

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

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

Also present Ward Councillors A Napper & K Reeder and one member of the public.

120/19. Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Councillors B Shaw, M Senior & G Senior.

121/19. Declaration Of Interest

Councillor Trickett expressed an interest in minute 126/19 (Chairman's Appointment).

122/19. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A local resident came to the meeting to inform the progress made with RMBC on proposals to reduce the speed limit on Doncaster Road, new arrangements put in place for residents bins where the pavement does not leave room for them to be left as they cause obstruction (they are placed back onto residents property after emptying) and the clearing of debris, litter and overgrown road banks along Doncaster Road. He said that praise was due to RMBC for their actions so far but there was still work to be done before the speed limit is finally sorted.

The resident then raised the issue of why hanging baskets are only placed on Poplar Avenue, Vale Road and Park Lane. It was advised that these are considered the three main streets within Thrybergh and there was simply not enough money for the whole area of Thrybergh to have hanging baskets. It was then requested that they be rotated around the village and this issue will be investigated when next year's budget proposals are looked at.

The resident then advised he had been in touch with Deer Park Retail Village and they would be happy to sponsor welcoming signs for the access roads into Thrybergh. The clerk is to contact Deer Park Retail Village to discuss this in more detail and will revert to the council. He is keen to see flower beds built around the Thrybergh signs and the clerk will also take this up with the Borough Council.

The resident then requested that Councillors make themselves more available to the people of Thrybergh especially so for elderly residents who cannot get to the Parish Hall when it is dark. It was explained that Councillors are all volunteers and many are retired but can still make it to the Hall for meetings. Thrybergh is not large enough to warrant multiple meeting places and there are no buildings available that would meet the criteria required. Councillors are always available to be contacted by either the telephone, post or, in most cases, email.

It was then requested that we have information boards places around the village and Councillor Crehan advised that we are in discussions with the local police as they are providing post boxes that can then be placed in various locations so that residents can raise any concerns or issues that they may have.

123/19. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6th June 2019

Mover: Councillor G Marlow **Seconder:** Councillor A Martin

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

124/19. To Discuss Any Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

099/19 – Purple Gloves Box Fit sessions will start on Sunday 7th July with an open morning scheduled for this Sunday. We have put this on the website with a link to the Face Book site of Box Fit.

098/19 – Fly Tipping. Recent incidents of fly tipping and uncollected waste bins in Thrybergh have been reported to RMBC and all now cleared. The empty properties on Silver Street with overgrown gardens have been referred to RMBC and they investigating. Incidents of residents leaving bins on the pavements have also been referred to RMBC.

063/19 – Hall Lighting. The clerk advised that all the work on lighting for the Parish Hall has now been done.

062/19 – CCTV Cameras. PN Alarms will be on site Friday 5th July to install three new camera, one on the external (Vale Road side), one in the bar and one in the main hall.

105/19 - Bill Winder Cup 2019. The Chairman advised that the cup competition originally planned for 20th June and then 3rd July had been reluctantly cancelled as only three of the six invited teams had confirmed that they would attend. It was advised that we would look to re-schedule the competition for September when the schools return after the summer holidays.

110/19 – Bar Operation. The clerk advised that the refitting of the bar would be undertaken by Whitehead Commercial Interiors and the plans and a design board was circulated to show how the bar would look. We have chosen the carpet, chairs and tables but fabric for the chairs and the colour scheme for re-decorating was still to be finalised. Work on refitting will commence Monday 2nd September.

111/19 – Dog Chipping & Obedience Classes. The Dogs Trust have agreed to use our hall for 4 weeks commencing Wednesday 9th October from 11am to 3pm for free dog chipping, health checks and obedience classes.

The issue of cars parking on the pavement where Oldgate Lane, Park Lane and Hollings Lane all meet and overgrown grass verges raised in last month's Non Financial Business have all been raised with the Borough Council and they are to instruct their enforcement teams to investigate both issues. It was reported that the Borough Council will be attending to weeds and grass cutting in the Thrybergh area in August.

125/19. Police & Crime Report

The clerk advised that the crime statistics had not been updated and still show April only which had already been presented to the council last month. The clerk had attended the PCSO's drop in session at the hall earlier in the day and was advised that there were no specific items raised for Thrybergh.

We had received an update on the position of the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in South Yorkshire. Effectively, SYP have advised that no savings are being sought and that they remain committed to Neighbourhood Policing. There will be no hard redundancies but PCSOs will not be replaced as they leave. The intention is to replace them with full time Police Officers and a number of the current PCSOs are at varying stages of becoming Police Officers.

