

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On
Thursday 4th April 2019
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start)**

Present: - Councillors G Trickett (Chair), M Senior, C Newey, D Bates, S Tennant, G Marlow, S Docherty, J Parsons, T Knapton, R Crehan and A Martin.

Also present Ward Councillor A.Napper.

056/19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-

Apologies received from Councillors G Senior & B Shaw.

057/19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

058/19. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The local resident leading the request to promote Boxercise training for the youth of Thrybergh attended the meeting and advised that he had now received his DBS certificate and is now sorting out his insurance. He asked if we could provide a copy of the risk assessment for the Parish Hall and the clerk will forward this to him. He still needs to source his equipment and is looking to start classes in May and the aim is to run 2 classes, one for adults and one for juniors.

A local resident brought up the issue of the proposed development of 124 houses on the former site of the Pitches, Wickersley Road, Broom and the loss of green space and traffic impact this will have on the area. It was discussed that a Parish Council complaint counts as one objection so complaints should also be made individually.

059/19. MINUTES

Mover: Councillor S Tennant Second: Councillor S Docherty.

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 4th April, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

060/19. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk advised that he had tried to make contact with the community group in Goldthorpe with a view to visiting the site to look at how they have managed the clean up and return to the community of the closed railway line. As yet, it has not been possible to arrange a visit but the clerk will try to set something up in April. Councillors Newey, Crehan and Martin said they would like to attend and councillor Shaw had said earlier that he would like to join the visit. The clerk will revert when a suitable date and time had been sorted.

There was a discussion on speed awareness with Hollings Lane in particular being mentioned as a fast and dangerous road and one suitable for the placement of a speed warning camera.

Details on the dog chipping service had been passed on and we await their feedback on a suitable date to book the hall.

061/19. POLICE AND CRIME

The clerk circulated the latest crime statistics from SY Police for January and advised that he had attended the police meeting earlier in the day. The local PCSO's were not in attendance as they were in a meeting to discover their future (SY Police are looking to reduce the number of PCSO's and use them

for desk related jobs on a 9am to 5pm basis thus allowing police officers to have less bureaucracy and allow them to spend more time on the beat). There followed a discussion on the ineffectiveness of the local police force in the reduction of crime in Thrybergh particularly drugs and off road motorbikes. It was requested that the clerk invites the local police inspector to our next meeting to discuss crime issues.

The clerk reported that the recent Operation Arlington has resulted in the confiscation of a midi moto on Hollings Lane and the issue of a police warning to a rider also on Hollings Lane.

062/19. PARISH HALL

The clerk advised that there were a number of issues to discuss with the main hall. The first being the scratch marks on the floor in the hall and foyer caused by guests at a recently booked birthday party moving chairs around despite being instructed not to. The caretaker has buffed the floor numerous times but the marks have not been removed. The floor has been skimmed several times in the past to remove markings but we have been told that this cannot be done again.

The clerk advised on the recent break in to the hall which had resulted in broken doors, broken fluorescent bulbs, damaged cash till and a stolen industrial grass cutter. The hall had been secured after the incident and full rectification will be done as part of an insurance claim. The incident had been logged with the police and they had viewed the CCTV footage..

There then followed a conversation about the CCTV system and that the break in had been through the door on the side of the hall without a camera. The clerk has requested a quote for this door to have a secured metal frame to it and will report the cost at the next meeting. The clerk had also been in touch with PN Alarms and the cost of installing a camera here was £325 exc vat fitted and wired to our existing network. Discussions followed on the cost and whether we should have an additional camera in the main hall too.

Mover: Councillor G Marlow Seconder: M Senior

Resolved: That we fit two additional cameras, one on the external wall without a camera and one in the main hall.

The clerk advised that we have two leaks in the kitchen and we need to run a hot water feed through into the bar. We have received a quotation for this work at £230.

Mover: Councillor G Marlow Seconder: Councillor A Martin

Resolved: That quote be approved and the plumber is instructed to carry out the work quoted for.

063/19. HALL LIGHTING

The clerk advised that we still have issues with the fluorescent light bulbs needing continual replacement and that Councillor Senior now felt that he was unable to change the bulbs due to the height of the roof and frequency of changes. A general discussion followed with thoughts that we could get in professionals to change the bulbs when necessary but this could lead to quite expensive monthly costs. Another alternative was to convert the hall to LED lighting similar to the emergency lighting that was recently fitted. It was decided that the clerk would seek three quotes for the cost of upgrading the hall lighting to long life LED lighting and to revert at the May meeting.

