

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council  
held On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start).**

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

Ward Councillors M Bennett-Sylvester & J Baker-Rogers unable to attend due to other engagements.

There was one member of the public present.

**143/21. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies received from councillor M Senior.

**144/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

The apology was accepted by the parish council.

**145/21. Declaration Of Interest**

There were no Declarations Of Interest.

**146/21. Questions From The Public.**

No questions.

**147/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.**

**Mover:** Councillor D Bates

**Seconder:** Councillor T Knapton

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**148/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**146/19. Silverwood Colliery Wheel** – the new plaque is ready and awaiting delivery which has been promised for w/e 8<sup>th</sup> October. The plaque will be fitted as soon as it is delivered.

**128/19. Speed Activated Device for Hollings Lane** – Now fitted in place and working.

**080/20. Parish Hall Fire Assessment** – All work has now been completed in the hall and the first training session completed. The clerk is in the process of organising the second training session which will be in the evening in the next couple of weeks.

**Mover:** Councillor J Parsons

**Seconder:** Councillor A Martin

**Resolved:** That the invoice for fire training at £473.50 plus VAT be approved.

**014/21. - Covert Camera for Hollings Lane Field** – The camera is now in place and is working. Some tress on Hollings Lane could possibly obscure part of the camera picture. RMBC currently looking at land registry to check on ownership of the trees.

**112/20. Bench for Hope Fields** – Stone selected at Ulley quarry and should be delivered in November. Discussions with stone mason have been made and would expect bench to be ready early in the New Year.

**070/21. Bench on Thrybergh Lane** – still looking at new suitable location. Cllr Sylvester still to speak with owners of the property next to BT building on Doncaster Road. Other option is near Country Park.

**113/21. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022** - It was decided last month that we would set up a sub-committee to oversee planning and events for the Platinum Jubilee and this will comprise Councillors Martin and Parsons and Cllr. Thomas now added to the committee. Updates will be done on a monthly basis.

**092/21. Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group** – The clerk has located the original documents and the agreement is between Ogden Group and Thrybergh Parish Council. Planning permission for the wheel was given 13/02/2013 with a 25 year licence therefore it expire 2038 (17 years time). The agreement states:- Thrybergh Parish Council is the Licensee. The licence covers the wheel and base only. We can be asked to move the wheel at any time. We cannot erect any building or structure other than the wheel and base. We are not allowed to cut or injure any bushes or trees on the premises. Not allowed to conduct any trade or business or develop car parking. Licence cannot be re-assigned.

This means that we are not allowed any development and the agreement expires in 17 years.

It was agreed that a copy of the licence would be sent to Neil Bingham, the ward councillors and the clerks at Ravenfield and Dalton parish council.



**117/21. Hall fans** – We have now received the invoice from RSY (Air Conditioning) for cleaning of the two fans in the main hall plus all of the other fans in the hall.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That Thrybergh Parish accept the invoice from RSY (Air Conditioning) for £137.85 plus VAT.**

**140/21. Parish Hall Gas & Electricity supply.** It was advised that we have now signed a three year deal for the supply of gas and electricity to the parish hall. The cost is marginally higher per unit than the previous three year deal but was signed before the current increases planned for the autumn and, more importantly, next year are implemented.

**134/21. Drainage at the parish hall.** All of the drainage work has now been completed by Merlin Utilities & Groundworks Ltd.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin**

**Seconder: Councillor G Senior**

**Resolved: That Thrybergh Parish accept the invoice from Merlin Utilities for £1300 plus VAT.**

**136/21. Update on Planning Application RB2021/1375.** The application for the erection of new dwelling at Annandale, Doncaster Road. RMBC has refused due to vehicle access and the property overlooking other dwellings in the vicinity.

**121/20. Men's Toilet Renovation.** As advised previously, we had inadvertently fitted Cllr Endicott's boxing mirrors in the men's toilet and we therefore needed to purchase new mirrors as replacement.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin**

**Seconder: Councillor G Senior**

**Resolved: That Thrybergh Parish purchase new mirrors for the boxing club at £100.**

#### **149/21. Police Report.**

The latest crime statistics were given for July and August. July shows an increase to 49 incidents and it is 56 for August. For reference it was 42 in June, 40 in May and 47 in April. Once again, the police are concentrating on off-road vehicles, speeding and drugs. It was stressed that all incidents should be reported to the police.

