# Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council

# Held On Thursday 3rd November 2022

# At the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start).

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

Also attending the meeting: Nicola Jackson from Friends of Dalton, East Herringthorpe & Thrybergh Green Spaces.

There were no members of the public present

**384/22. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Senior & K Endicott.

**385/22. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

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

**Resolved: That the councillor’s apologies be accepted by the Parish Council.**

**386/22. Declaration Of Interest**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**387/22. Questions From The Public.**

There were no questions from the public.

**388/22. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022.**

The chair advised that the minutes contained a small error related to the attendance and apologies which was amended prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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

**Resolved: That the amended minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 6th October be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.**

**389/22. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly) held on Thursday 21st April 2022.**

**Mover: Councillor R Thomas Seconder: Councillor D Bates**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 21st April be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.**

**390/22. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

The following matters arising were discussed:-

112/20 - Thrybergh Country Park – The TPC sponsored bench is now in place and looks very good. It is expected that there will be an unveiling ceremony in the spring and the clerk will put an item on next month’s agenda so that the amount to pay can be passed by the parish council.

357/22 – Flood Damage to Kitchen – Zurich Municipal has agreed to our claimed amount has and it is now paid. Work to fit new kitchen units, new gas hob and cooker will start 7th November and all work will be completed by 11th November.

358/22 – Sun Damaged Main Door Window Frames – The clerk has had further discussions with JM Ross about repairs to front door windows. We had passed repairs at last month’s meeting with a cost of £450. The new work involves installation of a tilt and turn window unit and anti-sun film. New cost of work is £620 so a motion to pass a further £170 is required.

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

**Resolved: That the parish council agree to the further £170 making total cost of frame repairs £620.**

374/22 - Remembrance Sunday Service, 13th November 2022 – Jenny Holbrook will be playing the bugle and Elizabeth Bentley will be playing the organ. The Reverend Helen Terry has agreed to take the service and she will also conduct the service for Dalton in the afternoon. We will supply light refreshments afterwards and volunteers from the parish council will serve them. The clerk has been in touch with the local schools and all are to inform students and parents. The Academy has asked if it is possible to lay a wreath to which we have gladly agreed. It was discussed that many parish councils were displaying poppies on street furniture. The clerk has contacted The Royal British Legion for details and it was discussed that the parish council would like to put up poppies next year. The clerk will put this as an agenda item to be finalised at a parish council meeting in the new year. Permission will need to be sought from RMBC if they are to be fitted to street lampposts. The parish council has always paid expenses to the bugle player and organist and the chair asked the council if they wished to continue with this practise.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor J Chambers**

**Resolved: That the parish council pay £25 each for expenses to the bugle player and keyboard player.**

375/22 - Aladdin Pantomime at the Parish Hall Saturday 10th December – Prices are agreed at £2 adults and free for children. Doors to open at 1pm with the show to start at 1:30pm. All refreshments will be free including some sweets for the children. Sales are very strong and are expected to sell out soon.

380/22 - Recent Vandalism to Parish Hall External Lighting – All repair work is now done but there are some issues with the quality that need resolving and the clerk is to discuss this with the company that did the work. The clerk has chased to see what action has been taken against the person who did the damage, response awaited from the relevant authorities.

**391/22. Police Report.**

The crime statistics for Thrybergh for August are 50 incidents (Rotherham North 802) and September are 37 incidents (Rotherham North 804). The police priorities are burglary, off-road, speeding, drugs and anti-social behaviour. The message is if you see a crime then report it. Crime levels for the year are comparable with last year and a highly visible police profile has been planned for Halloween and Bonfire night. There have been incidents involving anti-social behaviour around Wootton Court but it now seems to have quietened down. Currently there is an issue with nitrous oxide usage across Rotherham North and posters warning of the dangers including the possibility of death have been distributed locally. Thefts from the Chesterhill building site are being investigated. Police continue to monitor the issue of vehicles turning right off Dalton Lane which is now a right turn only junction. The Community Speed Camera team have been operational in our area with a recent operation on Oldgate Lane with 127 vehicles checked and none over limit. Over the last 6 months 24 tickets have been issued for speeding on Whinny Hill and 80 on School Lane. Off roaders remain an issue and are being actively targeted and the now closed Fosters site has seen several nuisance break ins. The police have also warned about an increase in car number plate and catalytic converter theft so it is urged that residents watch out for people tampering with vehicles. As usual, the police have asked that if you see a crime then please report it. The chair reported that he had recently been subject to abuse from a woman with children who had walked into the hall during one oof the bingo sessions to use the toilets. The toilets are not for the passing public to use and permission must be sought before using the facilities. Violence, intimidation and foul and abusive language will not be tolerated.

