



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 24th September 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 M. Murphy (D/Cllr)
Mrs H. Tomlinson (Clerk)	

067/09 Apologies For Absence

Mr E. White (C/Cllr)

068/09 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.

Cllr Whelband disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the *parishioner complaint*.

Cllr Wearn disclosed a personal interest in the *parishioner complaint*.

Cllr Harrison disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the quotation for refurbishing park benches.

069/09 Parishioner's Comments

There was no public present at this meeting.

070/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **agreed** the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2009.

Proposed: KW Seconded: REW

071/09 Report By County & District Councillor

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

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Murphy gave an update on local matters:-

Enquiries are being made into increasing car parking spaces on Holt Crescent. MAW asked MM to investigate the possibility of 3 additional car parking spaces on the corner of Desford Road.

Bus route 158 – improvements are being made to all bus stops.

Cycle paths are wanted, however there are no funds available at the present time.

3 Oaks Housing Association – many improvements have been undertaken and appear to be working very well.

MM was asked to look into Normanton Shooting Ground as the noise is causing upset within the parish.

072/09 Highways

- Desford Road** – A parishioner has complained that a vehicle frequently parks on a solid white line on the corner of Desford Road. Parish Councillors understand that parking is a problem in this area and asked the Clerk to speak with Highways.
- Croft Road** – the drain outside Teena, Croft Rd is rusted and has fallen down. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

073/09 Planning

- Members to note responses sent to BDC by Clerk on behalf of PC concerning previously circulated applications:-
 - 09/0453/1/PX – Mr Norton, England's Farm, Croft Rd, Thurlaston, Leics - Conversion and extension to existing barn and creation of new access. TPC does not object to this application.
 - 09/0427/1/PX – Mr Garner, Hill Farm, Desford Rd, Thurlaston, Leics – Erection of free range egg laying unit – TPC does not object to this application.
 - 09/1461/1/PY – Mr & Mrs McKenzie, 37 Holt Crescent, Thurlaston, Leics – Conservatory to rear – TPC does not object to this application.
 - 09/0462/1/PX – Ms Chater, Watery Gate, Thurlaston, Leics – Erection of kennel block – TPC does not object to this application.

- b) Members to note formal advice/decisions from BDC:-
- 09/0110/1/PX – Mr Smith, Rose Paddock, Kirby Muxloe – Amendment and original application for 4 caravans – BDC GRANTS PERMISSION for this application – for conditions see circulation file.
 - 09/1461/1/PY – Mr & Mrs McKenzie, 37 Holt Crescent, Thurlaston, Leics – Conservatory to rear – BDC GRANTS PERMISSION for this application – for conditions see circulation file.
- c) Other Planning Issues
- Noise pollution from local shooting ground – discussion on implications of installing an earth bund.
 - BDC Local Development Framework – TPC submitted comments – copy of document in circ. file.

074/09 Recreation Ground

- a) Warning markers of underground cables – The Clerk is meeting with a representative from Eon next week to clarify where cables run and ask advice on the markers.

EH left the room at this point.

- b) Varnishing Of Wooden Benches – the three quotes were discussed and it was agreed to ask Mr Harrison to complete the task. It was agreed that the Clerk would also ask Mr Harrison for a cost to refurbish the millennium bench adjacent to Normanton Grove. Prop: NW Seconded: REW

EH returned to the room at this point.

- c) Cherry Tree - A quote of £50 to raise the crown on the cherry tree was submitted. This quote was thought to be acceptable, therefore the Clerk will ask for the work to be completed at the earliest opportunity.
- d) Conditions of use form – A revised form will be circulated to Councillors in due course. It was noted that the Church/Chapel should complete a conditions of use form for the Recreation Ground on the Sunday after carnival day.
- e) Recreation Ground Inspection – swing seat is broken, the Clerk will order a replacement seat. Swing bushes – The clerk needs to obtain a price for replacement bushes on the junior swings. A discussion was held on the safety tiles and how they have deteriorated. It was agreed that the PC will consider replacing these with wet pour surfacing in Spring 2010.
- f) Flower Festival - a request has been received to use the Recreation Ground as a car park for the duration of the flower festival. Parish Councillors agreed to this request subject to completion of a conditions of use form.
- g) The stone wall has been impacted and this has caused damage – the Clerk will obtain a price to get it fixed at the earliest opportunity.
- h) Hedge laying – the Clerk will obtain quotes for laying the hedge on the Recreation Ground adjacent to Earl Shilton Road.

075/09 Lighting: Nothing to report.

076/09 Financial

- a) Parish Council Audit – This has now been completed and the final report was presented to the Councillors by the Clerk/RFO.

- b) Permission to pay the following.

Blaby District Council	£207.69	Ground Maintenance
Clement Keys	£155.00	External Audit
H. Tomlinson	£268.48	Clerk's Salary
H. Tomlinson	£ 50.00	Clerk's payment from BDC.
H. Tomlinson	£ 16.18	Clerk's back pay for salary increase.

Proposed: EH Seconded: NW

077/09 Practice And Procedure

- a) Resignation of Cllr Smith – the pre-circulated resignation letter was discussed briefly. It was agreed to hold a personal collection and send a letter acknowledging his significant length of service to the PC.
- b) Parishioner complaint – this is now the full responsibility of BDC, TPC have no further involvement.
- c) Thurlaston Parish Council Annual Awards Presentation. A discussion was held on the nominations and the following was agreed:-

Silver Jubilee Cup – would be awarded to Malcolm and Marion Tarratt

Environmental Cup – would be awarded jointly to the Poacher's Bistro and the Elephant and Castle.

A new award would be created *Thurlaston Young Achievers Award* for a youngster who has achieved something exceptional or brought credit to the community under the age of 25. The Clerk will purchase a trophy for approx £50/60. Proposed: EH Seconded: NW

- d) Affordable Housing In Rural Areas – MAW and EH will meet with Richard Windley on 1st October to discuss the initial paperwork for the scheme.
- e) Blaby South Community Forum – the next meeting will be held on 30th September at Huncote Primary School. REW and KW will attend.
- f) Commbus project – it was agreed to promote the Commbus project in the next PC newsletter.
- g) BDC Recycling Team – It was agreed the Parish Council were unable to assist this project, however BDC may contact Hill View Nurseries to see if they are able to help.
- h) Archeology Warden – further enquiries will be made.
- i) Journal Awards Evening – Emily and Grace Smith have been invited to attend. KW will represent the PC at this award evening.
- j) Street Scene – The Clerk will make enquiries to see if improvements can be made.

078/09 Communication With Parishioners

- a) Rubbish was dumped on Desford Road near to A47 Car Boot Sale entrance, MAW has spoken to David Freer who is aware of the situation, as are BDC.
- b) There is general concern for speeding traffic on Croft Road/Thurlaston Lane

079/09 Other Correspondence

- a) SLCC notice of AGM – 24.10.09 at Daventry (commences at 2.30 pm).
- b) East Midlands Regional Assembly – Expo 2009 Walkers Stadium on 10.09.09 between 9.30 and 4pm.
- c) BDC Standards Committee minutes and agenda.
- d) 4 x Journals.

080/09 Urgent Matters

- a) Daffodil planting – it was agreed to plant the daffodil bulbs on Saturday 3rd October. £50 of bulbs will be purchased.

081/09 Date of Next Meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on Thursday 29th October 2009

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____