

THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 27th April 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors; Tina Tsoukatos (TT/Chairman), David Lewis (DL), Denise Bryant (DB), Austin Brady (AB), Katie Chan (KC), and Natalie Robinson (NR).

In Attendance: Lisa-Jayne Campbell (LJ/Clerk), Cllr Roger Jackson and five members of public.

Year/minute item	
001/23	To receive and note public representation: M. Edkins reported the excess leaves in the Swallows and NSDC has cleared it up, the broken road mirror was reported but nothing has been done to date – TT will follow up. Other members of public addressed the PC on planning issues.
002/23	To receive and accept apologies for absence: All Cllrs present.
003/23	To note declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.
004/23	To accept the Minutes from the previous meeting: The Minutes from the meeting held on 23 rd March 2023 were accepted as a true representation of the meeting and signed by the chairman. It was agreed to publish the draft minutes within seven working days after the meeting.
005/23	To receive reports from District and County Councillors: (<i>RJ arrived at 19h46</i>) RJ reported – Priory Road will be on the agenda for the next few years due to the development in that area. Free entry at the Civil War Museum free NSDC post codes. The Interactive sign is going to be moved further into the village. The Scout’s planning application was passed at Committee. Thanks to Tom and Katie for fixing the muddy footpath.
006/23	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning Applications for consideration:</p> <p>23/00562/LBC - Maley Cottage - Strip and re-roof existing single storey extension including new insulation, breather underlay, new battens, and re-fit existing tiles- SUPPORTED.</p> <p>23/00609/FUL - Thurgarton Methodist Church, Bleasby Road, Thurgarton, NG14 7FW. Change of use of existing church to dwelling including new shed, external store, solar panels, and new fencing – potential difficulty access to substation a concern – SUPPORTED.</p> <p>23/0058/HOUSE – OBJECTED.</p> <p>22/02265/CPRIOR – Checkers Farm – change of use – OBJECTED.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will confirm any extension dates with the Cllrs.</p>
007/23	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Payments for authorisation: Payments totalling £4743.75 were authorised. A total of £3130 was received, Clerk to identify what the receipt was from NCC.</p> <p>b. Balance of Accounts: NatWest Business Current Account balance as of 21 April 2023 is £30,074.42 and the Reserve Account balance is £13,298.92.</p>

008/23	STRATEGY ROLES: To receive updates and note any actions required
A	<p>Emergency Measures: Emergency plan – google form has been done which will populate a data sheet. Ross Marshall has agreed to sort out the emergency signage. TT reported: Flood Mitigation solution for the village progress report – Internal Drainage Board (IDB) still progressing project. Update as follows – planning permission report will be submitted in time to report to Board at end of June. Detailed design of the structure has been commissioned so that Balfour Beatty can finalise costs at the same time. There is a schedule of additional archaeological surveys to undertake after harvest, and will be contacting the landowner shortly to discuss this with her. Final ecological survey next month. Expecting to prepare the site in October this year, and then to proceed either immediately if the weather is good, or as soon as possible in Spring if ground conditions are poor.</p>
B	<p>Highways: AB sent an extensive report which included the Hollows and Priory Road, narrow paths, potholes parking, heavy traffic etc., to Highways; he has heard back from Louise Poole Richardson who will be meeting AB & TT on the 24th May in the village to discuss and walk through all the ongoing concerns. AB Thanked RJ for all his help. Speedwatch update: M. Edkins Thanked Kate Cressley for photocopying all the info packs. A speedwatch info table will be at the village fete.</p>
C	<p>Communications: TT reported: Forterra - are still considering providing a second defibrillator for the village and will be contributing to the Spring Clean-up by working the road between the factory gate and the junction with the A612. Thurgarton People - a request for an additional £50 contribution to Thurgarton People was discussed and agreed making the annual donation £200. Mammoth - HVVS have extended the Mammoth insurance to June 2024. Hoveringham and Thurgarton Parish Councils to meet and discuss ongoing maintenance costs. Village Noticeboard - it was agreed to renew the pin board section of the noticeboard as the current one has perished. Declaration of Uncontested Election result - Councillors Tsoukatos, Lewis, Robinson, Chan, Bryant, and Foster were duly elected in an uncontested election. Web site update to be undertaken.</p>
D	<p>Environment: Annie’s path has been cleared, strimming along the banks and verges as well as cutting and clearing the area around the phone box all done. Post and rail painting starts 1st May; the dog bin has been delivered and will be installed imminently. Paths have been cut back but not sprayed. The village clean is scheduled for Saturday 29th April. The war memorial will be cleaned over the next month as well as the walls and floor. Highways Liaison Officer – looking at ideas to manage the grass verge opposite the Red Lion. The Coronation flag will be put up on 5th May and down on 10th May, and all bunting will be put up on 4th May. It was noted that the fete committee is a committee of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Roland Duce the Cricket Club to say thank you for their contribution to the Coronation celebrations.</p>
E	<p>Village Hall: Hania and Gaynor have resigned, the VH Management Committee is now down to four people so they will not be holding any weddings or parties until they can get more volunteers.</p>
009/23	<p>Playground update: AB reported that it still looks positive regarding the possibility of including the piece of land in the VH lease – ongoing.</p>

010/23	To receive update and agree action for the village plan: Strategy meeting to discuss.
011/23	To note Correspondence received and subsequent action: Correspondence was received and circulated to Cllrs electronically; there was nothing that required action from the PC.
012/23	To note future Agenda items: a. To agree date for Open Parish Meeting: Same date as the May meeting; time and agenda to be confirmed. Scouts would be happy to come once they know the date.
013/23	Private and Confidential <i>In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2), the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</i> a. VAT update – Cllrs DB & RF agreed to review the reply from HMRC and draft a suitable response. b. Clerk update – the clerk resigned with three months’ notice.
014/23	Next meetings: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 25 th May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21h50