

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THRYBERGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3rd January 2018
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30 pm start)**

Present: - Councillors G.Trickett (Chair), D.Bates, R Crehan, S.Docherty, T Knapton, G. Marlow, B Wellings, M.Senior, G. Senior, J Parsons, B Shaw, and S.Tennant.

Also present Ward Councillors A.Napper, K.Reeder.

001/19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-

No apologies received.

002/19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

003/19. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A local resident raised the issue of the speed limit on the A630 (Fosters Garage to Thrybergh Country Park) and his petition to reduce the limit from 40mph to 30mph. The Council has already written to RMBC in support of this speed request. In addition 2 flashing speed signs are to be purchased with final location still to be decided. The resident then asked if school children could be involved to help raise the issue of speed on the road by standing on the roadside (wearing high visibility clothing) with speed warning signs. It was advised that this had previously been done in Thrybergh but not on the Doncaster Road as this was deemed to be too dangerous and it was really an issue for the police and local schools.

The resident also raised the issue of a lack of a young child friendly play area at Thrybergh Country Park. It was reported that there is a planned make-over of the facilities at the park although the time table is yet to be finalised.

The resident's final comment was related to the issue of free compost bins which appears to be an initiative in Rawmarsh. He was advised to contact Street Pride or the refuse collection department for further information.

004/19. VISIT OF COUNCILLOR ALLEN.

Councillor S Allen visited with J Curran (Parish Liaison Officer) to advise on the roll of the Parish Network and the plan to improve the liaison and relationships between the RMBC and Parish Councils. There is a quarterly meeting of the Parish Council Network plus regular meeting for clerks. Councillor Allen and her team are looking to raise the profile of Parish Councils.

005/19. POLICE AND CRIME

The Clerk circulated the latest local crime statistics November and advised that he had attended the meeting with the local PSCO's earlier in the day and they had advised that no items of concern were reported. It was reported during the meeting that there was a constant smell of Cannabis the local area and the clerk is to take this up with the local police and PSCO's.

006/19. MINUTES

Mover: Councillor M Senior Second: Councillor G Marlow.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 3rd December 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

007/19. MATTERS ARISING

- (i) The Council had received a letter of thanks from Mrs Roper expressing the thanks of St Leonard's Church for the grant of £500 towards the costs for the upkeep of the cemetery.
- (ii) The clerk advised he had been in contact with StarPubs re littering at the former Reresby public house. The owners have confirmed that the pub will be fully refurbished in January 2019 and that the litter will be removed.
- (iii) The clerk advised he had contacted Initial waste regarding the collection of waste from the hall. Initial had confirmed they had all contact details for the hall and understood that they needed to contact the caretaker to gain access. They now had the clerk's contact details so should always be able to gain access for the 8 visits per year we are contracted for
- (iv) There will be walk along Doncaster Road from Fosters Garage to Thrybergh County Park on 28th January to assess speed and obstruction issues raised by a local resident. Officials from RMBC will be in attendance.

008/19. PROPOSED FITNESS AND BOXERCISE CLASSES

The council is supportive of the Boxercise concept brought by a local resident but it needs further development of the business plan. It was recommended to continue the dialogue with the Council and Voluntary Action Rotherham to develop help in business set up, training, risk assessment etc. TPC to look the hire of the hall and any support to be given when all the correct procedures are in place.

009/19 REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The council considered the quotation from RMBC for grounds maintenance services (1 and 3 year option).

Mover: Councillor B Wellings Second: Councillor S Docherty.

That the council accepts the quotation for a 3 year contract.

There was a second motion raised.

Mover: S Tennant Second: M Senior.

That the council seek three independent tenders.

Vote for the original motion 6, vote for the second motion 6.

Resolved: By Chairman's casting vote that the council accept the quotation for a 3 year contract.

010/19. PRECEPT/BUDGET 2019/20.

