



# THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of Thurgarton Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 22 February 2022

Present: Cllrs T Tsoukatos (In the Chair), D Bryant, K Chan, R Foster, D Lewis, N Robinson and J Ross

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, and 4 members of the public

Before the commencement of the meeting the draw for a voucher for the Red Lion took place, following the recent village survey.

### Chair then opened the meeting.

#### **2024/12 To hear public representations**

Council received an update on the activities of the Speedwatch team,

#### **2024/13 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Jackson was unable to attend the meeting and sent apologies.

#### **2024/14 To note Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **2024/15 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2024**

The above Minutes, having been circulated, were approved unanimously as a correct record and signed by the Chair. All in favour.

#### **2024/16 To receive reports from District and Council Councillor**

Cllr Jackson was not present, so there was no report available.

Cllr Foster reported that he had asked Cllr Jackson about the proposed new glass collection. Cllr Jackson had advised that the matter is currently awaiting a license from the Environment Agency but he expects that the new roadside collection will start within the next three months.

Cllr Bryant had been in touch with Cllr Jackson regarding enforcement of the attenuation scheme at Priory Farm Mews. There is no further news on this, but Cllr Jackson has asked for an update.

#### **2024/17 To consider Planning Applications as follows:**

##### **a) Planning Applications for consideration**

- i) 23/01969/HOUSE Appleacre, Bleasby Road, Thurgarton  
Erection of detached garage

It was noted that Thurgarton PC had objected to a previous application on the grounds of size, location and design. The current application has addressed these issues to some extent, and members now felt able to support the application. This was a unanimous decision.

**b) General update on planning matters including recent and extant applications**

The following outcomes were noted:

- An objection has been made by Highways to the application for new gates at Cedar Lodge
- Garage has been approved at Holly Cottage
- Hill Farm House application for change of use of adjacent land refused

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

Planning Application 24/00311/573 Thurgarton Quarters Farm, Priory Road, Thurgarton  
Variation of condition 11 (Bat Mitigation Report) attached to planning permission 22/00947/FUL

Councillors believe that the commencement of works, including the demolition of any of the redundant buildings on the Thurgarton Quarters Farm site, is likely to present an unacceptable risk of disturbing bats regardless of which building the bats are roosting and/or which building is being demolished. This needs to be accurately quantified and the building works methodology approved beforehand by Natural England to minimise the risk of harm to the bats.

Additionally, the requirement to obtain formal agreement/approval on the methodology for the development works from Natural England has been a specific Condition of the planning permission since that permission was granted in August 2022, over 18 months ago. That Condition specifically referenced the requirement for Natural England engagement prior to commencement of any demolition work.

Members therefore feel unable to support this proposal and unanimously voted to object to the application.

**2024/18 Finance**

**a) Approve payments per schedule**

One payment (to Kinsey Environmental) was removed from the payment list, as it will be dealt with later. With this change, the payment list, as circulated, was approved. Proposed Cllr Ross, seconded Cllr Tsoukatos, all in favour.

**b) Update on bank mandate changes/ opening of Liquidity Manager Account**

This remains ongoing, but progress is gradually being made.

**2024/19 To consider Parish Council objectives 2024/25**

These will be agreed once the parish survey results have been assessed.

**2024/20 Strategy Roles**

**a) Emergency measures**

**i) Update on flood issues, including report on village flood meeting**

Cllr Robinson updated members on the recent village meeting, which was well attended. The topics discussed included water safety, and risks from flood water. Objective is flood mitigation, rather than flood alleviation. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with Severn Trent to discuss matters further. The Beck monitor is currently working well. Annual invoices will be issued shortly and the anticipated cost will be £10 per household.

Chair thanked Cllr Robinson for her work in arranging the meeting with the village and others, and dealing with the Beck monitor costs. Feedback has been very positive.

