

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council  
held On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start).**

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

Also present were Ward Councillor M Bennett-Sylvester and Nick Ward (Place and Quality Manager, RMBC) and Rob Harbourne from Sanctuary plus two members of the public.

Ward Councillor Baker-Rogers was unable to attend due to other engagements.

**162/21. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies received from councillor G Senior and B Shaw.

**163/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

**Mover:** Councillor D Bates

**Seconded:** Councillor A Martin

**Resolved:** That the apologies be accepted by the parish council.

**164/21. Declaration Of Interest**

Councillor Knapton declared an interest in Agenda Item 9, donation request from St Leonard's Church.

The Chair then advised that there was a change in the Agenda and that item 10 (New Estate on Whinney Hill) was to be brought forward to item 6 to suit Mr Ward and Mr Harbourne.

**165/21. Questions From The Public.**

A member of the public advised that he believed that certain communities were being excluded from events within Thrybergh and that he and others were concerned about why organisations like RotherFed were using the parish hall for meetings etc but the public were not allowed to attend and it was also raised that a recent skip day was only for the use of a certain area in Thrybergh. The Chair then advised that these were all Borough related matters and outside the scope of the parish Council. Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester did respond on behalf of the Borough by stating that the RotherFed meetings were for specific issues only and that they were only being held in the parish hall due to the Springfield Centre being out of action following the recent flooding. Similarly, the skip day was targeted for a council housing area clean up and was actually funded by council housing rents so the skip was not available to the general public. It was hoped that, should funding allow, there may be a skip day in Thrybergh in the future.

**166/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

**Mover:** Councillor A Martin

**Seconded:** Councillor T Knapton

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**167/21 New Estate Being Built on Whinney Hill to be Re-Branded as Silverwood Hill.**

The parish council had heard that there was a plan to rebrand the new development on Whinney Hill as Silverwood Hill which was of great concern to the council and residents of Thrybergh. As such, conversations were held with Ward Councillor Sylvester and as a result Nick Ward from RMBC and Rob Harbourne from Sanctuary were then invited to the parish council meeting to discuss the matter. The rationale behind the naming of the development as Silverwood Hill was given and then the various councillors outlined why it was wished that the old name of Whinney Hill be retained, it was also explained that the parish council had no wish to change any of the planned street names for the development. All parties were fully involved in the discussion and it was agreed that the name of the area would continue to remain as Whinney Hill. The parish council then thanked Mr Ward and Mr Harbourne for their time and effort in attending this evening's meeting.

**168/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**146/19. Silverwood Colliery Wheel** – It was announced that the new plaque was being fitted next week by West Direct Build and this was being done free of charge. The clerk will send a letter of thanks from the Parish Council.

**080/20. Parish Hall Fire Assessment** – the second training session took place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so all training is now complete. Further training will take place as and when necessary.

**113/21. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022** – Councillor J Chambers was added to the sub-committee to look at events for the jubilee. A meeting of the committee has not yet happened but they will meet shortly and



then provide updates as and when there are developments. The committee will also liaise with the ward councillors so that they are fully aware of any developments within the Borough.

092/21 – Update on Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group and the Colliery Wheel. The date for the Pop Up Museum to visit Thrybergh Parish Hall is Sunday 5th December which will feature a sizeable and ever growing collection of exhibits and refreshments will be available for purchase.

**152/21 - Remembrance Sunday.** Everything now sorted. The church service in the hall is being taken by Revd. Julie Bacon and Thrybergh resident Jenny Holbrook has come forward and said she will play cornet for Last Post and Reveille and Elizabeth Bentley will play the organ during the church service. The hall will be open from 10am and the service will commence at 10:15 to around 10:45pm then outside to the Cenotaph.

I have placed order with local BL representative Cheryl Jones for the Wreath.

The risk assessment has been done, we will have a sanitation station outside and fire marshalls and event stewards identified. Cllr K Endicott is a qualified First Aider and will be on standby should his services be required. Cllr Sylvester has advised that he is unable to attend but the ward councillors will be represented by Charla Sapey, she attends Thrybergh Academy and is on the litter picking team.

**158/21 – Dick Wittington Pantomime at the Parish Hall.** Everything now booked, posters up and information in the Advertiser, on our website and displayed on the notice board. Prices have been set at £2 for adults and free for children to include tea/coffee/biscuits/pop/crisps/small sweetie bag. As this is a parish council promotion then tickets are primarily for Thrybergh residents but we can throw it further afield if ticket sales are not as brisk as expected. Volunteers will be required for crowd control and to serve refreshments etc.

