# Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council

# held On Thursday 13th May 2021

**at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start).**

**Present: -** Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates, G Senior, M Senior, T Knapton, R Thomas, K Endicott, B Shaw, J Parsons & A Martin (vice chair).

Also present: Ward Councillor Michael Sylvester.

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting began with the current Chairman welcoming the new councillors following their re-election and also offered congratulations to the new Ward Councillors for Dalton & Thrybergh, Michael Sylvester (Independent) and Joanna Baker-Rogers (Labour). Ward Councillor Baker-Rogers was unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to shielding procedures.

**058/21. Appointment of Chairman** **of the Council.**

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

**Resolved: That Councillor G L Trickett be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.**

**059/21. Appointment of Vice Chairman** **of the Council.**

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor G Senior**

**Resolved: That Councillor A Martin be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.**

**060/21. Committees of the Parish Council**

The Hall Committee is currently Councillors G L Trickett, A Martin, M Senior and T Knapton.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor J Parsons**

**Resolved: That the four Councillors continue on the Hall Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.**

The Staff Committee is currently Councillors G L Trickett, A Martin, D Bates, M Senior and G Senior.

**Mover: Councillor T Knapton Seconder: Councillor R Thomas**

**Resolved: That the five Councillors continue on the Staff Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.**

The Standing Orders Committee is currently Councillors G L Trickett, A Martin and D Bates.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor R Thomas**

**Resolved: That the three Councillors continue and that Councillor M Senior is added to the Standing Orders Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.**

# 061/21. Apologies For Absence.

There were no apologies.

**062/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

There were no apologies.

**063/21. Declaration Of Interest.**

Councillor Parsons expressed an interest in agenda item 20 (planning application RB2021/0688 extension on The Paddocks) and would not be taking part in any discussions.

**064/21. Questions From The Public.**

There were no questions from the public.

**065/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st April 2021.**

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

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

**066/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**146/19 Silverwood Colliery Wheel** - the second builder contracted to renovate the Wheel has now declined to start work so a new builder has been contracted. Paul West Builders plans to start work on renovation, weather permitting, next week and both Dalton and Ravenfield parish councils have agreed to this. The plaque on the memorial is damaged so this will need replacing when the renovation work has been completed. The clerk will find out the sort of replacement and bring it to Council.

**128/19 Speed Activated Device for Hollings Lane** - It was advised that the parish council has now signed up for the speed activated device on Hollings Lane and that the order has been placed by RMBC. Unfortunately, the lead time is rather extended and the Borough will install the device as soon as it is delivered. The clerk will update council of progress.

**080/20 Parish Hall Fire Assessment** – The new fire assessment took place on 14th April and several issues were raised and are in the process of being resolved.

New fire door stickers required both sides of bar – work now done.

Gas hob in kitchen to be part of annual gas safety check – Test now done by Force contracts passed OK and added to annual service requirement carried out in January of each year.

5 year PAT testing of all fixed wiring was completed last year. Annual PAT test for all plugged items took place 11/05/21 by Ryan Askew Electrical and all passed..

An electrical socket in the kitchen needs to be moved as it is too close to the sink. Work will be done Friday 14th May.

Use of extension lead for broadband unit, extender and telephone in committee room deemed a trip hazard. Ryan Askew Electrical to run spur off the electrical point behind the door and a shelf to be fitted in corner to hold electrical equipment. CJB Joiners to fit shelf next week..

Void in boiler room – work to be done by Chris Ward to fill the small hole in the inner wall. Will be done next week, w/c 17th May.

Doors in corridor & cellar just need snagging.

One door voids need filling with fire retardant material.

New door holding devices for main door, hall side door and cleaning room door now fitted, legal requirement. Cost £852. All work covered by previous minutes to complete essential repairs and improvements.

Leaking fire extinguisher replaced – cost £95.

Fire training will be done when hall is re-opened.

**121/20 Men’s Toilet Renewal** – the clerk advised that the builder contracted to renovate the men’s toilets has done approx 50% of the work but has not been back to the hall to complete the work since the very end of January despite numerous promises to return. He has now stopped taking calls and messages from us. We have another company visiting on Monday 17th May to look at the work to be done. When we have his quote the clerk with take it to the Chairman and council but authority was given to proceed if the quote falls within the specified budget or even over by up to £1500.

**010/21 Bench on Hollings Lane Field** – fitting of the bench has been delayed as all local manufacturers and builders are very busy at the moment. Hibbard Works has confirmed that the bench will be in place either end of next week (21st of May) or early the week after (by 26th May).

**014/21 Covert Camera for Hollings Lane Field** – Substantial repairs to the gate and locking system with a new reinforced base for the locking bolts plus heavy duty padlock has increased the security of the playing field. The order for the camera has now been placed with Gough & Kelly and they have an office in Riverside House. Just awaiting confirmation of order with the date the camera will be put in place. This will be monitored by RMBC with real time information relayed to the police.

