# Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On

Thursday 4th February 2021

**Jointly at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh and On-Line (6.30pm start).**

**Present: -** Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates & T Knapton in the hall.

Councillors R Thomas, K Endicott, B Shaw, J Parsons, M Senior & A Martin (vice chair) on line.

Ward Councilor A Napper in the hall.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Before the meeting was called to order the chairman asked the parish councillors to stand for one minute’s silence for former parish councillor Stuart Tennant who sadly passed away recently.

**001/21. February Meeting of the Parish Council.**

The clerk advised that is was current NALC policy that all parish council meetings be conducted on-line due to the risks from Covid-19. Legislation was now in place for on-line meetings up to May 2021. If a live, face to face meeting was to be held then it must, effectively, be paperless and the reason why the live meeting is being held stated in the minutes. We have had to have a hybrid meeting as not all councillors have access to internet, smart phone or email so a hybrid meeting was our only option. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the clerk and all of the required procedures have been undertaken to open the hall safely for Parish Council meetings. We are legally allowed to meet and this is considered as a workplace. The hall would continue to remain closed to the public but a future date for possible opening would be discussed under Matters Arising later in the meeting.

# 002/21. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies received from Councillor G Senior.

**003/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the apology be accepted.**

**004/21. Declaration Of Interest.**

Here were no declarations of interest.

**005/21. Questions From The Public.**

There were no questions from the public.

**006/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st October, 2020.**

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor K Endicott**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 1st October, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**007/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**146/19** – The poor weather has meant that work on the Silverwood Colliery wheel has been put back to the spring. Ward councillor Napper advised that the original colour of the Silverwood wheel was a light blue rim and pink spokes.

**110/19** – Work on the bar shutters has now been completed.

**147/19** – The work on the reduction of the speed limit and installing central crossing reservations has now been completed and it has been advised by RMBC that there is now only a little snagging to be done on road signs. The request for a central crossing near to the country park has been declined again and this issue has been taken up by another member of the community in Thrybergh and he will try to drive this forward.

Councillor Knapton advised that the proximity of the crossing points was causing an issue for St Leonard’s church especially when they have funerals as it is now difficult for cars to stop to allow mourners out. The clerk will relay this information back to RMBC.

**128/19** – The Silverwood Ward funded speed device is now in place on Vale Road. The clerk has again chased RMBC to see when the Thrybergh PC funded device will be placed on Hollings Lane but still no response on this question. The clerk will continue to chase.

**080/20** – The remedial fire work was now complete except for the door in the bin room that needed its hinges replacing and this should be done next week. The fire assessor will then check all work to ensure that everything is in line with current legislation and advise on door stoppers into the main hall and in the cleaning room as these are needed for access even though they are fire doors. We will then look at fire training of councillors, staff and hall hirers for when the hall is re-opened.

**120/20** - Work has now been completed on the section of roof that required repairing. The roof will be checked annually to check its condition.

**121/20** – The repair work to the gentlemen’s toilet has started and there is approx 1 weeks work left to do. We are just awaiting delivery of toilet fittings and then work can recommence.

. **122/20** – The removal and pruning of trees has now been completed on Fullerton fields. The owners affected by the overgrowing trees are delighted with the work carried out.

**114/20** – The chairman advised that we had gone ahead with a low key service on 8th November at the Cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday and thanks were extended to Rev John Barrett for attending and leading the short service. The clerk reported that he stayed at the hall for a couple of hours after the service and there were a great many number of Thrybergh families, especially with young children, who came later to pay their respects. It was a wonderful act from the people of Thrybergh.

The clerk then advised on the outcome of some recent planning applications:-

**3rd December Report** - RB2020/1703 – Removal of oak tree at St Leonard’s Croft – granted conditionally.

**097/20** - RB2020/1264 – Two story and single rear extension at 3 Orchard Villa – granted conditionally.

**5th November Report** - RB2020/1334 – Use of ancillary living accommodation as a holiday let at Grange Farm, Carr Lane – granted conditionally.

**Email advise** - RB2020/1778 – erection of three new houses on Rockland Drive – granted conditionally.

**Email advise** - RB2020/2046 – removal of temporary classroom and erection of new classroom building for Thrybergh Academy, Foljambe Drive. – granted conditionally.

**Items From 3rd December Report.**

Email request - A request by Councillor Thomas for a litter bin to be put on Hollings Lane field to replace the one that was set on fire has now been done and the new bin is in place.

