

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR ROAD, CRANE MOOR, ON WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT Councillors Berry, Hamblen, Methley, Oxley, Rowley and Wilkinson. Also present Ruth Pearson (Parish Clerk), and five members of the public.
Councillor Methley opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2010/029. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Blythe (holidays) and Councillor Warttig (illness). Councillor Wilkinson advised the meeting that Councillor Warttig was making good progress following the fitting of a pacemaker, and that he passed on his thanks to the Parish Council for the get well card and good wishes. This was noted. There were no Declarations of Interest in any of the items on the Agenda.

2010/030. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Hamblen proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. The Clerk apologised for the fact that she had omitted to bring the minutes for signature, and it was agreed that they would be presented to the next meeting for signing by Councillor Methley.

2010/031. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

2010/032. PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Oxley provided a report to the meeting, following the last Crime and Safety Sub-Group meeting:-

i) Recorded crimes in the Parish

Since the last meeting there had been five recorded crimes in Thurgoland and two in Crane Moor.

ii) Seizure of drugs

A female had been apprehended in Thurgoland, and a quantity of heroin had been confiscated from her.

iii) Warnings from Penistone East and West

The following warnings were received:-

- a) Purse thieves are operating at Cannon Hall and the Country Park.
- b) There have been four muggings at High Street Dodworth in recent weeks,
- c) Garden equipment is being stolen in Penistone.

These items were all noted.

2010/033. 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 outstanding items on Appendix A. Councillor Methley provided the Clerk with two contractors who will be able to quote for a replacement Parish Paths Notice Board. This will be kept on file until a response is received from Sarah Ford on funding for the project.

2010/034. PARISH PATHS

The following items were brought to the attention of the meeting:-

i) Footpath at Fir Tree Estate

Mrs M Denton of Thurgoland had reported an access problem at a footpath in the Fir Tree area. Unfortunately Mrs Denton was not at the meeting to identify the exact location and it was therefore agreed that Councillor Methley would speak to her to identify the problem and the footpath number. This information is then to be provided to Councillor Rowley for further investigation, and will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ii) Disabled access to footpath through Welfare Ground

The Clerk had received an e-mail from a resident of Thurgoland advising that he has recently purchased a mobility scooter and has realised that the entrances to the footpath that runs through the Welfare Ground are too narrow to allow a mobility scooter through. This issue was discussed and it was noted that the entrances have been designed so that motorbikes cannot access the Recreation Ground, thus also preventing other motorised vehicles from entering. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC for guidance on disabled access to public footpaths such as this one, in order that an informed reply can be made to the resident in question.

2010/035. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Sign at Churchfield

A resident of Churchfield advised the meeting that there is a sign stating 'No unauthorised parking' on the garage site at Churchfield, which is in a dangerous state of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk report this item to Berneslai Homes for repair.

ii) Speeding on A629

It was noted that speeding on the A629 is still an issue and that the Speed Warning Indicators have now been removed as previously advised. This was noted.

2010/036. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) **Erection of a raised decking area to dwelling
The Old Mill, Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland**

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

- ii) **Erection of a first storey front extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension to dwelling
3 Mount Pleasant Court, Crane Moor**

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

2010/037. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

The Clerk advised the meeting that there were no additional Planning Applications to consider at this time.

2010/038. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk advised the meeting that there were no notifications of approved/declined Planning Applications to be received at this time.

2010/039. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

The following matter was raised to bring to the attention of Neighbourhood Services:-

- i) **Dog Bin provision at Crane Moor Nook**

Councillor Rowley asked if a decision had been made on the application for funding towards an additional dog bin at Crane Moor Nook. The Clerk advised the meeting that no information had been received, but that she would obtain an answer before the July meeting of the Parish Council.

2010/040. HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

- i) **Wall at Cote Lane, Thurgoland**

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that she has been advised of a dangerous wall adjacent to the Primitive Chapel on Cote Lane, opposite the Cricket Ground. The wall is gradually falling away from the pavement and is in need of repair. It was agreed that, in the first instance, the Clerk contact the Highways Department of Barnsley MBC to ask them to take a look at it and advise on action to be taken to secure it.

- ii) **Road edging at Cote Lane**

Councillor Berry advised the meeting that the road edging on Cote Lane, adjacent to the Cricket Ground is severely eroded, resulting in a drop of about eight inches. However, work has started to repair the edging. This was noted.

- iii) **Pot Hole at Crane Moor Nook**

Mr Campbell of Crane Moor Nook advised the meeting that there is a pot hole at the junction of Crane Moor Nook and Crane Moor Road which is increasing in size each day. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the Highways Department of Barnsley MBC of this and to ask them to attend to it as soon as possible.

