



THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 October 2023 IN THURGARTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr T Tsoukatos(TT) (in the Chair), K Chan (KC), N Robinson (NR), D Bryant (Acting Clerk) (DB), D Lewis (DL), J Ross (JR), R Foster (RF)

In attendance: 11 Members of the Public, Cllr R Jackson

Chair welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

2023/52 Public representations

Due to the public interest in the recent flood event in Thurgarton, the Chair asked NR to present the flood findings.

NR reported that a debrief had been held on Sunday 22nd October and that full documents would follow: The Beck peaked at 196cm on Friday 20th October, which was unprecedented.

Thurgarton's Emergency plan ensures local resilience is provided within the village and this was enacted, which included closing roads.

NR expressed thanks to the Emergency Plan Base, Coordinators and Flood Wardens and all who volunteered on the day.

What went well: –

- The communication mechanisms were enabled and people assembled quickly to erect defences etc.
- The Village Hall and Resilience Store became a hub.
- Resilience store worked well. Resources all used.
- The new, more lightweight signage was really well used.
- Road closure signs being ignored by through traffic

Key areas for learning:-

- More volunteers are needed.
- Village readiness: - It became apparent that not all households were prepared. Training and knowledge sharing amongst householders is needed. NR planning a public meeting for all villagers with external speakers to share best practises/advice
- Road closure scheme to be reviewed with NCC.
- Older signs missing - to be sourced from the council.
- Flood warden' sign handling training needs to be refreshed regularly.

- One of the Emergency Pumps didn't work. The pumps need to be regularly maintained. Pump Training needs to be regularly refreshed and the audience widened.

NR reported that the Beck Street flood defences (via NCC scheme) received mixed feedback. This is to be escalated with NCC.

TT reported that Ross Marshall of the NCC Flood Resilience Team wished to pass on their thanks and said that the impact would have been much worse without the Thurgarton Team's assistance.

TT reported that the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) still progressing project. TT met IDB on Beck St on 26th Oct to review post flood damage and lessons learned. Photos, recordings and data from Beck monitor are being sent to the IDB at their request. Plan is now for IDB to recalculate solution using the Oct flood data. This will still allow IDB to start to build project in Spring 2024. TT was assured that the funding is still in place.

A member of the public from Priory Park stated that during the flood, sewage came onto her property as the Severn Trent sewage station switches off when the water level reaches a certain level. TT suggested liaison with Severn Trent.

It was noted that a Section 19 Flood Management investigation is triggered on NCC if more than 5 houses in the village have been flooded. TT to investigate.

Cllr Jackson reported that

- Government announced £150 hardship fund with an additional reliefs for those who have had internal water ingres. Roger Jackson is to supply the necessary links to apply.
- Susan Sheard organising debris collection and street cleaning.
- TPC can replenish sand bags stocks from the council.
- Roger Jackson to arrange for Beck St/Station Rd/Priory Park to be cleaned

2023/53 To receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2023/54 To note Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/55 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2023 were approved as a Correct Record and signed.

2023/56 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Jackson has tried to get hold of Ross Marshall about the attenuation tank at Priory Farm. Ross is not available at the moment.

Cllr Jackson reported that due to cancellation of HS2 additional funding is available to fund road repairs and support rural bus routes.

Cllr Jackson also committed to organise for County and District Council representatives to visit the village.

2023/47 To consider planning applications as follows (RF):

a) Planning Applications for consideration:

1) 23/01426/FUL Construction of two storey rear extension and front porch Poplar Farm, Bleasby Road, Thurgarton NG14 7FW

This application previously presented to the Parish Council. TPC had supported the works at the farmhouse but were not supportive of the rear dutch barn. The applicant has revised the application such that this application only looks for permission on the farmhouse.

Members agreed that the changes were in line with their suggestions and were supportive.

2) 23/01779/FULM Residential redevelopment of former farm complex comprising the residential conversion of existing agricultural buildings to create 2no. self-build plots (including extensions) Checkers Farm, Priory Road, Thurgarton NG14 7GH

5 councillors voted to support, one voted not to support, and one councillor abstained. Principal of 2 residential properties was supported, with concerns to be submitted to NSDC regarding access, size, look and feel, and potential commercial use.

**3) 23/01691/HOUSE Erection of stone temple garden structure
The Old Rectory, Beck Street, Thurgarton NG14 7HB**

Councillors voted unanimously to support.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications.

No other matters were raised.

c) Any other items notified to Thurgarton Parish Council prior to the meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council Meeting.

None notified.

2023/58 Finance

a) Payments for authorisation

All payments were authorised.

b) To note budget update (Summary Receipts and payments)

Noted.

c) To Note Bank reconciliation

Noted.

2023/59 Community First Aid Training

Dates to be confirmed and publicised as soon as possible. Training will be timed with the installation of the new defibrillator at the village hall.

KC is researching how they can get first-aid trained and will report back at a future meeting. Forterra to be approached to see if they can help with sourcing the training. KC to write letter, TT to send to Forterra.

2023/60 Strategy Roles : to receive updates and note any necessary actions

a) Emergency measures (NR)

- Flooding – covered in the earlier section of the minutes.
- The defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed soon. NR and DL to arrange the installation.

b) Highways (KC)

- KC in touch with Louise Poole-Richardson of NCC/Via. Priory Rd has been surveyed. The drain on Bleasby Rd and The Hollows to be repaired on 25/66 November. Drain covers all being checked.
- 3 Speedwatch session held in the last month. Reports produced and sent to police. Low on volunteers.

c) Communications (TT)

- Remembrance Sunday – midday 12th Nov at Corner Croft.

- Plan to review and renew Strategy documents including Code of Conduct, Financial regulations, Standing Orders etc. with the help of the new Clerk. Email sent with existing docs attached 11/7
- Clerk recruitment – role, job spec, salary, hours ongoing
- Web site update started, TT will continue to work at this.

d) Environment (DB)

- Works continue in the village on footpaths and verges.
- Replacement Christmas tree lights and the 2023 Christmas tree for installation at the War Memorial was proposed and voted on unanimously
- The electricity supply at War Memorial Site has been renovated. The Council expressed their thanks to Lisa at Acacia for all the assistance.

e) Village Hall (DL)

- Quiz night went really well.
- Halloween pumpkin carving was next event.
- Village party planned for 2nd December.

f) Projects (JR)

- Survey to be included in TP’s November edition and emailed to the village concurrently.
- Village playground. Awaiting solicitor costs.
- War memorial – investigations ongoing regarding ownership.
- Mammoth. Ongoing meetings regarding maintenance etc.

2023/61 Recruitment of new Clerk – ongoing

2023/51 Date of next meeting: Thursday 23 November 2023

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 21.30

Approved as a Correct Record and signed:

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Chair

23 November 2023