matter as she believes that a permissive footpath was created some time ago, linking Highfield Farm to Bird Lane. The Clerk is to check if this is the case.

iii) Parish Paths Maps Boards

a) Trans Pennine Trail board at Cote Lane.

The board at the Trans Pennine Trail at Cote Lane has been replaced as part of the Trans Pennine Trail improvements.

b) Board outside Crane Moor Chapel

Barnsley MBC have agreed to fund the replacement of the artwork on the existing board at Crane Moor Chapel, and the Parish Council pay for UB stabilising and laminating. It was agreed that the Clerk accept this offer and ask for a quotation to be provided to the Parish Council.

c) **Board outside Thurgoland Welfare Hall**

The board that was removed some time ago by Nigel Labdon cannot be located and Barnsley MBC have agreed to pay for a replacement board. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Thurgoland Welfare Committee to ask for their permission to fix the new board to the wall of the Welfare Hall rather than make it free-standing. Once agreement has been provided, the Clerk is to advise Barnsley MBC of the location and a preference for a maintenance free surround.

iv) **Footpath 12 from Pog Lane**

The ongoing issue with barbed wire at this location cannot be resolved as the wire is on the field side of the fence as guidance suggests. The steepness of the path cannot be changed as funding is not in place to provide steps. After discussion Councillor Rowley agreed to speak to the walkers who first raised the issue and bring these responses to their attention. If they require further action she will raise it at a future Parish Council meeting.

v) **Bridleway 16 at Crane Moor Nook**

This bridleway had been cleared in July 2008. Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that this work was acceptable. This was noted.

vi) **Annual Boundary Walk**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail asking if the Boundary Walk will take place this year. After discussion Councillor Berry proposed that the walk should take place and that pie and peas should be provided as in the past, for all walkers completing the course. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. Councillor Rowley is to approach The Bridge Inn to obtain the cost per head and provide this information to the next meeting for approval. The walk will take place on Monday 4 May 2009 at 10.00 a.m. from The Bridge Inn. Councillor Rowley is to provide posters for the notice boards and an article is to be placed in the April Parish Newsletter and on the website.

2008/259. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Landlord and landlady of The Horse and Jockey were in attendance and advised the meeting that the recent amendment to the licence that they had applied for was not to extend their opening hours, but to allow them to play music and have dancing during the hours that they already have a licence for. They expressed concern that none of the residents who had lodge objections to the amendment had called into the premises to ask exactly what they were planning, but it was noted that as the notice had appeared in Look Local, residents had taken it at face value and raised their objections accordingly.

2008/260. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

i) **Erection of a rear single storey extension to dwelling
4 Rookery Way, Thurgoland.**

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

2008/261. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

This application had been granted on 23 February 2009.

ii) **Use of land as a composting facility including construction of a lagoon and weighbridge**

Farm off Bagger Wood Hill, Hood Green, Barnsley

This application had been granted on 20 February 2009.

2008/262. SITE AT DANCE LANE, CRANE MOOR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received an e-mail from Mr Roy Harris, who attended the appeal on 12 February 2009. The appeal lasted for five hours and was adjourned for up to six months, with the planned site visit aborted. One of the main reasons for this was that a full flood risk assessment was deemed to be appropriate and it had not been provided. This was noted.

2008/263. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE

Councillor Oxley asked if the Clerk could write to Neighbourhood Pride to thank them for their work in clearing the snow from the pavements at Churchfield during the recent heavy snowfall. This was agreed to be acceptable. Councillor Hand-Davis advised the meeting that he has spoken to the Neighbourhood Pride team on the subject of snow clearance in the Penistone area, which he felt was too slow. They acknowledged that this was the case and are to re-evaluate their snow plan, taking into account the fact that Penistone suffers from heavier snow falls than elsewhere in the Borough.

2008/264. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i) **A629 Halifax Road**

This item had been placed on the Agenda following receipt of a letter, reported at the last meeting, advising of the results of the speed testing and accident reporting on the A629 through Thurgoland. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways reminding them of the measure that they agreed to implement during the current financial year and asking for their response.

2008/265. HORSE AND JOCKEY PUBLIC HOUSE

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from the Licensing Department of Barnsley MBC stating that 'the application submitted to vary the above premises licence is deemed to be invalid and therefore rejected by the Licensing Section.' This was noted. It was also noted that Parish Councils are not on the list of statutory consultees under the Licensing Act 2003. This was also noted.

2008/266. APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

The following items were agreed for inclusion in the April 2009 newsletter:-

- i) Boundary Walk details
- ii) Tuesday Group information – Councillor Methley
- iii) Dog fouling issues in the Parish
- iv) E-mailing of newsletter to those who receive postal deliveries
- v) Request for items of interest for future newsletters – Councillor Wilkinson
- vi) History Group dates for the Spring/Summer
- vii) Information on home delivery service available from Thorpes Garage

It was noted once again that some residents do not always receive newsletters. All Councillors are reminded that, wherever possible, all houses in their round should be provided with a newsletter.

2008/267. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

This item had been placed on the Agenda by Councillor Blythe. In January a transfer of funds from the Bonus Saver to the main account had been authorised, but the transaction had been rejected as the bank stated that the Clerk was not a signatory on the Bonus Saver Account. Councillor Blythe and Councillor Berry had provided signatures to ensure that the transfer took place. The Clerk had subsequently contacted the National Westminster Bank who, after looking into the matter is to provide a letter of apology. When new mandates were signed some years ago, it was stated that the signatories should be the same for all accounts held by the Parish Council. This instruction had not been acted upon and had only come to light when the transfer was requested. A written apology is therefore to be provided.

2008/268. NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

The following meetings were notified to all Councillors:-

- i) Friend of the Earth meeting in Penistone on 10 March 2009.
- ii) Consultation day on the Sheephouse Heights windfarm proposal at St Andrews Church, Penistone, on 13 March 2009.

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. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that she has read of a Parish Councillor having his identity stolen as a result of personal details appearing on the Parish Council website. It was noted that only names and telephone numbers appear on Thurgoland website, to try and prevent this from happening.

2008/269. 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 – March	381.55
Thurgoland School	Room Hire	15.00
Andy King	Website updating	30.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment Water Rates	6.91

2008/270 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 April.

2008/271. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1 April 2009 at Thurgoland School, Thurgoland at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

RUTH ATKINSON
Parish Clerk