126/19. Parish Council Clerk

It was advised that the clerk was now at the end of his 6 month probationary period and he was asked to leave the meeting as the council discussed his progress and to vote if his appointment was to be made permanent.

Mover: Councillor D Bates Second: Councillor C Newey

Resolved: That the clerk's position be made permanent.

127/19. Chairman's Remuneration

The amount paid as the Chairman's Allowance had been raised and put on the agenda by Councillor Newey. The allowance is to cover incidental costs incurred during his term of office. It was noted that this figure had remained at the same level since at least 2003.

Mover: Councillor G Marlow

Seconder: Councillor C Newey

Resolved: That the allowance be increased, payment to commence with the October 2019 payment.

128/19. Speed Camera for Thrybergh

It had been agreed in last year to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign for Thrybergh and £4000 was put into the 2019/20 budget. The clerk advised that we have approached RMBC and we will purchase the device from them. RMBC have informed that the cost will be between £3500 and £4000. A discussion took place on where the sign would be located and it was decided to put it on Vale Road on the Parish Hall side of the road with the camera pointing towards Park Road. The camera would be located close to the small gate leading onto Fullerton Fields.

129/19. Trustees of Thrybergh Miners Recreation Ground

A decision to keep the cost per game for football teams playing on the Hollings Lane football pitch at £40 per game was made at the 6th June meeting of the Trustees of Thrybergh Miners Recreation Ground. We have two teams playing for the 2019/20 season which means an income of approx £800 based on 10 home games per season for the two teams, any cup games would increase this revenue. The council had previously agreed to put £2200 into the budget to cover the cost differential between revenue raised and the maintenance costs from RMBC which amount to £2789.04 pa (exc VAT).

Mover: Councillor R Crehan

Seconder: Councillor A Martin

Resolved: That the Council make a grant of £2000 to the Trustees of Thrybergh Miners Recreation Ground.

130/19. WW1 Memorial in Thrybergh Parish Hall.

The clerk advised that he had been investigating the possibility of getting the memorial in the Hall reception cleaned as it was now very difficult to read. As yet, only one company in Sheffield has said they would attempt to clean the memorial but this means taking it to Sheffield and, ideally, we want it cleaning on site. Telephone calls to RMBC, British Legion and the Imperial War Museum have not yet found a suitable cleaning organisation and efforts will continue. It was recommended to contact the museum at Clifton Hall and the clerk will do so. The clerk will revert with cleaning costs when he has them. The clerk further advised that he would like to get photographs and family details of all of those shown on our memorials and this information to be then displayed in the Parish Hall, however, it is expected that this will take some time to fully complete.

131/19. Cleaning of Hall Chairs and Carpet.

It was reported that the caretaker had requested that we employ the services of a cleaning company to clean the hall chairs and the stage carpet. Cost for the carpet would be £28 lump sum with 50 large chairs at £5 each amounting to £250 and 52 small chairs at £3 each amounting to £156. Total cleaning cost therefore £434.

Mover: Councillor A Martin

Seconder: Councillor R Crehan

Resolved: That the chairs and carpet be cleaned at a cost of £434.

132/19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Mover: Councillor D Bates

Seconder: Councillor G Marlow

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

133/19. Items Of Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Charity Raffle – Thank You letter
- (b) SYP – HMRC Fake Calls/Courier Fraud/Bogus Officials.
- (c) SYP – Rotherham North Neighbourhood Newsletter
- (d) NALC Precept Statistics 2019/20
- (e) YLCA Conference 2019 & 75th anniversary Celebration
- (f) RMBC – Public Consultation on Library & Neighbourhood Hubs
- (g) YLCA Nominations for Yorkshire Councils Associations
- (h) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
- (i) White Rose Update
- (j) Community First Yorkshire Newsletter.
- (k) VAR Newsletter

134/19. ITEMS OF REPORT.

The Chairman in his role of Hall Secretary gave a report on bookings received this year and events planned for later in the year.

The clerk reported on a Clerks meeting he had attended on Thursday 20th June at Aston Parish Hall, topics discussed were the Neighbourhood Strategy, new website accessibility requirements and Digital Taxation

135/19. ANY OTHER NON FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The clerk advised on a meeting he had attended on Monday 1st July between local residents and officers from RMBC relating to the petition to reduce the speed limit on Doncaster Road from Fosters Garage to Thrybergh Country Park. Proposals were looked at including new road markings and central refuges as points of crossing and further meetings are being scheduled to discuss further.

Councillor Parsons raised an issue involving an individual sleeping in a car in Ravenfield and causing aggravation to local residents. It was advised that this was an issue for the police and Ravenfield Parish Council.

Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 5th September, (starting at 6.30 pm).**

Closure of Meeting at 8.35pm.

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