



THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Thurlaston Parish Council held in Thurlaston Village Hall on Thursday 25th September 2008 at 7.00 pm.

Present

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

068/08 Apologies For Absence

Mr E. White (C/Cllr)

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

069/08 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. No disclosures were made.

070/08 Parishioner's Comments – No parishioners were present at this meeting.

071/08 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **agreed** the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 14th August 2008.

Proposed: KW Seconded: NW

072/08 Affordable Housing In Rural Areas

Mr Philip Diffey and Mr Floyd Wilson attended from the Eastern Shires Housing Group. ESHO have had first hand experience in managing this kind of project and the PC invited the gentlemen in the hope of gaining further insight into how this project is managed and what conditions are applied. Mr Diffey and Mr Wilson both led a most informative discussion and it was agreed that in the first instance a tour of the village should be scheduled between ESHO and the PC to identify any potential sites. The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this action, therefore the Clerk will make the arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

073/08 Report By County & District Councillor

County Councillor's Report: Cllr White had given his apologies for this meeting.

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

BDC Annual Awards – Cllr Murphy reported on feedback from the awards as TPC had felt reluctant to nominate parishioners as they had been unsuccessful in previous years, were unsure of the criteria, plus the PC or individual are not notified of the outcome. BDC has reported that feedback is given on this event, the Clerk will speak with the organiser to clarify the situation.

There have been enquiries relating to the shooting ground in Thurlaston, however it is believed that the proprietors are complying with the planning agreement. All enquiries should be forwarded directly to BDC. The Journal has contacted Cllr Murphy in connection with Sandpit Farm. TPC confirmed they had been approached by the Journal some time ago on this matter and reiterated to Cllr Murphy that they had no comment to make to the Journal on this matter and that comments should be sought from BDC.

074/08 Highways

- Water Across Highway On Thurlaston Lane – The officer dealing with this case has been on leave and will contact the Clerk upon his return.
- Salt Bin On Thurlaston Lane – The Clerk will speak with Highways with regards to a replacment.
- Kerbstone At Donkeys Grave (Desford Rd) – The Clerk will report a kerbstone has fallen into the brook.
- Cycling Sign at New Walk – The cycling sign at the Desford Rd end of New Walk has fallen down the post – The Clerk will report this to Highways.

At This point 13b from agenda was discussed as it is a complaint from a parishioner relating to highways.

- e) The complaint by a parishioner relating to the parked vehicles opposite the Animal Aid Centre will be forwarded to Huncote Parish Council by Cllr Murphy as it is within their boundary.
- f) The complaint also included a complaint about visibility from The Manor, Enderby Road, Thurlaston – The Clerk will write to the owner to make them aware of the situation and ask for their co-operation in this matter.

075/08 Planning

- a) Members to note responses sent to BDC by Clerk on behalf of PC concerning previously circulated applications.
 - None
- b) Members to note formal advice/decisions from BDC.
 - 08/0601/1/PX – 57 Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicestershire – 2 storey side & rear extension and single storey side and rear extension – BDC GRANTS PERMISSION for this application (conditions in circulation file).
- c) Planning Query – This was raised at our previous meeting and is in relation to a property currently being developed. The Clerk produced the planning file for this property and confirmed that all Councillors had commented upon this application and permission had been granted for this work.

