# Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On

Thursday 4th March 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. Ward Councilor K Albiston on line.

There was one member of the public on line.

**022/21. March 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.

# 023/21. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies received from Councillor G Senior.

**024/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

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

**025/21. Declaration Of Interest.**

Here were no declarations of interest.

**026/21. Questions From The Public.**

The member of the public initially had problems with communicating with the council. The clerk had recently spoken with the member of the public and believed that there were several issues that were going to be raised:-

Three new litter bins have been placed on Doncaster Road as a result of the member of the public contacting RMBC. These bins can be used for litter and dog waste.

The poor condition of the road and pavement of Doncaster Road, we have been in discussions with RMBC and a monthly inspection of Doncaster Road is done by the Borough. The clerk will be meeting with an official on Monday morning 8th March to view and discuss the state of the pavements on-site and the member of the public will be in attendance.

Doncaster Road speed reductions all now in place and all central refuges are in place. There are still discussions on-going into a request for some sort of crossing for Thrybergh Country Park.

The communication problems were then solved and the member of the public asked if it was possible for parish councillors to have generic (i.e. not home) emails so that they can be contacted by email. It was then advised that the first point of contact should always be the clerk and his details are on our website. There is not a requirement for parish councillors to have emails for contact purposes as they are all volunteers. The question has been asked if the parish councillors do want an email address shown on their contact detail on the website and some do and some do not. It is a personal matter for the councillor alone.

**027/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st October, 2020.**

Ward Councillor Napper pointed out a mistake on the Matters Arising – 128/19 referring to speed activated device on Vale Road. The device was funded by Silverwood Ward and not Valley as recorded. The minutes were then amended accordingly.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 4th February, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**028/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**146/19** – We will undertake the repairs to the Silverwood Colliery wheel in the spring.

**128/19** – It was advised that the parish council has now signed up for the speed activated device on Hollings Lane. Cost for this will be £2417.61 and is funded by the parish council. RMBC will fund installation of the camera. It will be solar powered so will be able to fit on any street lamppost or street furniture. We had put £400 into reserve to fund this in the 2018/19 budget.

The Silverwood Ward funded speed device is now in place on Vale Road, there appears to be some doubt if it is actually working and the clerk has written to the Borough to see if the camera is fully active yet and this will be reported on at the next meeting.

**080/20** – The remedial fire work was now complete except for the door in the bin room that needed its hinges replacing and this is expected to be done by 12th March. 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.

**121/20** – The repair work to the gentlemen’s toilet is now ongoing and the new toilet and urinals are just being fitted. Work should be completed within next 7 to 10 days.

**010/21** – Bench on Hollings Lane playing field. This has been discussedwith Ward Councillors to see if any ward funding is available but all funding now spent for 2020/21. We could consider making a new request for next financial year. In the meantime quotes for a steel bench have been requested from Streetmaster as this company has supplied the previous wooden benches for the parish council but prices not received yet. We have also contacted RMBC to see if any regulations apply to placing the bench on the playing fields, to be finalised at next meeting.

**013/21** – The five parish council funded grit bins have all now been marked up with signs advising they are supplied by Thrybergh parish council and with contact details to advise the clerk if empty. All bins recently checked and all effectively full except the one on Doncaster Road and corner of Poplar Avenue which requires a refill. We are just awaiting the invoice from RMBC for filling of the bins twice during the recent snowy weather and the cost will be £530.30 plus VAT; the cost of filling the single bin will be a further £67.77 plus VAT.

**019/21** – The new radiator in the kitchen is fitted and working.

**019/21** – The clerk previously advised that we need to update our Total Fixed Assets for the yearend audit. The parish hall has now been valued at rebuild cost by RMBC at £983,600 (was 869,600 at 15/04/14) and the hall is actually insured for £1,046,824.49. A full update of the parish council asset list will be done by the clerk and caretaker on Wednesday 10th March.

**014/21** – The A recent planned meeting with Kingsforth Security Fencing to look at repairs to the gate on Hollings Lane was cancelled due to the snow and has been re-arranged for Monday 8th March. Cost of repairs and other proposals will then be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council.

**112/20** – Hope Fields, Thrybergh Country Park – work continues on the new park and the proposed layout was shown to the parish council, this is available of the Thrybergh website and the RMBC one too. Ward Councillor Napper advised that the new park will include a purpose built pond to try to encourage an increase in the population of great crested newts. The park is aimed at being hands on and schoolchildren are being involved in a number of the projects which include designing new bird hides. It is not planned to have name plaques for the dead as it wants to be a life affirming park. Golden Rowan trees are planted which have yellow berries rather than red. Work is expected to be completed by end March but an opening date has not yet been set. We have previously agreed to sponsor/supply a bench to the park and we have been in touch with the country park to see how they wish to proceed with this.