**055/21 Fence on Fullerton Fields** – order placed with Kingsforth Security Fencing. Lead times are very extended at the moment with delivery currently seven to eight weeks but they will try to put up the fence in three to four weeks.

**112/20 Sponsored Bench at Hope Fields, Thrybergh Country Park** – it was advised that the bench would fit into the existing scheme of the fields and the plan was for it to be sculptured from a block of stone rather than a traditional wooden or metal bench. A budget of £500 to £750 has been given to Kevin Burke at the Country Park and he will advise on design and progress of the bench shortly.

**034/21 - Update on Planning Application RB2021/0372 garage conversion and infill extension at 20 Deer Park Road**– the application has been refused by RMBC with extension being longer than allowed. A new and amended application has been resubmitted this week.

**047/21 Flying the Flag Of St George** – the Chairman advised that he had received very positive feedback from the Thrybergh community for fly the flag of St George on 23rd April. Several councillors commented that they had all received favourable comments too.

**091/20 Reopening of the Parish Hall** – the Chairman advised that we were initially considering a partial reopening of the hall on Monday 17th May in line with the last Government advice beginning with bingo, slimming world, art group, Boxercise and possibly indoor bowling. However, the latest advice is rather mixed with worries about the spread of the Kent variation and now the introduction of the Indian variant. After a great deal of discussion and deliberation is was decided that we would not open on the 17th May and would discuss the matter again at the June parish council meeting. Hopefully, the situation would be clearer then and the effect of the new variants a little better understood.

**067/21. Police Report.**

The latest crime statistics were given for March which showed a considerable increase for both Rotherham North and Thrybergh with the two largest categories for both areas being Violence & Sexual Offences and Anti-Social Behaviour.

The police ‘drop in centres’ to meet the public remain closed but they continue to hold sessions on line including frequent ‘Brew With A Bobby Sessions’ which allows for member of the public to raise issues and concerns etc.

The Chairman advised of a recent theft of a BMX bicycle close to where he lives and Ward Councillor Sylvester also advised of recent incidents with local youths causing concerns in the village and this has resulted in police involvement.

The police profile on off-roaders remains high and they are actively targeting this anti-social behaviour and it was stressed that members of the public should report all issues so that the police can build up a profile of where and when most of the issues are occurring.

Ward Councillor Sylvester also advised that there have been improvements in reporting issues on crime number 101. There is now a facility to leave a message so the police will call back rather than having to stay on the line for upwards of 30-minutes.

**068/21. Parish Council Benches at Cemetery & outside St Leonard’s Church**.

The clerk advised that the 5 benches in the cemetery and two outside St Leonard’s Church had been repaired/renovated and repainted by CJB Joiners. The cost of the benches at the cemetery was £290 and outside the Church £60.

The clerk also advised that an order for seven brass plates stating ‘Donated By Thrybergh Parish Council’ has been placed with MS Sport at a cost of £30 each so £210 in total and he would arrange to have them fitted to the benches when they were ready.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor J Parsons**

**Resolved: That the renovation work at a cost of £350 be approved.**

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

**Resolved: That the new plaques be purchased at a cost of £210.**

**069/21.Renewal of Membership of Community First Yorkshire for 2021/22.**

**Mover: Councillor B Shaw Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the parish council renew subscription to Community First Yorkshire 2021/22 at a rate of £35 per annum.**

**070/21. Repair and Renewal of the Bench on Thrybergh Lane.**

The clerk advised that this bench had originally been placed on Thrybergh Lane by Rotherham Borough Council and not the parish Council. We had advised the Borough that the surrounding vegetation had been cut back and the bench and step opened up again by someone from the Thrybergh community and that the people of Thrybergh wanted the bench renewing. The site has been visited by Borough engineers and they have condemned the bench, concrete steps and location as being unsafe due to the steepness of the steps and location i.e. there is not a pavement and the steps lead directly onto the road with blind bends on either side. Because of the factors the bench will be removed by RMBC. They have agreed to replace it with a new bench but not in this location and a more suitable location needs to be found and advised to RMBC. We had suggested the entrance to the Country Park on Thrybergh Lane but this was also deemed unsuitable. The issue was discussed by the Council and placement near the brook on the other side of the road was suggested. The clerk will give this location to the Borough and will revert if this is unsuitable too.

**071/21. The Use of Bouncy Castles in the Parish Hall.**

Council had previously passed the use of bouncy castles but with the proviso that it was looked at again once the floor had been renewed. The clerk advised that these inflatable structures do damage the veneer and cause scratches and markings that are almost impossible to buffer out. The issue was discussed long and hard with the pros and cons of both scenarios but the fact that the Council had just spent £2695 on the floor effectively decided the matter.