064/19. HOLLINGS LANE PITCH

The clerk advised on recent damage to the Hollings Lane football pitch by off road motorbikes and quad bikes. The pitch has been inspected by the RMBC grounds maintenance team and expectation is that the pitch will make a full recovery and the football season has now closed which will help. The wall adjoining the gates had been knocked down to allow quad bike access but has been rebuilt by persons unknown. The police are aware of the incident.

We are just about to start discussions with a second football team to share the pitch next season.

The Chairman advised that we will call a meeting of the Trustees most probably in June.

065/19 STREET CLEANING

The clerk updated the council on the health of our employee after his hip replacement operation. He is now recovering and it looks likely that he will be back at work in May. It was felt therefore that we did not need to look at a temporary replacement.

066/19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The clerk passed around copies of the Draft Recommendations for Rotherham Wards (2020) for inspection. Thrybergh is currently divided between Silverwood (55%) and Valley (45%) and Dalton is currently divided between Valley (51%), Wickersley (37%) and Silverwood (12%). It is proposed that Dalton (33% of the parish) joins with Thrybergh to form the new ward Dalton & Thrybergh and will have two ward councillors.. Brecks, Flanderwell, Sunnyside and Woodlathes (67% of the Dalton parish) will join Wickersley North.

067/19 PROPOSED HALL BOOKING

We have received a hall booking for the parish hall on 28th September 2019 for a charity night on behalf of Meningitis Now. We have previously booked this with a reduced hall rate of £30 and it was put to the council that we again offer the reduced rate as it was a charity event.

Mover: Councillor R Crehan

Second: Councillor T Knapton

Resolved:- That the hall be offered with a reduced rate of £30 for the event.

068/19 SENSORY ART & CRAFTS GROUP

We had received a request for financial aid from the Sensory Art & Crafts Group who hire the hall weekly. They are looking to introduce a tutor to help with their classes. Council asked what is the cost of a tutor and the clerk will contact the group for more details on funding costs. The clerk was also instructed to ask the group to contact Rotherham sight & Sound and the local ward councillors to see if they qualified for funding. The clerk will put this back on next month's agenda once tutor costs are known.

069/19 BAR OPERATION

The clerk advised that the new beer range had been a success at the recent function

The clerk advised that the large bottle cooler was not working which meant we now only had one small cooler. Lack of space behind the bar would mean that we operate with one small bottle cooler or purchase one new taller unit. Initial checks on cost gave indications that they are around £775 when new and £400 when reconditioned. There was a long and protracted discussion on the needs behind the bar and that we still only have a small number of functions. The clerk will also further investigate the cost of tall bottle coolers and report back to the council.

070/19. HANGING BASKETS 2019

We have now received a quote from Hobson Nurseries for 47 hanging baskets at a cost of £49.80 each with total cost exc vat being £2340.60. Liberty Steel have agreed to fund a further two baskets with a donation of £100 and the chairman asked the council if they wanted to order 49 baskets or more. After discussions it was proposed to order an additional eight baskets on top of the two from Liberty making 57 in total..

Mover: Councillor M Senior

Second: Councillor A Martin

Ten voted for, one against.

Resolved: - That we order 57 hanging baskets for placement on Park Lane, Poplar Avenue and Vale Road.

071/19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Mover: Councillor G Marlow

Seconded: Councillor S Docherty

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

072/19. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (i) Swimrun at Thrybergh Country Park 15th September.
- (ii) SYP Alert – Momo Challenge.
- (iii) YLCA – Conference run by the Countryside Management Association re ‘over tourism’.
- (iv) SYP Alert – TV License Scam
- (v) SYP Burglary Crime Prevention Advice
- (vi) White Rose Update
- (vii) Thrybergh County Park Superheroes Day 23rd June.
- (viii) Scope Charity Textile Recycling Bank
- (ix) VAR Bulletins

073/19 ITEMS OF REPORT

The chairman advised that we now have 14 councillors with the recent addition of Mr C Newey and that we still have one vacancy to fill. Electoral Services at RMBC have now confirmed that we can co-opt a new councillor for Thrybergh North.

Councillor Crehan advised that she would be attending the Joint Council Meeting w/c 08/04/19.

The clerk advised that he had attended a one day course run by SYLC on year end accounting procedures and practises and that it had been a very useful and informative course.

074/19 ANY OTHER NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Councillor Crehan advised that there was a parish council planning seminar on 2nd May at 6pm in the Town Hall but this clashes with our next parish council meeting.

Councillor Martin raised the issue of the noise made by the Liberty steelworks particularly after 10:00pm. The clerk will contact Liberty to discuss the matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2nd May, (starting at 6.30 pm). This will follow the

Closure of Meeting at 8.45pm.

..... Chairman