

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL, HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010 AT 8.20 P.M.

PRESENT Councillors Berry, Blythe, Hamblen, Methley, Oxley and Rowley. Also present Councillor Barnard (BMBC), Ruth Pearson (Parish Clerk), and twenty one members of the public. Councillor Blythe opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He asked that the Clerk Chair the first three items on the Agenda, until a new Chair of the Council was appointed. This was agreed to be acceptable.

2010/001. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Warttig (illness) and Councillor Wilkinson (holidays). It was noted that Councillor Warttig had suffered a heart attack recently, but was progressing well and should be out of hospital very soon. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a Get Well card from the Parish Council and forward it to him. There were no Declarations of Interest in any of the items on the Agenda.

2010/002. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Oxley proposed that Councillor Blythe be re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for another year. This was seconded by Councillor Berry. Councillor Blythe accepted the nomination and his appointment was agreed by all present.

2010/003. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Blythe signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Officer which was given to the Clerk for filing. The rest of the meeting was Chaired by Councillor Blythe.

2010/004. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Oxley proposed that Councillor Methley be re-elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for another year. This was seconded by Councillor Berry. Councillor Methley accepted the nomination and her appointment was agreed by all present.

2010/005. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments to outside bodies were agreed upon:-

i) Penistone Rural Road Safety Committee

This group is no longer in existence and this appointment is therefore no longer relevant.

ii) Penistone Town Council Leisure and Amenities Committee

Councillor Blythe reminded the meeting that this Committee was originally The Paramount Committee and that he was appointed to it at the time when the Parish Council made a financial contribution to the Paramount. At the present time the Parish Council does not make a financial contribution, but it was agreed that Councillor Blythe should continue on this Committee until such time as Penistone Town Council advised otherwise.

iii) Thurgoland Pre-School

Councillor Berry indicated that she was prepared to continue in her role as the Parish Council representative on Thurgoland Pre-School Committee, and this was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

iv) Crane Moor Community Chapel User Group

Councillors Hamblen and Rowley indicated that they were prepared to continue in their role as the Parish Council representatives on Crane Moor Community Chapel User Group, and this was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

v) Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group

Councillors Methley and Oxley indicated that they were prepared to continue in their role as the Parish Council representatives on Penistone East Crime and Safety Sub-Group, and this was agreed to be acceptable by all present.

2010/006. PAYMENTS FALLING ANNUALLY

The following annual payments were proposed for payment by Councillor Methley, seconded by Councillor Hamblen and agreed by all present:-

i) Local Council Review

An annual subscription of £13.50 was agreed for payment.

ii) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

An annual membership of £440.00, based on the number of electors in the Parish, was agreed for payment.

iii) Carter Jonas LLP – Wentworth Estates

The annual rent for the allotment site at Thurgoland Hall Lane, of £287.50, was agreed for payment.

iv) Came and Company

A copy of the renewal notice for the annual insurance premium had been circulated to all Councillors for their information prior to the meeting. The annual premium of £1019.73 was agreed for payment, at the terms and conditions stated on the renewal notice.

v) Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2010

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement, Income and Expenditure Account, Asset Register and Annual Governance Statement in order that the Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2010 could be approved at this time. Councillor Methley proposed that the Annual Return, Sections 1 (Accounting Statements) and 2 (Annual Governance Statement) be approved. This was seconded by Councillor

Hamblen and agreed by all present. Councillor Blythe signed Sections 1 and 2 in order that the Clerk can now submit the accounts for Internal and then External Audit, within the timescales set by the External Auditor.

2010/007. DATES, TIMES AND VENUES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with a list of Council meeting dates for the next twelve months. The dates were agreed to be acceptable, although Councillor Blythe pointed out that it is possible to change meeting dates if it is felt necessary to do so during the year.

2010/008. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 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. Councillor Blythe signed the minutes.

2010/009. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

2010/010. 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 two recorded crimes in Thurgoland and none in Crane Moor.

2010/011. 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. A discussion followed and the following course of action was agreed upon:-

i) Footpath though Welfare Ground

Mrs Denton advised the meeting that the request made for the vegetation along the footpath from Roper Lane to Halifax Road to be cleared and weed killer applied has been attended to. This item was therefore removed from the Appendix.

ii) Street light at Telephone Exchange

It was noted that the street light outside the Telephone Exchange on Halifax Road is now in working order. This item was therefore removed from the Appendix.