**392/22. Appointment of A New Councillor**.

To consider, approve and co-opt Nicola Jackson to Thrybergh Parish Council.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the parish council co-opt Nicola Jackson onto Thrybergh Parish Council.**

**393/22. Parish Accounts for 2021/2022 – Internal Audit Invoice.**

The invoice for internal audit services has now been submitted by Richard Bellamy at £360.00.

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

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

**394/22**. **The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.**

King Charles III's coronation is to take place on Saturday May 6, 2023 at Westminster Abbey. As yet, no mention has been made about a bank holiday for the occasion. It was put to councillors as to whether Thrybergh Parish Council would commemorate the occasion and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the December meeting which allows councillors time to consider possible events.

**395/22. Planning Application RB 2022/1514.**

Improvement works to Thrybergh Country Park to include demolition and erection of café building and provision of additional parking and associated works. All details previously given to the parish councillors at the September meeting, (minute 345/22). No comments or concerns were raised.

**396/22. Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were made available to the parish councillors:-

YLCA White Rose Bulletins.

YLCA Training Programme

Dalton & Thrybergh & Bramley & Ravenfield Neighbourhood Newsletter.

NALC Chief Executives’ Bulletins.

Police Blog from Dr Alan Billings

**397/22. Items of Report.**

The chair reported in his role as hall secretary that nearly al of the enquiries for children’s parties had resulted in bookings and it is nice that all are local families. Evening functions remain few which is believed to be due to remaining worries about Covid and the cost of arranging special event functions. It is hoped that there will improve in the new year.

Councillor Shaw advised that he was unable to attend the Joint Executive Board meeting on Saturday 15th October as he had tested positive for Covid.

Report from Ward Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers:

Cllr Baker-Rogers attended the recent Discovery Day at the Country Park and reported that the feedback was very positive.  She also attended the meetings of the OSMB (Overview & Scrutiny Management Board), the CAP, a regional audit chairs forum, and a council session on CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation). There is a push for residents to sign up to the Borough newsletter for Dalton and Thrybergh. A link has been sent to councillors and is also on the parish council website.

Report from Ward Councillor Michael Bennett-Sylvester:

Doncaster Road – The scheme to widen the A630 to 4 lanes from Mushroom Garage Roundabout to Dalton Lane to ease congestion has been scrapped due to the discovery of an unknown gas main that would have taken up to £1 million of the £3 million budget to move.  This still leaves the existing congestion as an issue with the added pressures of Chesterhill/Whinney Hill and to a greater extent the development in Ravenfield that will have a far higher per capita car ownership.  Officers are starting to search for alternative funding options which will be a long process. We have been unsuccessful in our bid to be included in the first phase of the neighbourhood road safety bids for improvements to Doncaster Road.  There will be more phases but this would mean work would not be until 2024 if we are successful.

Youth Nuisance – There have been reports of a gang of roughly a dozen younger teenagers causing issues on St Leonard’s Avenue and roads off it as well as Vale Road bungalows. There have been reports of a vulnerable adult being targeted, wheelie bins stolen and dumped on an old garage site, running through communal gardens and climbing on bungalow roofs.  PCSO’s have been engaged with dark night patrols and housing officers have attended the home of one identified child of a council house tenant.  There will be continued engagement but as usual would encourage reports to 101.

Thrybergh Country Park - The Discovery Day last Wednesday was a great success with 50 children enjoying free activities and engagement with adults aimed at hopefully building a greater core usage come the redevelopment of the park. Cllr Bennett-Sylvester is to put in a submission of qualified support calling for a contribution to move bus stops closer to the new pedestrian entrance and for a central crossing refuge on the A630 to aid pedestrian access.