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

**Resolved: That the parish council would not allow the use of Bouncy Castles either in the hall or on parish council land due to Health & Safety issues.**

**Nine in favour, one abstention.**

**072/21. CIL Payment From RMBC for Chester Hill and Whinnyhill Redevelopment.**

It was advised that Thrybergh Parish Council had received a payment from RMBC of £1338 for the new developments at Chester Hill and Whinnyhill. The clerk advised that this money was specifically for projects in the local area and, if unused after 5 years, would need to be returned to RMBC. Several items were discussed but Councillor Thomas advised that she had recently received requests from residents in that area for a grit bin especially after the recent heavy snows. The clerk advised that there used to be one located near to Townend Avenue but this had vandalised and never replaced.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the parish council would purchase a new grit/salt bin for the Oldgate Lane area.**

**073/21. To Consider A Request from a Member of the Thrybergh Public for Two Benches on Fullerton Fields.**

The council considered the request and thought that one bench would be sufficient for the time being.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the parish council would use part of the CIL money to fund a bench. The clerk to place the order with Hibbard Works with expected cost of £1030.**

**074/21.Appointment of Representative to YLCA South Yorkshire Branch 2021/22.**

Councillor Ben Shaw is currently our representative at the YLCA and he advised he wanted to continue in this role.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That Councillor Ben Shaw is nominated to be our Representative on the YLCA South Yorkshire Branch 2021/22.**

**075/21. New Microwave Oven for the Parish Hall Kitchen.**

It was reported that we have received a number of requests from regular users of the hall for the use of a microwave oven in the kitchen. Council discussed this and agreed that we should have a microwave for the use of hirers and Parish Council staff.

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

**Resolved: That the Parish Council purchase a microwave oven at a cost of £89.00.**

**076/21. Planning Application RB/2021/0448.**

First floor side extension at 4B St Leonard’s Avenue.

Application discussed and no objection from the Parish Council

**077/21. Planning Application RB2021/0688.**

Two storey and first floor front extension at 15 The Paddocks.

Application discussed and no objection from the Parish Council

**078/21. Planning Application RB/2021/0876**.

Erection of a new single storey teaching block at Thrybergh Fullerton Church Of England Primary School.

Application discussed and no objection from the Parish Council

**079/21. Items Of Correspondence**

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

(a) Rotherham North Neighbourhood Newsletter.

(b) May Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

**080/21. Items of Report.**

Councillor Shaw he had attended a meeting of YLCA where the issue of Zoom meetings was discussed and YLCA was disappointed that the legislation to allow them had now ended. YLCA will continue to lobby for the use of Zoom meetings and this is in line with the thoughts of many Town and Parish Councils throughout the country.

The clerk had attended a Rotherham Borough and Local Councils Liaison Meeting on 17th March. The major items advised/discussed were that most cases of Covid in Rotherham are the new Kent variation. Levels of infection are dropping but are still higher than national average. This is mainly because we have traditional industries in South Yorkshire which means working from home is not a possibility for a big section of our workforce leading to people working in close proximity to each other therefore allowing the infection to spread more easily. Some libraries re-opened on limited times in 21st April. A number remain closed due to refurbishments. Riverside library likely to reopen July 21. Civic Theatre remains closed with redevelopment work meaning it will not open until September. Open water swimming at Manvers and Thrybergh re-started 12th April and Clifton Museum plans to reopen 17th May

**081/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

The clerk advised that there is an opportunity for Parish Councils to contribute to the setting of ward priorities. Any thoughts or ideas can be sent to the clerk, the Ward Councillors or Janice Curran at the Borough Council.

YLCA are running a new councillors course which will be on-line and is set for Tuesday 18th May from 6pm to 9pm. Cost is £48 per candidate. Contact the clerk if interested in attending.

Next Local Councils Liaison meeting is Tuesday 25th May at 3pm and the clerk will attend.

The Chairman then asked Ward Councillor Sylvester about the poor state of Oldgate Lane and the potholes. It was advised that the road is down for repairs in this year’s roadwork’s programme which will also include three central crossing islands.

There have also been issue with wheeled bins being stolen and, apparently, if they are replaced more than twice then they have to be paid for. However, if a crime number is issued then it looks like this ruling does not apply.

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

**082/21. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment April.

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

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

**083/21. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

Councillor Parson advised that there was a water leak in the middle of the road on Vale Road near the parish hall. It was noted that this was a common issue and that the clerk would raise the issue with the Borough Council

**Date Of Next Meeting**

T**he date of the next parish council meeting will be Thursday 3rd June** (starting at 6:00pm.

**Closure of Meeting at 8:25pm.**

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