

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On Thursday 7th
March 2019
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start)**

Present: - Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates, S Docherty, T Knapton, G Senior, B Shaw, and S Tennant.

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

037/19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-

Apologies received from Councillors Marlow, Parsons, Martin and M Senior.

038/19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

039/19. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The local resident leading the request to promote Boxercise training for the youth of Thrybergh attended the meeting to update the Councillors on the current position. He advised that he had received little or no help from Rotherham Voluntary Services but that he had made contact with Heeley City Farm and they had helped with DBS application. He is awaiting the paperwork and then he can proceed with his business plan. He will keep the councillors updated on his progress.

040/19. MINUTES

Mover: Councillor B Shaw Second: Councillor S Docherty.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 7th February 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

041/19. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk updated the position on the petition to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on the A630 Doncaster Road from Fosters Garage to Thrybergh Country Park. The report from Highways Dept had now been received after the site visit in January and this included traffic issues caused by new developments, requested safe crossing points, new speed warning signs, debris on footpaths, wheelie bins causing hazard on pavements, street lights not working and the locations of bus stops creating traffic backlogs especially when waiting to keep to scheduled timetables. These issues are all being discussed by the various departments within RMBC and action is slowly progressing. There seems to be a good dialogue developing between RMBC and the action group leading the requested changes. It has already been agreed that the wheelie bins will be collected from Driveways where there is an agreed obstruction problem but there have been some teething problems in the initial stage. It now seems that the requested speed limit reduction is awaiting comments from the police and bus companies. Progress is being made but slowly.

The clerk advised that one of our street cleaners had been in hospital and his procedure had taken place last week and he is now recovering. The recuperation period can be 8 to 16 weeks so we are not exactly sure when he will return to work. The possibility of employing a new street cleaner on a short term contract was discussed and it was agreed to defer any decision until our April meeting by which time we will have a clearer picture on when the cleaner is likely to return to work.

The clerk read out a letter of thanks for our recent donation towards new lighting and upkeep of the cemetery at St. Gerard's Church.

The clerk and Chairman then commented on items raised from last month's Neighbourhood watch questions to the Parish Council:-

The vandalised telephone box on Musgrove Avenue had been reported to BT and they have confirmed that they will arrange for it to be repaired.

A request was made to clean the mud and branches from School Lane and it was advised that RMBC will be cleaning Doncaster Road and School Lane by the end of the month. It was advised that this will be done on a Sunday morning as this will mean traffic management.

It was advised that the complaint about traffic outside the shops on Park Lane was beyond Parish Council control as residents will always want to park outside their homes and shoppers and staff will obviously park as close to the shops as possible.

The clerk advised on the cost of gritting equipment.

042/19. POLICE AND CRIME

The clerk advised that the Police statistics for Crime in South Yorkshire had not been updated and were still showing December crimes. It was expected that January would be available shortly. The clerk had also attended the meeting that day with the local PSCO's and that they advised that there were three drug related issues being investigated in Thrybergh and that a sting operation would be in place on Friday 8th March in the Rotherham North area which included Thrybergh. Off road bikes and quad bikes will be targeted by the police and they will be using trial and off road bikes to apprehend offenders. A general discussion then took place about the issues and problems that these bikers were causing both on the public highway and off road.

043/19. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Council considered the planning application RB20190165 for a single storey side extension for 112 Gullingwood Drive. No comments were made.

044/19. VACANT COUNCILLOR POSITION NORTH WARD THRYBERGH PARISH COUNCIL

The clerk read out a letter from Colin Newey asking to become a councillor and there was the opportunity to question him before a council vote.

Mover: Councillor D Bates Second: Councillor S Tennant.

Vote 4 in favour and 3 abstentions.

Resolved: - That Colin Newey be appointed as a Thrybergh Parish Councillor.

045/19. HALL SECRETARY

The position of Hall Secretary is currently being fulfilled temporarily by the former clerk and he has advised that he wishes to cease the roll at the end of April. The Chairman informed that he would like to be considered for the roll.

Mover: Councillor D Bates Second: Councillor S Docherty.

Resolved: - That Chairman G Trickett be appointed to the position of Hall Secretary.

046/19 POSSIBLE LEASING OF DISUSED RAILWAY LINE

The clerk and Councillor Shaw advised on the rail line cleanup organised by NR for 12th February for 100m either side of Park Lane bridge and photographs were shown of the site before and after the cleaning. The rail line is heavily over grown with steep banking making it virtually impossible to clear the banks without specialist equipment. There has since been reports of new littering. Councillor Shaw brought up the issue that it may be possible to lease the line from NR and then look at regeneration of the area in line with what has happened at Goldthorpe and Thurgroft. The work at Goldthorpe was recently shown on Look North and

some web pages were circulated showing how the area had changed. Funding would be needed and Councillor Shaw is to look into funding possibilities. It was felt that this could be a very good move for the area but much exploratory work still needs to be done with NR and RMBC with grant aid having to be sought.