Whinney Hill/Chesterhill - Since reporting on the delay last month, a meeting has been held with the Equans development manager.  He states the delay to the spring applies to the Wise Living development off Townend due to a water main needing replacing. His plan is to reopen Chesterhill Avenue this month with the first 40 properties on there being available to let before Christmas and Townend then being closed to facilitate the water mains replacement.  On Whinney Hill they are just starting the last few months of development. Under their social value commitments, on October 18th volunteers from Equans with support from RotherFed, Love Where You Live and follow up action housing officers held a community clean up on October 18th clearing 30 bags of litter from Oldgate Lane and Silver Street areas but also helping identify a resident with additional needs and a sight where laughing gas is being used.  They will be repeating the exercise on November 15th if anybody would like to join for litter picking.

Open Day - November 23rd will see the launch of the first community open day in the Wootton Court Neighbourhood Centre.  This will have a focus on community safety and energy costs with housing and neighbourhood’s officers present and, hopefully, the police and RotherFed’s energy know how team. It will run from 10am to noon and is open for any residents to come along and discuss any issues with councillors or officers. An invitation for councillors to attend has been extended by the Neighbourhood team.

The clerk attended the Dalton & Thrybergh CAP meeting on Thursday 20th October in Dalton Parish Hall with no major issues reported for Thrybergh and all Police items have been reported earlier in the minutes. The date of the next CAP Meeting is Wednesday 23rd November 1:30 to 3pm and will be in Thrybergh Parish Hall.

The RMBC flood resilience team is planning a week of webinars and workshops mainly geared for flood wardens, flood and community groups. If anyone is interested then the courses are all week 7th to 11th November. More details are available from the clerk.

RMBC is amending/refreshing websites including those for applicable parish councils including Thrybergh, the clerk will update council when more details are known.

The clerk attended on-line GDPR (General Data Protection Legislation) training run by RMBC on Wednesday 26th October. This covered current legislation relating to information and data protection.

Silverwood Heritage Society are planning another Christmas Eve gathering at the Silverwood Wheel including lights, music and mince pies. We are awaiting times but expected to be around 5pm to 7pm.

The clerk will be attending next Parish Council Network meeting at Bramley on Wednesday 9th November, 6pm to 8pm. Councillors can and are recommended to attend.

Woman’s Self Defence – the clerk is still looking at possible sources for funding. Ward Councillor has advised she will make £250 available from her Ward Budget.

YLCA has advised that PKF Littlejohn will remain as the external auditors for 2022 to 2027. Some areas have gone with other auditors but Yorkshire will continue with PKF Littlejohn LLP.

Councillors are advised that there will be industrial action affecting rail and Tram Train services on Saturday 5, Monday 7 and Wednesday 9 November.

**398/22. Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

The chair reported that Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester has been in touch with the clerk to remind that next year sees the centenary of the Thrybergh cenotaph and that it would be a good idea to commemorate the event. The clerk reminded councillors that the memorial was originally constructed and erected adjacent to the Silverwood Colliery to commemorate the 312 local miners who were killed in the First World War. It was commissioned by the Dalton Main Colliery Ltd and officially unveiled on the 15th of December 1923 by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Four bugle players of the 5th Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment played at the ceremony as well as the Silverwood Colliery band. The memorial is believed to be unique amongst the many memorials as its design was to represent a miner’s lamp. It was designed by local architect Lieutenant Colonel J E Knight. A decision was taken in 1989 that the memorial would be relocated to its current position on the corner of Park Lane/Vale Road as the memorial had been badly vandalised and the original bronze plaques stolen. Replacement plaques listing the names of the dead from both WW1 and WW2 are now kept within the Parish Hall. It was decided that this will go on an agenda early in 2023 so that we can look at suitable commemorations. Councillor Parsons asked if it would be possible to have a military style statue and the clerk advised that The Royal British Legion did have weathering steel statues available and he would report on this when we next discuss the matter.

The clerk advised that the issue of a donation to a local foodbank was raised at the last meeting of the parish council and he had investigated to see if there were any foodbanks operational in Thrybergh. Unfortunately, there are none and the parish council is not allowed to make donations to outside organisations unless there is a defined benefit for Thrybergh ratepayers i.e. it needs to be based or operational in Thrybergh

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

**399/22. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment September.

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

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

**400/22. To Notify The Clerk Of Matters For Inclusion On The Agenda Of The Next Meeting.**

No items raised.

**Date Of Next Meeting**

The date of the next parish council meeting will be Thursday 1st December**,** starting at 6:30pm.

**Closure of Meeting at 8:14pm.**

*G L Trickett*

Chairman