A new bin was also requested to replace the bin stolen from outside Springfield’s shop on Park Lane and it was reported that a new one has now been fitted within the last couple of days.

It was reported that RMBC policy has now changed and these bins can be used for both litter and dog waste.

**080/20** – It was advised that the gate on Hollings Lane was out of action again following trespass onto the pitch over the Christmas period by off road bikes and 4X4 vehicles. The police are aware and are stepping up patrols in Thrybergh and Ravenfield especially around the nature reserve at Silverwood where they are causing a lot of damage. This will be discussed on agenda item 14.

**091/20** – There then followed a discussion relating to the hall and it was decided that we must remain closed until Government advises that we can safely re-open. We will look at this again at the next parish council meeting in March.

**008/21. Police Report.**

The latest crime statistics were given and they show a slight increase on last month’[s figures. The police ‘drop in centres’ to meet the public remain closed but they continue to hold sessions on line. We have received various SYP Alerts which are now being sent direct to councillors. These include a Coronavirus Vaccine scam and it was noted that the NHS will never ask for money or bank details for testing. Patrols remain vigilant in the area for off-road vehicles and bikes have been confiscated and warning given in our area recently. A councillor also advised that there are current on-line scams concerning BT and Talk Talk accounts.

**009/21. Elections 2021.**

The clerk advised that he had attended a RMBC meeting relating to the up-coming elections and the date set was 6th May 2021. However, current COVID regulations will prevent any sort of canvassing or contact so there needs to be a change in lock down rules to allow this happen or we could be faced with another delay of the election date. Because these elections are held over from last year then the term is 3 years only and not the usual 4. The date for start of nominations is 24th March and close of nominations is 4pm of 8th April so the date will soon be upon us. It was also advised that this election will see the introduction of the new ward of Dalton and Thrybergh which will have 2 ward councillors.

**010/21. Bench on Hollings Lane Field**

Councillor Thomas had requested a bench for Hollings Lane as it was a popular place for exercise and a nice place to rest. It was discussed and thought to be a good idea. The clerk was requested to get various quotes for a bench in wood, metal and any sort of ‘green’ equivalent. The choice of bench will then be made at the next meeting.

**011/21. Grant Application from ‘Little Lions Toddler Group on behalf of St Leonard’s Church.**

We have received a request from Little Lions to run a mothers and toddler group at St Leonard’s Church Hall on Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:00am. Obviously, Covid has impacted on the timescale and we understand that a virtual play group is currently being run at the moment. The total project cost for 12 months is £1285 after which the hope it that the group will be self-funded.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas Seconder: Councillor S Shaw**

**Resolved: That a grant of £400 be made to Little Lions Toddler Group.**

**1 against and 1 abstention.**

**012/21. Grant Application from Rotherham Rescue Rangers**

We have received a grant request from Rotherham Rescue Rangers to help with their education programme for cat owners and to trap and neuter and return wild and feral cats.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas Seconder: Councillor B Shaw**

**Resolved: That a grant of £100 be made to Rotherham Rescue Rangers.**

**1 against (Councillor D Bates) and 1 abstention.**

**013/21. Thrybergh Parish Council salt/grit bins**

Thrybergh PC used to have 6 grit bins but one was stolen a couple of years ago. The locations of the 5 PC bins are Doncaster Road (corner of Poplar Avenue), The Paddocks, St Leonards Croft, Gullingwood Drive and Springfield Drive (corner of Clifford Avenue). We had the bins filled just before the snow arrived a couple of weeks ago and all bins were emptied in one day. They have subsequently been refilled and were checked Thursday 4th February and all are now full in anticipation of the snow due to hit us around 6th February. It was asked if we should replace the missing bin which was on Oldgate Lane but there is a bin controlled by RMBC already there so the decision was taken to stay with just the 5 bins. All bins are unmarked and it was suggested that we should stencil them as Thrybergh PC property with salt/grit for use on roads and pavements by the residents of Thrybergh. The clerk will arrange for this to be done. Ward councillor Napper advised that there had been prosecutions for people taking salt from council bins to grit their own drives. The clerk monitors the bins and ensures they are full for the winter.