Cllr Tsoukatos reported as follows:

Village Flood Mitigation solution – she continues to liaise with IDB regarding project and to seek answers to those questions posed at the village meeting which were not able to be answered on the night

New Beck Monitor – quotes for new 4G dataloggers were received and cross analysed. Decision to purchase from the existing supplier has been taken based upon lower price, greater functionality, existing good levels of service and working relationship and lower on-going service costs. Awaiting quotation for 5 year bundle which will be sent to NCC for funding. Current lead time for new Monitor is 4 weeks.

## **b) Highways**

### **i) Speeding**

Speedwatch report as give during Agenda item 2024/12

Cllr Chan said that she has requested that all drains in the village be flushed through, and she is waiting to hear where specific drains are blocked so that these can be targeted.

### **ii) Traffic Calming on Bleasby Road**

There is ongoing concern re speeding along Bleasby Road, especially as the pathway is very narrow in certain areas.

Cllr Ross undertook to look at this in detail and provide information about what might be possible to improve the situation.

### **iii) Parking on The Hollows**

This will be considered as part of the above.

## **c) Communications**

### **i) D day 80**

No special arrangements are in place at this time.

## **d) Environment**

### **i) The Mammoth – adoption by Thurgarton Parish Council**

*This was discussed early in the meeting to accommodate representative of Hoveringham Vintage Vehicle Association.*

Members approved Thurgarton Parish Council taking over the mammoth, and assuming all responsibility for it. A dowery will come with ownership, and ongoing costs are expected to be minimal. Clerk will look into adding the mammoth to the Asset Register, informing the Council's insurers, and preparing an agreement to transfer ownership.

Cllr Bryant proposed that Thurgarton PC take over the mammoth, seconded by Cllr Ross, all members in favour.

### **ii) Greening of the village initiative**

Cllr Bryant reported that focus had been on clearing drains, as the wet weather continues. Grass verges have been pushed back to widen village paths for safety, especially where these are regularly walked by residents.

An invoice has been submitted to VIA for their financial input into the Lengthsman scheme. Cllr Bryant advised that there is a need for a dog waste bin along Priory Road. This will cost c£300 + VAT, and she will liaise with VIA re siting. Cllr Bryant proposed that this be approved, seconded Cllr Tsoukatos, all in favour..

A resident has offered to lead a village 'green' group, but will wait until Spring to start it up. It was suggested that this group should be allowed to devise its own programme, but could be supported by the parish council as and when required.

## **e) Village Hall**

Cllr Lewis will invite TCC to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Council was asked if it would consider changing its meeting date to a Wednesday, which would free up the hall on Thursdays. All members agreed that this change would be agreeable. Final decision to be made at a later date.

An Easter Breakfast will be hosted at the village hall on 30 March, and a film night is being planned. An application for a temporary alcohol licence will be made, and the village hall now has a card machine to facilitate easy payment for events when required.

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

The survey deadline had been extended and this resulted in more responses from a wider spectrum of residents, including more families. The provision of a play area was strongly supported. This project is ongoing.

The results will require careful analysis to understand the level of support for various initiatives and this will be looked at over the next few weeks.

The possibility of the Parish Council taking ownership of the war memorial needs further discussion, and will be considered at the next strategy meeting,

A bike channel has been suggested by a resident to be installed along Priory Road, at a cost of around £3,600. This was considered too costly, and of little benefit to many residents. Furthermore, the path is privately owned, and not under the control of Thurgarton Parish Council.

Chair requested that each Councillor consider objectives within their own areas of responsibility, and feed this back to the Council. Cllr Ross will take an overview of objectives proposed with a view to spotting any gaps.

**2024/21 Annual Parish Meeting**

**a) Arrangements, including speakers. Request to TCC to make presentation.**

Various organisations were suggested as possible speakers, and they will be approached to invite them to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in on 23 May 2024.

**2024/21 Date of next meeting: Thursday 28 March 2024.**

**There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.42.**

**Approved as a Correct Record and Signed:**

*Tina Tsoukatos*

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Chair

28 March 2024