2010/012. PARISH PATHS

Councillor Rowley brought the following items to the attention of the meeting:-

i) Annual Boundary Walk

The Boundary Walk had taken place, as planned, on Monday 3 May 2010, and had attracted 135 walkers. Councillor Blythe proposed a vote of thanks be made to Councillor Rowley for her work in organising such a successful event once again. This was echoed by all present. Councillor Rowley in turn thanked all Councillors who attended and helped with marshalling and organising the walk. It was noted that many walkers completed the route in a very quick time and Councillor Blythe suggested that next year it is made clear that the walk is suitable for all walkers, regardless of their speed – it is meant to be done a more leisurely pace. The cost of the pie and peas was £465.50 and Councillor Rowley proposed that a cheque for this amount be added to the list of payments to be made in order that she can deliver it to the landlord of The Bridge Inn straight away. This was agreed to be acceptable. Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that a further supply of Boundary Walk leaflets will be required for the next walk. The Clerk is to contact Sarah Ford to ask if funding is available from Barnsley MBC for a reprint of 250 leaflets. Councillor Hamblen advised the meeting that Wendy North took a video and photographs of the walk and she wishes to make them available for the Parish Council website. This was agreed to be acceptable and they are to be forwarded to the Clerk who in turn will ask Andy King to put them on the site as soon as possible.

ii) Stepping Stones across River Don

Councillor Rowley advised the meeting that, once again, two of the stepping stones linking Thurgoland with Hunshelf via the River Don have moved, making it very difficult to cross the river in safety. It was agreed that the Clerk should bring this matter to the attention of Sarah Ford and ask her to arrange for the necessary work to be done to re-site them as soon as possible.

2010/013. 10 MINUTE ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

i) Items taken in Committee

Mr Roebuck asked which items were decided to be taken in Committee and how they are minuted. Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that the following items are taken in Committee:-

- a) Discussions concerning contracts to be awarded, details of which are commercially confidential.
- b) Discussions concerning an employees Contract of Employment or remuneration.
- c) Discussions on any matter that could result in litigation.

The outcome of such items is placed in the minutes, but by the nature of the fact that they are taken in Committee, the confidentiality of such items is respected within the minutes.

ii) Boundary Walk photographs

Mr Williams asked if it would be possible for the photographs of the Boundary Walk mentioned earlier in the meeting could be provided to him to be kept in the archives of Thurgoland History Group. This was considered acceptable and Councillor Hamblen is to arrange for a copy to be provided to Mr Williams in due course.

2010/014. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**i) Change of use from general store/Post Office to café/Post Office
Ilton House, Roper Lane, Thurgoland**

Councillor Hamblen proposed that comment be made about the lack of car parking for potential customers of a café on Roper Lane. This was agreed to be acceptable.

2010/015. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

The Clerk advised the meeting that the following additional Planning Application had been received since the production of the Agenda:-

**i) Erection of a detached garage
Plot 12, Churchfields, Thurgoland**

There were no comments or observations on this application.

2010/016. APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS AS NOTIFIED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The following approval notification had been received since the last meeting:-

**i) Erection of a single storey rear extension
1 Elmhirst Cottages, Smithy Hill, Thurgoland**

This application had been approved on 7 April 2010, with no special conditions attached. This was noted

2010/017. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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

i) Overhanging trees on Roper Lane, Thurgoland

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that there are a number of trees overhanging onto the pavement on Roper Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Services to ask them to trim back the trees in order that pedestrians can safely negotiate the pavement without having to walk on the road.

2010/018. HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

i) Potholes at Churchfield

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that the potholes at Churchfield and Hartcliffe View have been attended to. Councillor Oxley advised the meeting that some have been attended to, but that there are three that are still awaiting attention, outside numbers 66, 67 and 68 Churchfields. It was agreed that the Clerk write to thank the Highways Department for attending to the matter, but also advising them of the outstanding potholes.

ii) Give Way sign at Crane Moor Road/Halifax Road

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that the Give Way sign at the junction of Crane Moor Road and Halifax Road has been replaced and the old sign removed. This was noted.

iii) Clearway sign on A629

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received notification that, whilst a new clearway sign had been promised in financial year 2009/2010, more urgent works delayed this project, but that it will be erected in April 2010. As the sign has not been erected, it was agreed that the Clerk write again to ask for clarification on when the sign will be erected.

iv) Car parking at Churchfields

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Mr P Coppard advising that the matter of the provision of additional car parking at Churchfields received a response on 13 January 2010. This was indeed the case, although the response was advising that the matter was receiving attention and that contact regarding progress would be made shortly. As this was four months ago, it was agreed that the Clerk write again to ask when a full response will be provided.

v) Drains and gutters at Crane Moor Road

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence advising that the clearing of drains and gutters along Crane Moor Road is part of the cyclical maintenance route, but that the area is to be inspected to ascertain if the planned clearing needs to be brought forward. This was noted. Whilst on the subject of drain clearance, Councillor Methley advised the meeting that the drains along Roper Lane are in need of clearance. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways to ask if they can attend to this matter. Councillor Barnard also agreed to progress this matter.

vi) Halifax Road, Thurgoland

Mrs Denton advised the meeting that the road surface at Halifax Road, Thurgoland, adjacent to Thorpe's Garage, is breaking up, and requires attention. As this surface is fairly new, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways to ask them to attend to this matter as soon as possible, to stop the situation deteriorating any further.