**009/21 -** Upcoming elections, planned 6th May 2021 and will only be for 3 years. We are still awaiting details on when application forms for the position of councillor will be available. The clerk will collect and distribute them when they are ready. The chairman advised that under the Prime Minister’s road map to recovery it is going to be possible for a single person to start leafleting and canvassing the public from 8th March and then in groups of 6 from 29th March.

**091/20** – The chairman then went through the details of the roadmap to recovery and how it is applicable to the parish hall for re-opening. It was felt that if the dates hold valid and nothing changes then the hall could possibly re-open for the usual activities i.e. bingo, slimming world, art group, Boxercise and possibly indoor bowling from 17th May onwards. We could not open the bar until all restrictions are removed which, at the moment, is 21st June and this is also providing that there are no further legal impositions on bars etc. Councillors were happy with these dates and it was agreed to update monthly based on the prevailing Government advice at the time.

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**029/21. Police Report.**

The latest crime statistics were given for January and they show a slight increase on December’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 various scams including 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. Ward councillor Napper advised that the police were actively tackling the nuisance caused by off-road vehicles particularly in Thrybergh and the Silverwood nature reserve, they have appointed Ben Partridge and he will cover our area and be active in tackling the off-road problems caused.

**030/21. Grant Application from St Gerard’s Church, Thrybergh.**

We have received a request from St Gerard’s Church for a donation/grant towards the cost of upkeep of the cemetery.

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

**Resolved: That a grant of £500 be made to St Gerard’s Church.**

**031/21. Speaker for Parish Hall with inbuilt Microphone.**

It was reported, following last month’s parish meeting, that a number of people could not hear the councillors in the hall when speaking. It was decided to buy a combined speaker/microphone unit to enable correct communications to take place. The clerk had identified several devices and it was put to the council that we purchase an Emeet Wireless Microphone Office Core M2 at a cost of £154.99.

 **Mover: Councillor R Thomas Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That the Emeet M2 device be purchased at a cost of £154.99.**

**032/21. Items Of Correspondence**

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

(a) Letter of thanks for recent grant award to Little Lions Mother & Toddler Group.

(b) Notification from RMBC regarding availability for free transport for priority groups to inoculation sites.

(c)Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter already forwarded to councillors. Further copies are available upon request.

**033/21. Items of Report.**

Councillor Shaw advised that he had attended YLCA South Yorkshire Branch meeting on 24th February and that the main item was a presentation on green initiatives give by Friends Of The Earth and this presentation has been forwarded to councillors. YLCA is in full support of the proposed green initiatives. He also reported that a Doncaster parish council asked YLCA to liaise with NALC for a national amendment to motoring rules so that all off road vehicles to be fully registered to a listed owner/address and insured, taxed and tested.

The clerk had attended a Rotherham Borough and Local Councils Liaison Meeting on 15th February. This was a Covid Update, report on Hope Fields and a report on Rotherham Community Hub that gives help and advice to those in need and the vulnerable in Rotherham.

**034/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

(a) It was advised that the local football leagues aredue to restart 4th April and all fixtures fulfilled by end June with all cups cancelled. RMBC grounds dept have been advised and they have concerns about such a late finish not leaving enough time for the required summer work to be done and grass sowed and re-grown etc but all pitches are in the same position. Hopefully, everything should be OK

(b)Planning Application RB2021/0372 – this planning issue was raised under AOB as the application only just received and it would be too late to review it in April. Application is for conversion of a garage to living accommodation and single storey side extension at 20 Deer Park Road. No comments or concerns raised by councillors.

(c) Application form to put flower planter on highway outside St Leonard’s Church has been sent to RMBC, we await approval. Ward Councillor Napper advised that he had been contacted by RMBC to see if he had any objections, which he has not.

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

**035/21. Staff Pay Award 2021/22.**

**Mover: Councillor M Senior Seconder: Councillor D Bates**

**Resolved: That the pay rate for staff for 2021/22 be increased to £9:25 per hour.**

**036/21. Bar Staff Pay Award 2021/22.**

**Mover: Councillor T Knapton Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That the pay rate for bar staff for 2021/22 be increased to £9:25 per hour.**

**Mover: Councillor M Senior Seconder: Councillor K Endicott**

**Resolved: That the pay rate for bar manager for 2021/22 be increased to £11.75 per hour.**

**037/21. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment February.

**Mover: Councillor T Knapton Seconder: Councillor K Endicott**

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

**038/21 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**It was requested to add report of staffing committee to next parish council agenda; this will be to report on the clerk’s end of year appraisal.**

**Date Of Next Meeting**

T**he date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be Thursday 1st April** (starting at 6:00pm) **which will be immediately followed by the next Parish Council meeting** (starting at 6.30pm).

**Closure of Meeting at 8:57pm.**

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