



THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024 THURGARTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Lewis (In the Chair) D Bryant, R Foster N Robinson, J Ross

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, 8 members of the public, Cllr Roger Jackson

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

2024/1 To hear public representations

A report was given on the activities of the Speedwatch group in December and January, during which 8 speeding vehicles were logged and reported to the police. More volunteers are needed to ensure that individual sessions can take place.

It was also noted that the speed camera van had been in Thurgarton on the morning of 25 January 2024.

2024/2 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Tsoukatos and Chan submitted apologies.

2024/3 To note Declarations of interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

2024/4 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023, having been circulated, were approved as a Correct Record and signed. Proposed Cllr Ross, seconded Cllr Bryant, all in favour.

2024/5 To receive reports from District and County Councillor

Cllr Jackson discussed the recent flooding in the village, and throughout the County. Meetings were taking place with representatives of the Parish Council, NSDC, NCC, IDB and VIA to consider how improvements can be made to reduce the impact of flooding in the parish.

There are ongoing issues at Priory Farm, and these need to be rectified by the developer.

2024/6 To consider Planning Applications as follows:

a) Planning applications for comment

23/02271/HOUSE Alterations to front boundary wall and new gates to front drive. Cedar House, Bleasby Road, Thurgarton

There are no objections to this application, therefore Council supports the application.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications

Appeal against enforcement notice: Far Barn Farm, Priory Road, Thurgarton

Council noted the appeal, but will not offer any further comment on the application.

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

There are no further items for consideration.

2024/7 Finance

a) To note the receipt of further CIL monies from N&SDC on 22nd November, 2023 - £14,252.32

Noted.

b) To review and approve the bank reconciliation for all banks dated 4th January, 2024

Noted.

c) To approve the payments for December 2023 and January 2024

Two additional payments were added to the circulated payment sheet: Williams Electrical (supply for new defibrillator) £294, and Kinsey Environmental (Beck monitor) £193. All payments were approved.

d) To approve the Precept for 2024/25

Council approved a precept request of £15,266 for the year 2024/25. Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Ross and all in favour. Clerk will forward this request to NSDC.

e) To approve the Budget for 2024/25

The proposed budget for 2024/25 was approved by all members.

f) To note that application has been made for a new NatWest bank account – Liquidity Manager Account in which reserve funds will be invested whilst projects are developed – waiting for NatWest to confirm the opening of the account

This remains ongoing.

g) Application has been made to change the bank mandate to enable full access by the chairman and the locum clerk – at present full access is only enabled using a former clerk's access

This is proving to be complex but it is hoped that it may be resolved before the next meeting.

2024/8 To consider and approve updated Standing Orders

The updated Standing Orders were approved. These will be placed on the website.

2024/9 To consider Parish Council objectives 2024/25

This item was deferred to the next meeting to enable input from all Council members.

2024/10 Strategy Roles

a) Emergency measures

Cllr Robinson gave the following report:

- A third defibrillator is now installed outside the village hall. This is on the national network.

- One of the other defibrillators has been replaced because of its age, but this is still usable and members approved its donation to a community group. It was confirmed that once donated, the Council would have no liability for it in the future.
- The village Emergency Plan was invoked on 2 January because of flooding. Beck Street had been closed, sandbags supplied, and defence measures put in place. Cllr Robinson recorded thanks to all those who had volunteered during the flooding, and commended how the community had come together. A debrief meeting was held to consider how the plan had worked, and to discuss ways of encouraging households to be prepared in the future.
- There are 5 new volunteers on the Emergency Plan, and 8 people are currently going through road closure training
- The Beck monitor still causes problems because of intermittent signal. There is no immediate solution, but an upgrade is possible and could be grant funded.

Cllr Tsoukatos send information that she expects to meet with IDB on 26 January for further discussion.

b) Highways

As Cllr Chan was not able to be present, there was limited information on the following items:

- i) Speeding
Discussed during public participation
- ii) Traffic Calming on Bleasby Road
It was reported that traffic has been causing problems to houses, some of which are very close to the road in parts of the village. This has been getting worse over the last 18 months. Cllr Jackson will pass this on to VIA,
- iii) Parking on The Hollows
Deferred to next meeting

c) Communications

- i) D day 80
Thurgarton does not have a beacon so cannot participate in this project, but there may be other ways to commemorate the event. To be added to February Agenda.

d) Environment

- i) Renewal of electrical supply system to War Memorial
 - Cllr Bryant reported on the work which has been undertaken by the Lengthsman, which included locating 7 previously unknown drains, and clearing them. Widening the footpath on Nottingham road by removing overgrown grass and weeds, and other work cutting back hedges.
 - Cllr Bryant has prepared a report to be sent to VIA together with an invoice to claim the sum available to TPC under the Lengthsman Scheme agreement.
 - Electricity has been relaid to the War Memorial, which now includes two external waterproof sockets. Cost is £312 including VAT.
- ii) Greening of the village – the village survey revealed interest in this initiative. Will be added to the next Agenda for further discussion.

e) Village Hall

Cllr Lewis reported that the village halls finances are in good shape. Several well-attended events have taken place including a village disco in December, and a carol concert. An Easter breakfast is being planned, as well as a wine tasting evening.

A fete is planned for 14 September.

f) Projects (Playground, war memorial site, village survey)

Cllr Ross spoke about the responses to the village survey. Concerns regarding speeding through the village, traffic calming measures, and parking in certain areas have been raised. There is broad support for the village green and playground initiatives.

There is disappointment that there has so far only been one respondent from a family with a child under 5. The deadline for responses has now been extended to 18 February, in the hope that a more representative response will be forthcoming.

War memorial – there is no registered owner of the War Memorial. It may be possible for the Parish Council to formally register it in its name, but it is not clear what implications this would have. Will be investigated further.

The Mammoth and the possibility of ownership being transferred to the Parish Council will be discussed at the next meeting

2024/11 Next meeting: 22 February 2024

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 21.01 hours.

Approved as a Correct Record and Signed:

Tina Tsoukatos

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Chair

22 February 2024