**Update on planning application RB2021/1781** – single storey extension at 3 Orchard Villa, Park Lane. This application has been refused by RMBC.

#### **169/21. Police Report.**

The latest crime statistics were given for September which shows 55 incidents in Thrybergh. For reference, April was 47, May was 40, June was 42, July was 49 and August was 49 incidents. It was advised that the recent survey conducted by Rotherham North police had shown what residents three biggest concerns were and the key priorities for the police over the next month are speeding vehicles, drug taking/dealing and fly tipping/rubbish. Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester said that there has been under-reporting of crime levels in the past in our area and there is now a push to ensure all crimes are reported which should lead to an increase in the statistic but this not necessarily mean that crime levels are increasing, just more reporting.

#### **170/21. Request For Donation/Grant for St. Leonard's Church.**

The parish council has received a request from St Leonard's Church for a donation/grant towards the upkeep of the cemetery on Thrybergh Lane.

There were two proposals:-

**Mover: Councillor J Parson**

**Seconded: Councillor A Martin**

**That Thrybergh Parish Council awards a grant of £500 to St. Leonard's Church.**

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconded: Councillor M Senior**

**That Thrybergh Parish Council awards a grant of £600 to St. Leonard's Church.**

**There were 2 votes for proposal 2 and 5 votes for proposal 1 with 1 against so proposal 1 was carried .**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council awards a grant of £500 to St Leonard's Church for help towards the upkeep of Thrybergh cemetery.**

It was advised after the vote that the grass and hedges are cut 5 or 6 times per year in the cemetery. Unfortunately, the church only has a congregation of around 30 and these are mainly pensioners so financial grants and donations are a major help and greatly appreciated by the parish church.

#### **171/21 Parish Accounts for 2020/21.**

We have now received the invoice for the Internal Auditors report from Richard Bellamy.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin**

**Seconded: Councillor R Thomas**

**Resolved: That the invoice for £360 from Richard Bellamy for internal auditing services be approved.**

#### **172/21. Items of Correspondence**

To consider the following new Correspondence received and decide action where necessary.

1 White Rose Update 01/10/21.

2 YLCA Training Bulletin November 2021.

3 WEA (Women On The Land)

4 Dalton & Thrybergh Neighbourhood Update.

5 First South Yorkshire Bus Changes from 30/10/21.

6 RMBC – JWA between Rotherham Borough Councils and Local Councils. For Standards Committee approval.



### **173/21. Items of Report.**

The Chair expressed his thanks to Ward Councilor Bennett-Sylvester for passing on the parish hall details to other parties and we are now seeing a higher level of enquiries. He then advised that he had been in conversation with staff from Alexander Nursing Home and they told him that it had previously been agreed that they could use the hall if there were problems with events etc at their own building. This was put to the parish council and everyone agreed that this agreement should remain in place. It was also advised that we have received more enquiries for the hall and bookings were going very well.

Ward Councilor Bennett-Sylvester gave his ward council report:-

#### **Policing**

I've had the bittersweet task of writing to the clerk this week informing him that PCSO Des Jenkinson who has served our area so well has been awarded the title of PCSO of the year for South Yorkshire Police. It was an honour to support his nomination and heart breaking to learn at the same time he will not be returning to duties due to terminal cancer. I'm sure members will join me in holding Des in our thoughts and prayers and that he is a worthy winner of the award as a truly inspirational public servant. Unfortunately I've been informed that the Thursday police surgery in Thrybergh will not be resuming. I have offered the neighbourhood police team use of my surgeries even if only occasionally and hope to report some progress on this soon. It appears though that some surgeries have taken place in Brampton Bierlow and Harley so this issue will be taken up with the police again.

The clerk and chair added that the parish councillors were pleased about the award to Des but saddened to hear the news about his illness. He has been a solid, reliable and valuable member of our community for years and his presence in the village will be missed. It was requested that the clerk send a letter of congratulations for the award and to express our sorrow at his illness.

#### **"Making Our Money Go Further"**

"Making Our Money Go Further" Is a campaign run by RotherFed in conjunction with Citizen's Advice. They will be sharing my surgery in Thrybergh for the first time on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>. I find many villagers struggle to access services online or over the telephone and this is the first in trying to provide some face to face advice. This campaign allows those struggling with personal finances to access help and advice services that deal with helping with budgeting to practical steps on saving on energy bills. If members know of anybody struggling then if they attend surgeries then I can ensure a referral for help remotely.

#### **Youth Services**

Members have expressed desires for improvements in local youth services and the desire for a local youth club. This month I've been working with early years and children's services to ensure better co-ordination with local groups such as the Purple Gloves BoxFit and Little Lions Group that the Parish Council has generously funded. The aim is to make sure that young people can be advised on where to find activities and for the Little Lions where parents can find.

