



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Thurlaston Parish Council held in The Meeting Room, Thurlaston Village Hall on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7.00 pm.

Present

Mrs M.A. Wright (Chairman)	Mr R.E. Whelband (V/Chairman)
Mr J. Smith	Mr N. Wright
Miss E. Harrison	Mrs K. Wearn
Mr E. White (C/Cllr)	Cllr D. Freer (D/Cllr Croft Hill Ward)
Mr Ian Jones (BDC)	Mrs H. Tomlinson (Clerk)

148/09 Apologies For Absence

Mrs M. Murphy (D/Cllr)

149/09 Disclosure Of Interest

The Chairman reminded members of their responsibility to disclose any interest, which might be either personal or personal and prejudicial, in relation to any item on the agenda.

No Councillor disclosed an interest for this meeting.

150/09 Parishioner's Comments

There was one member of the public present at this meeting, they had attended to discuss the forthcoming car boot sale.

151/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **agreed** the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 26th February 2009.

Proposed: JS Seconded: REW

152/09 Thurlaston (A47) Car Boot Sale

Cllr Freer attended this meeting to discuss any issues in connection with the proposed A47 car boot sale. Cllr Freer addressed issues raised by Councillors and the member of the public and it was agreed that he would attend the May meeting to address any further issues that may arise once the car boot sale is underway. Cllr Freer stated that he intends to run the event for the allowed 14 weeks, if it is successful he will apply for planning permission to continue running the event on that site.

153/09 Report By County & District Councillor

County Councillor's Report: Cllr White reported that LCC have been given the Council Of The Year award.

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Murphy was not present for this meeting.

Cllr White left the meeting at this point.

154/09 Affordable Housing In Rural Areas

Mr Ian Jones, the Housing Strategy and Policy Officer for BDC attended this meeting to address issues relating to affordable housing in rural areas.

This matter was discussed at length. Completed projects, possible options and also Councillors concerns were addressed by Mr Jones. When closing the discussion, the Chairman requested this matter be included on the May agenda to enable Councillors to cast their vote and make a final decision on whether to proceed.

155/09 Highways

- Desford Rd – planned improvements to signage for 20 mph zone – see circulation file. MAW asked the Clerk to arrange a site visit between herself and a Highways Inspector; to be held at 8.45 on a weekday morning to see how the congestion could be reduced in the area around the school. The Clerk will look into details of the “LCC Star Walker Scheme” and pass details on to the School.
- Surface Water Across Highway On Thurlaston Lane – this matter has now been resolved.
- Croft Rd – The culvert on corner (with white posts) is full of dirty water – this will be reported.
- Salting Route – REW is waiting to see if Thurlaston Lane will be included on 2009/2010 Salting Route. TPC has made several enquiries, the latest being by REW at the Community Forum meetings.
- Enderby Rd – there is a broken 30 mph sign - The Clerk will report this.

156/09 Planning

- a) Members to note responses sent to BDC by Clerk on behalf of PC concerning previously circulated applications - None received.
- b) Members to note formal advice/decisions from BDC - None received.
- c) Prior to the meeting Cllr White informed the Chairman of the *SHLAA Document*. This highlights potential areas for development, Thurlaston's area was highlighted as the Garden Nursery on Croft Road. Cllr White stressed that this document is for the long term future of the area and only highlights potential areas – there are no known plans for development at the present time and this document will not influence any future planning applications. The SHLAA Document will be included on the May agenda.
- d) There have been a number of verbal complaints relating to the continued noise from Normanton Shooting Ground. It was felt that the company are not in breach of their planning consent, however the Clerk will make enquiries to see if anything can be done to ease the situation.

157/09 Recreation Ground

- a) Commemorative Tree – This has now been planted. The Chairman thanked REW and NW for their work in planting the tree and also KW and EH for watering the tree regularly when newly planted.
- b) Damage to swing seats – The past Recreation Ground inspections have highlighted damage to both the infant and junior swing seats. It was agreed to replace these using some of the money donated by the Poachers Bistro. Proposed: NW Seconded: KW
- c) Dog Fouling – The Parish Council are delighted to report a marked reduction in dog fouling.

158/09 Lighting: Light opposite No 19 Nursery Close is now working.

159/09 Financial

- a) Permission to pay the following.

BDC	£114.52	Service to litter /dog bins within the parish.
L&RPFA	£ 12.00	Annual Subscription
NALC &LRALC	£169.83	Annual Subscription
RE Whelband	£ 21.50	Expenses incurred when planting tree (157/09a)
Permission Sought For Payment Already Made		
Thurlaston Village Hall	£ 72.50	Room Hire For Meetings

160/09 Practice And Procedure

- a) Blaby South Community Forum – REW is the PC representative at this meeting and reports that they are very useful for sourcing advice and contacts.
- b) Underground cable map – this has now been received from Eon and has been forwarded to the Carnival Committee. A scanned copy has also been included on the reverse of the conditions of use form for the Recreation Ground. It was agreed the PC would purchase water/sewer maps for underground pipes. Proposed: NW Seconded: EH

161/09 Communication With Parishioners: There has been no communication with parishioners.

162/09 Other Correspondence

- a) BDC – Visitor car park fees - see circulation file.
- b) BDC – Youth Election Poster – see noticeboard and circulation file.
- c) BDC – Big Tidy Up – see noticeboard and circulation file.
- d) BDC – Kerbside Recycling – see noticeboard and circulation file.
- e) BDC – Standards Committee agenda and minutes – see circulation file.
- f) LCC – Local transport plan – see circulation file.
- g) LCC – Highways transport and waste – see circulation file.
- h) East Midlands Regional Review – see circulation file.
- i) 6 x Journals.

163/09 Urgent Matters

It was noted that the pupil numbers are reduced in Thurlaston School and this is now affecting their funding.

164/09 Date of Next Meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May.
The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____