2010/041. THE VILLAGE CLOCK

This item had been deferred from the May meeting in order that Councillors could consider possible options regarding the Village Clock. A discussion took place, following which it was generally agreed that changing the location of the clock may be the best option. However, in order to arrive upon a suitable location, it was agreed that an article be placed in the July Parish Newsletter, and on the website, asking for residents to suggest a suitable site. Once all suggestions have been received, the matter will be discussed and an appropriate location decided upon. This will be at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

2010/042. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillor Methley had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda. At present, the Clerk posts approximately 200 newsletters, at a cost of £240.00 per year. In order to reduce this cost she proposed that Councillors consider hand-delivering more newsletters, where possible. This was considered to be acceptable and the Clerk agreed to contact each Councillor by telephone in order to ascertain where additional newsletters can be hand-delivered. Items for inclusion in the July 2010 newsletter were agreed as follows:-

- i) Old Mill Childhood – article by Mr Wade regarding re-publication of book.
- ii) Thurgoland Charities Trip – to be provided by Councillor Methley
- iii) Boundary Walk report – to be provided by Councillor Rowley
- iv) South Yorkshire Police information – provided by PC Mark Silcock via Councillor Oxley
- v) Profile of Penistone East Ward – provided by Councillor Oxley
- vi) Suggestions for positioning of Village Clock
- vii) Request for more residents to sign up for e-newsletter to cut down on postage.
- viii) Contact details for Barnsley MBC departments – requested by Mr M Williams.

All of these items need to be provided to the Clerk by **Friday 25 June 2010**.

2010/043. PARISH WEBSITE

Councillor Hamblen had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda. She advised the meeting that, as requested, she had been put in contact with Andy King via the Clerk, and had arranged for slide shows of the Boundary Walk to be put on the Parish Website. Andy King had expressed a view that more photographs of the Parish would improve

the website until a more permanent solution is agreed upon, and Councillor Hamblen agreed to act as the link between Andy King and anyone who wishes to put photographs on the site, as an interim measure. This was agreed to be acceptable and thanks were expressed to Councillor Hamblen for this offer.

2010/044. ARCHIVES

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received a letter from Sheffield City Council Archives Department advising of the following:-

On 8 July 1976 the Parish Council placed the following documents in the custody of Sheffield City Archives on a long term basis – Thurgoland Parish Council minutes 1894-1958 and other papers 1843 – 1953 (reference SY56). Since that time they have been stored at Shoreham Street, Sheffield, but the arrangement has been reviewed and it has been agreed that items that relate specifically to Barnsley should be transferred to Barnsley Archives, at Barnsley Central Library. As the documents are the property of the Parish Council, permission to transfer them is required. It was proposed by Councillor Methley that permission be granted and that a letter of authority be sent as soon as possible. This was agreed by all present. Mr Williams of Thurgoland History Group advised the meeting that he will make his members aware of this arrangement.

2010/045. GRIT BIN LOCATIONS

The Clerk advised the meeting that, as promised at the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Barnard had provided her with a list of current grit bin locations for the Parish. The Clerk suggested that she copy this list to all Councillors for their consideration prior to the July meeting. At that meeting, Councillors can either confirm or otherwise that in 2009/2010 the grit bins were correctly placed.

2010/046. 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. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that the Big Lottery Fund has been re-vamped and may be able to assist with Community Buildings. It was agreed that this information be passed to Mrs Denton, of Thurgoland Village Welfare Association. Councillor Oxley also advised the meeting of revised burial, cremation and church service fees that have recently come into force. This was noted.

2010/047. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk had circulated all Councillors with a list of accounts to be paid. Since the list had been drawn up, a request had been received from Crane Moor Chapel, for an increase in room hire from £15.00 per meeting to £20.00 per meeting. Councillor Methley proposed that this increase be accepted with immediate effect. This was seconded by Councillor Hamblen and agreed by all present. The following cheques were therefore signed for payment:-

Ruth Pearson	Salary – June	386.46
Crane Moor Chapel	Room Hire – June	20.00
Mr A King	Website updating – May	30.00
Rural Action Yorkshire	Annual subscription	35.00
Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates – first quarter	8.34

2010/048. MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following item was requested be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting:-

- i) Request to draw water from Huthwaite Lane well - Resident via Councillor Blythe

2010/049. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7 July 2010 at Thurgoland School, Halifax Road, Thurgoland at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

RUTH PEARSON
Parish Clerk

NB Apologies for absence were subsequently received from Councillor Cuerden who had been called away on a family emergency half an hour before the commencement of the meeting.