vii) Signs at Hollin Moor Lane/Pinfold Lane

Councillor Methley advised the meeting that, despite a letter advising that the directional signs at the junction of Hollin Moor Lane and Pinfold Lane were to be replaced, the work has not been carried out. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways to ask them to provide a timescale for this work to be carried out.

viii) Road safety measures on A629

It was noted that the Speed Indicator Devices promised on the A629 have been installed. Councillor Berry commented that, in her opinion, they are proving effective in slowing motorists down in the vicinity of the school. This was agreed to be the case by all present. However, the promised 'dragons' teeth road markings in the same area have not been provided. It was noted by the Clerk, however, that correspondence has been received stating that a review of standards around speed limits has recently been undertaken and, until the review process is complete, the work will not be undertaken. The review process is now nearing completion and proposals for this request will be forwarded when the outcomes are finalised. This was noted and the item placed on Appendix A for monitoring purposes.

ix) Junction warning signs at Halifax Road/Crane Moor Road

Mr Campbell advised the meeting that the junction warning signs outside the Old Telephone Exchange have still not been replaced. It was noted that a response had been received in March 2010 advising that the signs would be erected in April and that the delay was as a result of other more pressing demands. As the April 'deadline' has passed, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Highways to ask for confirmation of the proposed completion date.

2010/019. CHAPEL WALK

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he had met with the Clerk and they had submitted the formal application to have Chapel Walk placed on the Definitive Map as a public footpath. Thirty one statements had been provided from residents other than Churchfields and these had been provided as 'evidence'. The application had also been notified to the owner of The Methodist Chapel in accordance with the correct procedure. It is likely to take a considerable length of time before the application is dealt with and progress will be notified to the Parish Council in due course.

2010/020. CHRISTMAS TREES

Councillor Blythe advised the meeting that he has not made any progress in arranging a site meeting to ascertain a suitable site for the village Christmas Tree, but that he will endeavour to do so before the next meeting. This was noted.

2010/021. THE VILLAGE CLOCK

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley MBC advising that a feed for the village clock cannot be taken from a street lighting column as there must be a metered supply and there is no budget to supply energy to village clocks. It was agreed that, in order for the matter to be considered more fully, it should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting, at which time suggestions for a positive solution to the problem of the village clock can be considered.

2010/022. THURGOLAND CRICKET GROUND

Mr Ducker was invited to make a report on Thurgoland Cricket Club by the Chairman. The following report was given:-

- i) An application was made by the Clerk to the Community Support Fund – the outcome of which is not yet known.
- ii) As the work had not been carried out during April, many of the players had 'signed up' to play for another team for the current season, meaning that there was no option but to withdraw from the League.
- iii) It is anticipated to re-join the League in 2011, as players have indicated that they will return once the ground is playable.
- iv) It is also anticipated to play some friendlies towards the end of the season.
- v) The order for the work to be completed has been placed and should commence very soon.

Councillor Berry expressed her disappointment that the situation had not been dealt with earlier, resulting in the loss of the Cricket Team for a season. This was noted.

It was agreed that, at the appropriate time, probably the October 2010 newsletter, an appeal is to be made asking for players to join or re-join for the 2011 season.

2010/023. FIRE HYDRANT AT CRANE MOOR

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue advising that the post for the Fire Hydrant at Crane Moor Road was removed and attached to the lamp post at Crane Moor Chapel. The hydrant was checked in March 2010 and was in good working order. This was noted.

2010/024. BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PARISH

The Clerk advised the meeting that she has received correspondence from Barnsley MBC, following concerns raised via Digital Region about the coverage in the Parish for the Three Year Digital Region Roll Out between October 2011 and May 2012. The information provided by Digital Region Limited was incorrect and the whole of Thurgoland Parish (including Crane Moor) will 'Go Live' between October 2011 and May 2012. This was noted.

2010/025. 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.

2010/026. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk had circulated all Councillors with a list of accounts to be paid. Since the list had been drawn up, a further payment of £53.91 was to be added to the list. This was for ink and a new mouse for the Parish Council computer. Councillor Hamblen proposed that the items on the list, and the additional item be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and agreed by all present. The following cheques were therefore signed:-

Ruth Pearson	Salary – May	386.46
Thurgoland School	Room Hire – May	15.00
Mr A King	Website updating – April	30.00
Wentworth Castle Estates	Allotment rent	287.50
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Annual subscription	440.00
Local Council Review	Annual subscription	13.50
Came and Company	Annual insurance	1019.73
Timpsons	Allotment keys	22.50
Post Office	Stamps	47.36
Thurgoland Village Welfare	Grant	1000.00
Tesco	Ink and mouse	53.91
The Bridge Inn	Boundary Walk food	465.50

2010/027. 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
- ii) Newsletter distribution - Councillor Methley

2010/028. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2 June 2010 at Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor at 7.00 p.m. Councillor Blythe offered his apologies for the next meeting, as he will be on holiday. Councillor Methley will therefore Chair the meeting in her role as Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

RUTH PEARSON
Parish Clerk