#### **150/21. Appointment of New Councillor**

To consider, approve and co-opt Janet Chambers to Thrybergh Parish Council.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates**

**Seconder: Councillor R Thomas**

**Resolved: That the parish council co-opt Janet Chambers onto Thrybergh Parish Council.**

#### **151/21. RMBC Proposal to Implement 20mph Speed Limit on Various Roads in Thrybergh**

The parish council discussed the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on Poplar Avenue, Rockland Drive, Pingles Crescent, Bellscroft Avenue, Goosecroft Avenue, Royds Close Crescent, Crofts Drive, Garbroads Crescent, Fullerton Crescent, Stacey Drive, Park Lane Court and Top Tree Way. It was felt that this was a positive move and would be a real benefit to safety and the parish council was in favour of the proposal.

#### **152.21. Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Both Reverends John Barrett and John Hibbard who have covered the last two events are unavailable for this year. Area Dean Phil Batchford has put us in touch with Revd. Julie Bacon and she will lead this year's service. We have a meeting arranged at the parish hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October to sort out the order of service and hymns etc. It will most probably be that the service starts at around 10:15am to conclude 10:45/50am so that we can go outside for the usual Cenotaph service of prayers, laying of wreaths etc. Elizabeth Bentley will play the organ for us but Ruth Gardiner who played the cornet in 2019 is not available this year. We are now looking for an alternative and it was suggested that we approach the local brass bands. The clerk will revert with info when we have found a bugler. We have ordered our wreath, as usual, from the local BL representative and this will be delivered in October and we will also put a BL collection box on the kitchen counter. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall with our usual volunteers helping to serve.

The Risk Assessment has been updated for 2021. We need an outdoor hand sanitation and masks/gloves available in the hall if required. A designated staff member will be on hand to act as Safety Marshall.

We currently pay £25 for the organist and £25 for the bugler and it was felt by council that these rates are still valid and do not require amendment.

#### **153/21. Parish Accounts for 2020/21.**

It was reported that the accounts had been approved and signed off by the auditors PKF Littlejohn.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the invoice for £400 plus VAT from PKF Littlejohn for accounting services be approved.**



#### **154/21. - Parish Alarm System.**

It was reported that the alarm has been sounding in the night causing distress to nearby residents. PN Alarms investigated and replaced a faulty sensor.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconded: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the invoice for £95 plus VAT from PN Alarms be approved.**

#### **155/21. Planning Application RB/2021/1831**

The council considered the retrospective application for erection of a garden shed at 27 Springfield Drive, Thrybergh. The shed is already erected and the council had no comments to make.

#### **156/21. Items of Correspondence**

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

- 1 - White Rose Update 10/09/21.
- 2 - YLCA Training Bulletin October 2021.
- 3 - YLCA Law & Governance Report 03/09/21.
- 4 - Neighbourhood Watch Report September 2021.
- 5 - NALC Local Nature recovery Strategies 07/09/21.
- 6 - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) are to be renamed Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).
- 7 - Rotherham & Barnsley Mind – Armed Forces and Veterans health care.
- 8 - Dalton & Thrybergh Neighbourhood Update.

#### **157/21. Items of Report.**

The Hall Secretary gave his report:-

As council is aware, after Government restrictions ended in Mid July, it was decided to reopen the hall at the beginning of August. Most regular activities then started but the Art Group waited until after the main holidays and came back in September and the Mother & Toddler class has just recommenced today. So far, as main functions are concerned, we did one in August and a Wedding Reception in September. There are some booked for late October one of which was passed to us by Silverwood Welfare as they were double booked. There is one on the books for November courtesy of Councillor Endicott and two for December. More importantly though, councillors will be pleased to note that there have been enquiries and provisional bookings for next April, June, July and August; some are for weddings and others are anniversaries. Not many of these are from local residents as they have come from Ravenfield, Whiston, Treeton and, just recently, Conisbrough from the Doncaster Borough area. These all have their own parish halls so it is tremendous that we are having these enquiries. I am always promoting the refurbishments and renovations that Council has had done. I also have to report that we have lost several children's parties as it is now Parish Council policy that we do not allow bouncy castles in the hall following the renovation work to the hall flooring. Finally, you may all be aware that the Springwell Gardens Community Centre at Eastwood was flooded recently following the torrential rain that we all experienced. Through that we have taken on a couple of groups and organisations that currently hold meetings there. They all were told to contact us and some are RMBC departments and others general groups and all have said that the price of hiring the hall or room for 2 to 3 hours is very fair and reasonable and a couple even mentioned that our rates were less than Dalton PC. So, to summarise, we are up and running and now that we are receiving enquiries from the Doncaster Borough then next time we go global!

Ward Councilor Bennett-Sylvester sent in his Ward Councillors report which the clerk read out.