076/08 Recreation Ground

- a) Gate posts need painting with preserver – JS kindly agreed to do this whilst painting the benches.
- b) Damage to benches – email photographs of damage to BDC for information.
- c) Annual Safety Inspection – advice given in relation to basketball net – this was highlighted as a risk because it could cause entrapment if anyone climbed up the post, over the top of the hoop and then fell off, catching their head in the net/hoop as they fell. It was highlighted as low risk on assessment. This was discussed and it was felt appropriate that the PC take no action at this time for the following reasons:
 - The hazard was highlighted as LOW RISK in the safety inspection.
 - The post is very high and smooth, making it extremely difficult to climb.
 - The likelihood of someone reaching the top and then falling and catching their head on the hoop/net is extremely unlikely.
 - When the net was missing for a short time (approx 2 years ago) the Councillors were asked by the children on a number of occasions to replace the net.
- d) Invite to join NCVO (National Council Voluntary Organisation) – due to our precept this would not be free but incur a cost of approx £40, it was agreed not to join this group.
- e) It was agreed to purchase four additional football sockets to move the goal posts.
Proposed: NW Secoded: EH
- f) Dog Fouling – It is believed that a parishioner is continually allowing his dog to foul in the Recreation Ground. According to reports the dog is let out of home at approx 2am and the owner watches whilst the dog fouls in the rec ground. We would urge this owner to please be responsible and clear up after his dog.
- g) Copper Beech Tree – it was noted that the new tree is now dead. The Clerk will speak with tree surgeon.

077/08 Lighting – MAW and REW agreed to do a tour of the village to check the street lights.

078/08 Financial

- a) External Audit – this has now been completed. A sign has been displayed on the PC noticeboard inviting parishioners to inspect the completed accounts.
- b) Financial Summary – this was presented to Councillors by the Clerk (RFO). JS requested that “to spend” be omitted from this report; this was agreed.
- c) Permission to pay the following.

BDC	£ 202.10	Ground maintenance.
Clement Keys	£ 158.63	External audit
Audit & Consultancy Services	£ 141.00	Internal audit – revised cheque
H. Tomlinson	£ 784.00	Salary
H. Tomlinson	£ 114.75	Expenses

Proposed: EH Secoded: REW

079/08 Practice And Procedure

- a) Parish Plan – The Clerk will speak with the PPSG to see how the project is progressing.
- b) Annual Awards – this is ongoing and the Clerk will report any additional nominations to Councillors via email.

080/08 Communication With Parishioners

- a) Firework disturbance – this matter has now been resolved.
- b) Highways complaint by parishioner – this has been dealt with previously on agenda see 074/08 e&f.

081/08 Current Matters

- a) Removal of telephone box – it was noted that 88 calls were made from this telephone box last year. It was agreed to find out the cost of adopting the telephone box.
- b) Tyers Close – it was noted that the entrance to Tyers Close looks extremely unkempt at this time. Enquiries will be made to BDC.
- c) Daffodil Bulbs – It was agreed to purchase £75 worth of daffodil bulbs to continue planting on Desford Road. Proposed: JS Secoded: KW

082/08 Other Correspondence

- a) LCC Community Forum – please note this meeting is scheduled for 1st October 2008 in Sapcote. REW has kindly agreed to become the PC representative at these meetings.
- b) LCC Green Cone Digester – see circulation file.
- c) LCC Seasonal Decorations displayed on/above the highway – see circulation file.
- d) BDC Waste and Recycling document – see circulation file.
- e) BDC Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report - see circulation file.
- f) BDC Parish Council Seminar at BDC on 29th September – Cllrs previously notified via email.
- g) BDC Civic Service – held at Braunstone on 26th October at 3.00 pm – see circulation file.
- h) BDC Village Services Factfile – amendments submitted by Clerk – see circulation file.
- i) Community Environmental Action Project – offer of parish survey for disabled access £1400 & vat – see circulation file.
- j) Carillion WSP – notification of their responsibility of motorways/trunk roads – see map in Circ. file.
- k) Loros – sponsored walk – this was displayed on noticeboard.
- l) RCC – notice of AGM 25.09.08 – unable to attend as same date as PC meeting – see circulation file.
- m) Leicestershire Cares – Advice for voluntary groups seeking professional/practical help – see circulation file.
- n) SLCC – notice of AGM – 18th October in Reading, Berkshire – see circulation file.
- o) Natural Burial Company – circular letter requesting information for potential sites – see circ. file.
- p) LCC – Joint strategic needs assessment executive summary – see circulation file.
- q) LRALC – monthly newsletter – see circulation file.
- r) 5 x Journals.

083/08 Urgent Matters – There were no urgent matters.

084/08 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th November 2008 in Thurlaston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00 pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____