The budget for 2019/20 had been proposed at £73,270. The clerk advised that RMBC had not yet advised the proposed band charge D and it would be end January before we had this. It was not expected that the Council Tax Base will change significantly from last year. Three options were considered for the precept for 2019/20 although it was understood that the actual amount would differ slightly once the actual band D charge was advised.

Proposer: M Senior Second: T Knapton

That £5k be allocated from general reserve giving an increase in precept of £5.13 per annum.

There was a second motion raised.

Proposer: G Marlow Second: S Docherty

That there be no increase in precept.

Votes in favour of amendment 4, votes in favour of original motion 7. The Chairman abstained.

Resolved: The Council resolved that £5k be transferred from general reserve resulting in an increase of £5.13 per annum (6.7%) to meet the 2019/20 budget of £73,270.

011/19. BAR OPERATIONS

The issue of bar prices had been raised by the stewardess and the clerk passed around details of her proposed new prices which ranged from a 20p to 50p increase depending on the product. It was discussed that there had been several complaints about the state of the bar and level of service including beers not being cooled properly, running out of drinks, poor level of choice and outdated bar decor. The possibility of bringing in outside bar services was discussed and the general consensus was that the public would pay for a quality product. It was also raised whether there was future for the bar given the level of profitability achieved and bar usage. It was decided that the issue of increases be deferred and a meeting between the Hall Committee, the stewardess and beer suppliers be arranged to resolve the current issues we have.

012/19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Resolved: - That the schedule of accounts for payment, as now submitted, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Mover: Councillor D Bates

Seconder: Councillor G. Marlow

013/19. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence had been received since the December meeting: - .

(i) RMBC – Food for people in Crisis – information related to Christmas food and shelter points for those in crisis. The clerk is to write to the body requesting earlier notification for Christmas 2019.

(ii) Councillor Paton –Resignation – The resignation was accepted.

(iii) YLCA – Data Protection scam

014/19 ITEMS OF REPORT

The clerk advised that there had been a fire inspection of the Parish Hall 28th December 2018 by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. They have advised that we need to place a 'push to exit' sticker on the on the main hall panic door. The Fire safety Risk Assessment has not been reviewed on a regular basis and should be reviewed and addressed on a regular basis. We also need to display certificates of conformity on site for the fire alarm (required testing every 6 months) and emergency lighting needs annual servicing with the certificate of conformity kept on site. The clerk to ensure that these actions are done.

Councillor Shaw is to attend the SY Branch Meeting beginning of February and asked if anything needed to be raised for this.

015/19 ANY OTHER NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS


Councillor Crehan reported that she had signed up for the Borough Snow Warden scheme and asked other councillors do so if possible.

016/19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th February, (starting at 6.30 p.m.).

Closure of Meeting

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

 Chairman

AGENDAS ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the schedule of accounts for payment, as now submitted, be approved and signed by the Chairman

Seconded: Councillor G. Marlow

Moved: Councillor B. Bates

OTHER ITEMS OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

- The following items of business were discussed at the December meeting:
- (a) BMBC - Branch Meeting in 2018 - Information related to Christmas food and shelter points for 2018 - The Chairman to write to the BMBC requesting earlier notification for Christmas 2018.
 - (b) 10 minutes - The Chairman to be scheduled.
 - (c) 10 minutes - The Chairman to be scheduled.

OTHER ITEMS OF REPORT

The clerk advised that there had been a fire inspection of the Parish Hall 28th December 2018 by South Yorkshire Fire Service. They have advised that we need to place a 'push to exit' sign on the main hall door. The fire safety Risk Assessment has not been signed off on the main hall door and it could be reviewed and addressed on a regular basis. We need to display certificates of conformity on site for the fire alarm (reduced testing every 6 months) and emergency lighting needs should be carried out with the certificate of conformity signed off. The clerk also advised that these signs should be replaced.

Councillor Shaw is to attend the SY Branch Meeting beginning of February and asked if any other items were raised for this.

ANY OTHER NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Councillor Green requested that the 10 minutes for the Borough Branch Meeting scheme and asked other councillors to be considered.

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