#### **Community Skips**

The first community skip will be held next week, due to budgetary constraints, we are having to manage demand and will have housing staff leafleting the area the skip is being held in a few days before it happens. The skip we are holding is funded out of devolved area housing funds which are also there for general improvements such as a project I'm working on to get improved security lighting around bungalows on Gerard Avenue and Musgrove Avenue. I hope members will appreciate that given demands for improved lighting, parking bollards, play equipment and also a request for a defibrillator on one of our estates that our scope for community skips is more limited compared to other areas. As such, this skip is for the use of the area it is being located in and is not a community skip for all of Thrybergh.

#### **UNIT (Uniting Neighbours In Thrybergh)**



I was happy to support the first meeting of this group in September. UNIT is a small group of residents looking to increase activity in the Warreners Drive neighbourhood centre. Their next meeting is on October 13th at 6pm in the centre and discussions range from social activities to possibly being a formal more TARA like body but they would welcome input from any local residents.

#### Network Rail

On 21<sup>st</sup> September volunteers working with Network Rail cleared several loads of rubbish from land between Vale Road and Hargrave Place. This is the first step in creating a community garden with Network Rail providing a gate for access and the newly formed Friends Of Dalton, East Herringthorpe and Thrybergh Green Spaces Group taking on a community license once they are fully constituted to look after the area.

#### Bench on Doncaster Road

I must apologise as I haven't been able to contact residents near the BT exchange on Doncaster Road. I will attempt to do so in the next few weeks.

The clerk reported on the Dalton & Thrybergh CAP Meeting held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Items discussed were increasing crime levels, the current state of the Millside building and land and the nuisance of off-road bikes on Silverwood site and in Thrybergh and Dalton area in general and the use of CCTV to prevent crime. The clerk also reported on a visit to the hall by Tracey Hurst from RMBC, she is the Community Connector working on groups using RMBC and parish council facilities and was very impressed with the presentation of the hall and the facilities that we have..

#### **158/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

It was reported that the Planning Application RB2021/1472 for Norland at 148 Doncaster Road (application for single storey side extension and rear extension) has been granted by RMBC.

We have been advised by YLCA that The South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner is looking to recruit a new member to the Joint Independent Audit Committee. Details on how to apply are available from the clerk.

The parish council has been approached by a professional theatre company which runs children's Pantomimes which are ideally suited for parish and church halls. They have two pantomimes available which last between 90 minutes and 2 hours with Dick Whittington utilising 5 actors and Little Red Riding Hood having 3 actors. The targeted age range is 3 to 12 years old. This was discussed by the council and we agreed that if we were to put on a pantomime then we need to move quickly as Christmas is approaching quickly and a date in January would be best. This would be a ticketed event with children being free and a small charge for parents/guardians. Pop/crisps would be provided free of charge and, possibly, a bag of sweets for each child.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconder: Councillor K Endicott**

**Resolved: That we agree to put on a Christmas pantomime with Dick Whittington as first choice and that the clerk would sort out booking arrangements and revert council with all details including full costs.**

**There was one vote against the proposal.**

SYTE has sent out a notification of possible delays to bus services due to driver shortages. Further information can be found at the website, [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/Disputations](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/Disputations).

Stagecoach buses have announced a strike for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October; this will affect buses to South Yorkshire operating out of the Chesterfield depot. It is not expected that this will have any impact on Thrybergh.

East Herringthorpe FC has been rebranded as AFC Herringthorpe and has started the season playing games on the Herringthorpe pitches despite telling us they were going to use Hollings Lane. We have received no communication from them at all and I am trying to get our Hollings Lane gate key back. I will try again and then report them to the Football League if they do not return the keys.

Neil Bingham of the Silverwood Heritage Group is looking to use the hall Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am to 3pm for the Heritage Pop Up Museum that included memorabilia from the mining industry and Silverwood pit. We have a long term booking on Sundays but it was proposed that the hall could be available from 1p, onwards or the requested time is OK if we offer 5<sup>th</sup> December. The clerk to pass on the information to Neil.

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas**

**Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That we offer the hall free of charge for this event.**

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

#### **159/21. Proposal for Renewal of Ladies Toilet.**

We discussed the quote to refurbish the ladies toilets and the clerk went through finances. It was thought that we needed time to build up reserves before we could commit to spending another £10k and that it would be

better to add it to the budget for 2022/23. Discussions then took place about the water heater that supplied the toilets which needs modifications.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates**

**Seconded: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That we incorporate the cost of the ladies refurbishments into the budget for 2022/23 and that the clerk should get a quotation for the required work on the boiler.**

**160/21. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment September.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates**

**Seconded: Councillor A Martin**

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

**161/21. 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 4<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 6:30pm.**

**Closure of Meeting at 8:45pm.**

Chairman

