



## THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Thurlaston Parish Council held in Thurlaston Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.00 pm.**

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

#### **085/08 Apologies For Absence**

Mr J. Smith Mr E. White (C/Cllr)

The meeting was held in the meeting room located at the rear of the Village Hall.

#### **086/08 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.

REW disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the Annual Awards as a family member has received a nomination.

**087/08 Parishioner's Comments** – One parishioner was present at this meeting, who queried the content of the 2010-2015 Housing Plan. Both the District Councillor and Parish Councillors confirmed they had not yet had sight of this plan so were unable to comment at this time.

#### **088/08 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **agreed** the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

Proposed: NW Seconded: KW

#### **089/08 Report By County & District Councillor**

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

**District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Murphy gave the following report:

Water across the highway on Thurlaston Lane – Cllr Murphy reported that she had spoken with Highways in relation to this and would speak with Cllr White to see if he has made further progress. It was confirmed that Highways intend to speak with their legal department tomorrow for advice.

The housing transfer has now been completed and potential tenants can apply either through BDC or the housing agency.

#### **090/08 Highways**

- a) Salt Bin On Thurlaston Lane – Highways will install a replacement salt box on Thurlaston Lane and previous conditions/costs apply (£100 plus vat). Permission has been granted to dig a flat base for the salt bin to be located upon and Cllr Whelband kindly agreed to do this work.
- b) Salting Routes – It was noted that only two routes into Thurlaston were included on the salting routes. It was agreed that the salting routes be included in the forthcoming PC newsletter.
- c) Donkeys Grave – It was noted that the edging stones are in the brook – the Clerk will report this to Highways.
- d) Normanton Grove – There are a large amount of leaves on pavements surrounding Normanton Grove – the Clerk will contact BDC and enquire if they can be removed as they are extremely slippy and create a hazard for the elderly residents.

#### **091/08 Planning**

- a) Members to note responses sent to BDC by Clerk on behalf of PC concerning previously circulated applications.
  - 08/0724/1/PX – Mr Boddy, The Manor, Enderby Road, Thurlaston – single storey rear extension to form farm office – TPC Objected to this application – see circulation file for further details.

- 08/0725/1/PX – Mr Shropshire, New Hall Park Farm, Enderby Road, Thurlaston – Erection of replacement agricultural buildings including demolition of existing buildings – TPC reported No Objection to this application.
- b) Members to note formal advice/decisions from BDC.
  - 08/0724/1/PX – Mr Boddy, The Manor, Enderby Road, Thurlaston – single storey rear extension to form farm office – BDC GRANTS PERMISSION for this application – for conditions please see circulation file.
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#### **092/08 Recreation Ground**

- a) Gate posts & benches need painting with preserver – JS kindly agreed to do this task.
- b) Football sockets and covers – The Clerk has given the sockets and covers to REW. REW will let the Clerk know whether the lock on caps are still required.
- c) Copper Beech Tree – It was agreed that NW will make enquiries to see if a replacement tree could be obtained.
- d) The Clerk will look into costs of installing a ground based trampoline in the Recreation Ground.
- e) The Clerk will write to the School and request that the hedge adjacent with New Walk be cut back by approximately 18” as it is blocking the drains and causing an obstruction.

#### **093/08 Lighting**

MAW and REW had undertaken a tour of the village. It was noted that part of Nursery Close and Church Street (by Lychgate) could be more effectively lit, but as there is no alternative siting and no complaints have been received, it was decided not to request action. It was noted that the new street lamps are much better than the original type of lights.

#### **094/08 Financial**

- a) Permission to pay the following.

Mr Draycott	£ 29.38 Hedgecutting.
BDC	£ 44.30 Ground maintenance.
Stadia Sports	£110.45 Goal sockets & covers
H. Tomlinson	£ 71.39 Salary back pay/Varnish & Brushes
- Proposed: EH Seconded: REW

#### **095/08 Practice And Procedure**

- a) Affordable Housing In Rural Areas – MAW gave a short report on the walkabout tour of the parish she had undertaken with Mr Wilson (ESHO). A vote was taken on whether to proceed with a survey, the outcome was 2 votes for proceeding, 1 vote opposing the survey and 2 Councillors abstained. It was agreed to invite the Chairman of Sheepy Magna Parish Council to our next meeting to discuss the matter further.
- b) Parish Plan – Timescales for work were agreed and this document will be forwarded to Mrs Johnson for comment.
- c) Flood Watch Meeting – NW reported back from the recent meeting. It was noted that there are 8 areas within the District that are considered a risk (Thurlaston is not one of these areas) The system in place is that the authorities warn the Flood Watch Warden if there is high risk, they in turn warn the residents. It was noted that BDC will be holding a Flood Fair on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and the next meeting is planned for Spring 2009.
- d) Newsletter – a draft newsletter will be circulated to Councillors for comment. It will include the recipients of the Annual Awards and also information on the salting route for Thurlaston.
- e) Freedom Of Information Act – as this policy has only been in place a short time, it was agreed to resubmit it for approval without making any amendments.

- f) Annual Awards – it was unanimously agreed to award the Silver Jubilee Cup to Mrs Irene Slack in recognition of her quiet & unstinting work for the Village (the Church, the Flower Festival, the Players, the Local History Group, the School).  
REW abstained from the discussion relating to the Environmental Award. It was unanimously agreed to award the Environmental Cup to Mrs Perry for her continued efforts at litter picking and planting flowers around the village. The Clerk will organize the presentation for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (prior to the Parish Council meeting).

**096/08 Communication With Parishioners**

- a) Highways complaint by parishioner – This complaint has now been resolved.

**097/08 Current Matters**

- a) Removal of telephone box – it was noted that 88 calls were made from this telephone box last year. The Clerk has spoken with BT who confirmed that the telephone box could be retained if BDC agreed to pay an annual fee of £500.

**098/08 Other Correspondence**

- a) BDC Arts Newsletter – see circulation file.
- b) BDC PC Seminar Presentation Pack – see circulation file.
- c) BDC Open Spaces Consultative Meeting on 02.12.08 – MAW to attend.
- d) BDC Physical Activities in Blaby – see circulation file.
- e) BDC Standards Committee Agenda & Minutes – see circulation file.
- f) BDC Big Switch Off 17.10.08 – displayed on noticeboard.
- g) LCC Vibrant Villages – see circulation file.
- h) LCC Consumer Affairs leaflet – see circulation file.
- i) LCC Events Guide – see circulation file.
- j) Leicestershire Rural Partnership – Annual Report – see circulation file.
- k) Voluntary Action Blaby – Annual Report – see circulation file.
- l) SLCC – Catalogue – see circulation file.
- m) SLCC – Membership Survey – Clerk to complete.
- n) LOROS – Firework extravaganza – on noticeboard.
- o) RCC – Climate Friendly Seminars – previously notified Cllrs – see circulation file.
- p) Enable – Strategic Overviews Leicestershire Environment – see circulation file.
- q) HBBC – Local Development Framework – see circulation file.
- r) EMRA – East Midlands Regional Plan & Disc – invite for Cllrs to comment – see circulation file.
- s) The Journal – Chairman’s invite to Annual Awards – apologies sent.
- t) FIT (NPFA) Newsletter – see circulation file.

**099/08 Urgent Matters** –

- a) NW reported there had been a Huncote Quarry Liaison Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November, to which he had given his apologies. The minutes to this meeting will be circulated upon receipt.

**100/08 Date of Next Meeting**

The Parish Council Annual Awards Presentation will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Thurlaston Village Hall.

The next PC meeting will be held after the above presentation at the later time of 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.30 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_