047/19 SPEED AWARENESS

Councillor Shaw advised that he had attended a meeting of SY YLCA in February and they had been promoting lower speed limits with the slogan 20 is Plenty and a Councillor from York had given a talk on how this had positively affected the town. The issue of speeding, especially on estate roads, was discussed and it was thought that we should promote this move. Councillor Shaw is to join the scheme so that we can get all of literature and information needed to try to influence all relevant bodies including the Highways dept.

048/19 NATIONAL KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

Councillor Shaw advised on the National Keep Britain Tidy and Spring Clean campaign. This is being targeted at groups, individuals and schools and RMBC is offering funding and litter picking equipment. Councillor Shaw is to approach RMBC for funding.

049/19 ATTITUDE DANCE STUDIO

The request from Attitude Dance Studios for a donation towards the cost of a party of dancers gaining life experience dancing on a cruise liner in 2020 was deferred from last month due to an earlier payment in the same financial year.

It was proposed that a donation of £300 be made.

Mover Councillor S Docherty Seconded Councillor G Senior

4 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

Resolved: That a grant of £300 be made.

050/19 BAR OPERATION

The clerk advised that a meeting had taken place with the Chairman and a representative from Primo Drinks. They had recommended the Draughtmaster System which is the system that we had also previously discussed. The beer kegs contain 35 pints and they come pre-gassed as the cooling and delivery system also contains a compressor. It is a self contained system that does not require a cellar and features a self cleaning system for the lines. Beers such as Carlsberg and San Miguel are available. The smaller barrels and this, combined with a longer shelf life, means zero wastage. Primo will fit this system free of charge but we just need to make some changes in the bar area to accommodate the system and there will be some plumbing work to undertake also. The system would be installed by Barfit and they had already visited the Hall to check on suitability and a provisional fitment date of 15th March had been agreed based on acceptance of the changes by the Parish Council. The stewardess has confirmed that she is available Friday and Saturday to make sure the bar area is ready for the function on Saturday evening. It was agreed that we needed to get the beer correct in the bar first and then we can look at provisions for updating the bar.

Mover Councillor B Shaw

Seconded Councillor T Knapton

Resolved: That we implement the Draughtmaster system in the Parish Hall.

051/19. REQUEST FROM DOG WARDENS AND DOGS TRUST TO USE THE HALL FOR FREE CHIPPING AND HEALTH CHECKS.

The clerk read out a letter looking to use the hall free of charge for free dog health checks and chipping services.

Mover: Councillor B Shaw

Seconded: Councillor T Knapton

Resolved: - That the hall be offered FOC for the use dog chipping and health checks as requested by Dogs Trust.

052/19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Mover: Councillor D Bates

Seconded: Councillor S Docherty

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

053/19. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (i) Request from Dogs Wardens & Dog Trust to use the Hall for free chipping & dog health checks.
- (ii) YLCA Celebrations of Yorkshire Day 1st August in Whitby.
- (iii) Rotherham North Neighbourhood Newsletter.
- (iv) SY Police – Stopping for Emergency Vehicles.
- (v) Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.
- (vi) SY Police – notification of Tenancy Scamming.
- (vii) White Rose Update
- (viii) VMS provider of Medical Cover for events.
- (ix) Skyhigh – tree cutting services.
- (X) VAR Bulletins

054/19 ITEMS OF REPORT

The clerk and Chairman reported on a meeting they had attended in the Town hall on 14th February to get the latest position on Whinny Hill and Chesterhill Avenue. The land was up for open sale and there were several interested parties. Information on the sites was circulated to the councillors.

It was advised that exploratory digging was due to start next week on Chesterhill Avenue.

The clerk reported on a Council Clerks support meeting on 14th February which looked at procurement matters, RMBC response times and an update on the Neighbourhood Strategy.

The clerk reported on a Planning Seminar for Town and Parish Councils at the Town Hall on 20th February. This seminar looked at planning applications, availability of planning information, Rotherham planning enforcement strategy and guidance procedures.

The clerk advised that he had been in contact with Brinsworth Parish Council and had bought a baby changing unit from them in line with the Council agreement made at the December council meeting. The clerk will arrange fitting using a local builder/handyman.

The clerk advised that we had received some late correspondence from YLCA advising on a Planning Seminar taking place in Doncaster on 21st March. It was felt that this course was not of interest to the council.

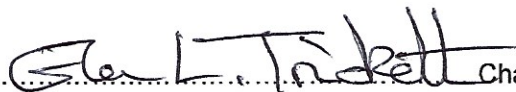
055/19 ANY OTHER NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS

There were no items of non-financial business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 4th April, (**starting at 6.30 pm**). This will follow the

Closure of Meeting at 8.10pm.

... Chairman