**014/21. Hollings Lane Football Pitch**

As mentioned in any other business, the gates onto Hollings Lane have been broken again and off-roaders have made a real mess of the pitch. RMBC will look at rectification work when the poor weather finishes. The clerk is to meet the fencing company on Tuesday morning (9th February) to repair the gate and see if there is a more secure method to prevent future damage. A gate will stop the casual trespasser but many of the off-roaders come up from the fields either side of the pitch. The football teams using the pitch have requested a fence and the clerk will ask for a rough cost but we already know this cost will be prohibitive and the field is Trustees land and is for the use of Thrybergh residents to play ball games which will preclude a fence being put around it. The clerk will revert with costs. Photographs of the damage and also damage to the nature reserve were shown to the councillors. A new fence had been put up at the weekend but wrecked within 24 hours. The police are aware and patrols in the area have been increased.

**015/21. Items Of Correspondence**

To consider the following new Correspondence which has been received since the September meeting and to decide actions where necessary.

Letter of thanks for recent grant award to St Leonard’s Church.

**016/21. Items of Report.**

Councillor Shaw advised that he was to attend the upcoming YLCA Branch meeting on 24th February and had recently attended YLCA training on Grievance Procedures and a recent meeting of the YLCA Executive Board. Thrybergh Parish Council has adopted the YLCA Disciplinary and Grievance procedures as recommended by YLCA.

The clerk advised that he had attended several on-line meetings from RMBC relating to Covid Updates, the recent flood warnings following heavy rain, a local council/RMBC liaison update meeting on 12th January, an Election meeting with RMBC on 27th January and several Ward meetings to discuss speed indicator devices on Doncaster Road, Hollings Lane and Vale Road.

**017/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

A councillor had raised the issue of increasing levels of dog mess on Park Lane and the small path leading on to the Pingles estate. The clerk advised that he had been in touch with RMBC and they are to step up patrols by the dog warden, put new markings on the pavement and increase the activities of the enforcement team.

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN INVITED TO LEAVE THE MEETING.**

**018/21. Budget and Precept 2021/22**

The chair advised the council that the budget had been agreed and set at £73,400 and that we would subside this with £5010 from general reserves so that there would not be an increase in the parish council tax rate for the residents of Thrybergh.

The clerk gave proposals for budgeted item’s for next year which included an increase in the budget for hanging baskets to allow for a floral display outside St Leonard’s Church. There were two planters available, a square one at 1m sq at £523.95 and a circular one with a diameter of 850cm at £362.25, The parish council would initially purchase these and then Hobson’s would maintain them as they do with the hanging baskets. There will be a delivery charge and some fixing costs for the planters and cost of flowers approx £100. After discussions it was decided to go with the 1m square planter and 2 baskets at the Church. Councillor Knapton advised that the Church was happy to have the flowers outside the gates and the clerk is just awaiting RMBC to see if we need approval to place the planter.

The chairman advised that the council had been successful in an application to RMBC for a Covid Business Support grant of £7335 which was now received and in our bank.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor B Shaw**

**Resolved: The Council accepts the budget and precept for 2021/22 at £73,400 less £5,010 from reserves to make a precept of £68,390.**

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor J Parsons**

**Resolved: The Council agrees to place a 1 metre square planter outside St Leonard’s Church. The clerk to advise final costs when all is ordered and in place.**

**019/21. Decisions Made Under Delegated Authority Due To Covid-19 Restrictions**

The clerk had been given delegated authority at the last parish council meeting on 1st October to ensure the efficient running of the parish council during the periods when we were unable to meet.

The chair reported that our accounts for 2019/20 had been accepted by the auditors and signed off. They raised the issue that the Total Fixed Assets had remained the same for 2 years (the clerk advised we had actually reported the same figure since 2013/14 when they were adjusted down to take out the old sports pavilion) but he now has to do a full update of our asset list before the year-end which will include having to get a re-evaluation of the hall with a cost of around £500.00. The clerk advised that he had found a re-evaluation from RMBC from 2014 and it was agreed to uses this figure rather than arrange to a full new cost re-evaluation. The RMBC cost from 2014 is £869,600.

When we turned on the heating system at the beginning of winter we discovered that the radiator in the kitchen had a substantial leak. The radiator is to be replaced 11th November at a cost of approx £500. Final cost will depend on whether they can freeze the pipes and replace the radiator of if system needs a full drain.

Accounts for Payment October, November and December to be approved and signed by the chair.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: The Council accepts the approval of the end of year accounts, new radiator in kitchen and the schedule of accounts for October, November and December.**

**020/21. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment January.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the schedule of accounts for payment be approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**021/21 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**No items notified.**

**Date Of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 4th March 2021 starting at 6:30pm.

**Closure of Meeting at 8.12pm.**

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