While provision of full youth clubs are a long way off I've been having discussions with a group who provide SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Youth Clubs and am happy to announce that though not in Thrybergh they will be starting a club in Dalton hopefully at the same time as the parish council meeting. The club caters for SEND children and young people aged 0 to 25 and their families and using my Community Leadership Fund I have funded some of their set up costs. If members know any local children or families that would benefit the club will be meeting on Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm in Dalton Parish Hall and I can gladly provide contact details for anybody who needs them.

The chair then asked if it was possible to look into the possibility of a youth club starting in the hall again which Cllr Bennett-Sylvester will do but it has to be acknowledged that there simply is not enough money to go around.

#### **Community Garden**

I know Cllr Chambers has enquired with the clerk about this. I've been working with Network Rail to get access to land at the end of Vale Road on which we had a very successful community clean up day. The various litter picking groups across the area have constituted themselves into a Friends Of Green Spaces Group and are currently going through the process to get a community license in place from Network Rail to look after the land. Once this is in place Network Rail will cut back the vegetation and handover the land for the group to manage. The group will have the ability to draw on many funding streams we miss out on locally and will aim to develop the land for community usage along the successful lines of the Goldthorpe project that some members are aware of. I'm sure the group will approach the parish council at some point for funding and if any members would like to help with their work I will gladly put you in touch.

#### **Community skip day**

This was held on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> on the St Leonard's estate and paid for out of the housing revenue account (council house rents). To maximise the impact housing officers worked with residents with problem



gardens and difficulties in removing large items. A focus was placed on clearing weeds and other overgrown vegetation. Budget restraints mean we can afford three of these per year but members I hope will appreciate that is across Dalton, East Herringthorpe and Thrybergh and will need to be carefully targeted for maximum effect. This skip was funded through council house rents so was not available for the general public. A skip day for the full community is being looked at but, again, it is an issue of finance.

#### Speed Survey

As a result of a constituent surgery case I'm happy to report there will be a 24/7 traffic survey on Park Lane in the new year looking particularly at driver behaviour on walk to school routes for primary aged children. The survey will be able to report on vehicle types, direction of travel and average speeds of vehicles and will provide evidence of the nature of driving in the area.

#### 174/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.

The clerk advised that the closing date for the role of Community Safety Volunteer for SY Police has been extended 7<sup>th</sup> November and that we have the email address if anyone wishes to apply.

RMBC has sent a new a new code of conduct to cover RMBC and Parish Councils which is based on and follows the NALC policy that we have already adopted. The clerk will study it further and then discuss it with the standards committee before it is brought back to the council.

With reference to the two teams using the Hollings Lane pitch, we have now found out that East Herringthorpe FC has actually folded owing money to former club officials. We have got 1 gate key back and the former secretary is trying to locate the second key. We will need to find a second team for the 2021/22 football season.

We have been advised by RMBC of a fly tipping incident in Round Wood where a three piece suite has been discarded 100m down the public footpath. Normally, it would have to be removed at the Parish Councils cost but RMBC has done it for us as it is actually a right of way and therefore comes under the Borough jurisdiction.

Cllr Parson has asked us to investigate turning over a car parking space at the parish hall for electric vehicles. The cost of fitting is £1000 to £1500 with a Govt grant of up to £350 available if it is for employee use only but not for members of the public. We have 13 parking spaces and 1 disabled bay. If funded by Parish Council then we would have to pay the electrical costs and then invoice the user with payment through credit card or designated user card. We do not have the infrastructure to offer this service i.e. we would have to invoice, chase payment etc. Also, to meet legal requirements then the charging point would have to be exclusively for Thrybergh residents but how would you stop a non resident using it. A short debate then took place and it was felt that if a full roll out of electrical vehicles is to happen then the Government needs to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place.

The clerk then advised that West Direct Build had looked at the boiler in the hall corridor and that we needed to make changes to the door and move the electrical point to ensure better access to the ladies toilets. Full costs could not be given until the door frame is moved but it was expected that costs would be in the £700/800 range.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin**

**Seconded: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That modifications to the door, surrounding area and moving the power point to be done immediately by West Direct Build with finalized invoice to be approved at the next meeting.**

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

#### 175/21. Accounts For Payment.

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment September.

**Mover: Councillor M Senior**

**Seconded: Councillor T Knapton**

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

#### 176/21. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

No matters were raised for inclusion.

#### Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next parish council meeting will be Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, starting at 6:30pm.

**Closure of Meeting at 8:38pm.**

Chairman .....

