



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 22nd January 2009 at 7.00 pm.

Present Mrs M.A. Wright (Chairman) Mr R.E. Whelband (V/Chairman)
Mr N. Wright Miss E. Harrison
Mrs K. Wearn Mrs H. Tomlinson (Clerk)

116/09 Apologies For Absence

Mr E. White (C/Cllr) Mrs M. Murphy (D/Cllr)
Mr J. Smith

117/09 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 Councillors disclosed an interest for this meeting.

118/09 Parishioner's Comments

There were no parishioners present at this meeting.

119/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **agreed** the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 4th December 2008.
Proposed: EH Seconded: KW

120/09 Report By County & District Councillor

County Councillor's Report: Cllr White was not present for this meeting.

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

121/09 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Proposal For Travellers Site – Update from the meeting held with Earl Shilton Town Council on Tuesday 13th January. Parish Councillors were informed that the proposed site on Thurlaston Lane had been refused due to Highway issues and it was confirmed that the amended plan was for the site to be incorporated within the SUE area surrounding the new Earl Shilton Bypass. It has since been confirmed that Earl Shilton and four other previously highlighted areas are now excluded from the travellers development plan for HBBC.

122/09 Affordable Housing In Rural Areas – Visit by Councillors from Sheepy Magna Parish Council. This discussion was held at the end of the Parish Council meeting.

123/09 Highways

- a) Surface Water Across Highway On Thurlaston Lane – It has been confirmed that BDC will carry out the necessary work to stop water being deposited across the highway.
- b) Salt Bin On Thurlaston Lane – The salt bin has been ordered from Highways.
- c) Salting Routes – A copy of the 2009 salting route has been circulated to all Councillors and a copy has been left in the Tea Rooms in the Garden Nursery.
- d) A notice has been received informing Cllrs that Watery Gate Lane is closed at the Ford for work on the depth marker.
- e) General State of Highways – the roads around Thurlaston are in a poor state of repair. Problematic areas include:-
 - 3 large pot holes on Enderby Road, near to the Wood Yard.
 - Side of the road has fallen away on Desford Road (on l/h side leaving the village).
 - (Parish Boundary) Accident blackspot on Thurlaston Lane (Off Enderby Road, toward Enderby)
Clerk to request site inspection from Highways and write to Huncote PC.

124/09 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.

125/09 Recreation Ground

- a) Commemorative Tree – Arrangements have been made for the purchase of this tree. NW and REW will liaise on planting – subject to weather conditions.
- b) Cleansing of Recreation Ground – BDC carried out a cleansing of the area. There was a charge for this service. It was agreed that a poster would be erected near to the Recreation Ground entrance bringing this cost to the attention of the parishioners.
- c) It was agreed that Councillors would continue to inspect the Recreation Ground for 2009, and would continue with the rota introduced in 2008.
- d) It was noted that the hedge adjacent to Earl Shilton Road on the Recreation Ground boundary is in poor condition and will need replacing next year.

126/09 Lighting – Nothing to report.

127/09 Financial

- a) The Clerk presented the budget for 2009/10. It was agreed that the precept should not increase, therefore the precept remains at £11700.
Proposed: NW Seconded: REW
- b) Permission to pay the following.

BDC	£ 43.36	Dog bin service
James Cole Nurseries	£ 69.00	Replacement memorial tree
Rural Community Council	£ 36.00	Annual Subscription

(permission also sought for the following payment which has already been made to BDC)

BDC	£197.80	Ground Maintenance
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Proposed: EH Seconded: NW

128/09 Practice And Procedure

- a) Communities and Local Government - Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – see circulation file.

129/09 Communication With Parishioners

- a) Carnival Committee – A verbal request has been received for the Carnival to have a certain type of attraction at this years event. The Clerk will write to the Secretary and ask for written confirmation as it has to be approved by our insurance company.
- b) Parish Allotments – there has been confusion with BDC over who has responsibility for the allotments in Thurlaston. It has now been confirmed that BDC are responsible for the allotments on Holt Crescent and the Village Hall management committee own and manage the allotments at the rear of the Village Hall.

130/09 Other Correspondence

- a) Blaby South Community Forum – Mtg at 7pm on 27th January in Sharnford – MAW and REW to attend.
- b) BDC – Physical activity in Blaby – see circulation file.
- c) LCC – grants for community spaces – see circulation file.
- d) 2 x Journals

122/09 Affordable Housing In Rural Areas – Deferred from the start of the meeting.

Mr Kevin Morrell and Mr Jim Aldridge from Sheepy Magna Parish Council kindly agreed to attend this meeting in order to give an account of how affordable housing in rural areas has had an impact on their parish. Many points were highlighted during this lengthy discussion and although the Councillors had opposing views on the process, both agreed that it was worthwhile project. Thurlaston Parish Councillors agreed that this matter should be included on the February agenda where the matter can be discussed further.

131/09 Urgent Matters – No urgent matters.

132/09 Date of Next Meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on Thursday 26th February at 7.00 pm.
The meeting closed at approximately 9.00 pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____