

Minutes Of A Meeting Of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On Thursday 2nd January 2020 at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start)

Present: - Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates, A Martin, J Parsons, T Knapton, M Senior, G Senior, S Tennant & S Docherty.

Also present Ward Councillor A Napper.

Before the meeting was opened, the chairman advised of the passing of Mr. Eric Hellewell, a former long-standing Thrybergh parish councillor. All stood for a minute's silence in his memory

001/20. Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Councillors G Marlow, K Endicott & B Shaw.

002/20. Declaration Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

003/02. Questions From The Public

There were no questions from the public.

004/20. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 5th December 2019.

Mover: Councillor M Senior **Seconder:** Councillor A Martin

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 5th December, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

005/20. To Discuss Any Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

146/19 - Silverwood Colliery Wheel. The approved repair work will be done in the spring.

179/19 – New Bench. The new bench will be ordered and fitted in place in the spring.

181/19 – Damaged windows. They will be repaired on Monday 6th January. The chairman reported that he understood that several windows in the bungalows close to the parish hall had been shot at during December.

110/19 – New Bar. Modification work to the new shutters will be completed by the end of January, delay caused by required parts being delayed due to Christmas. The photographs of Thrybergh have now been placed around the bar.

196/19 – Activities for the young in Thrybergh. The clerk reported that he had passed on details of RotherFed and the local Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to the Thrybergh resident looking to increase activities for the young of Thrybergh. As yet, we have not received further correspondence on this matter.

147/19 – Doncaster Road Speed Limit. The clerk reported that the plans were now complete and would go to consultation with the residents at the end of January. Doncaster Road is due to be re-surfaced within the next couple of months and a new crossing refuge point will be introduced at the point previously discussed. It was expected that the new 30mph limit would be in place by the middle of the year. It was discussed by the council that another accident had occurred on Doncaster Road, very close to the last accident a month or so ago and this was an area of concern

199/19 – WWI War Memorial. The clerk reported that cleaning work would be done by the end of January and that the memorial will be back and re-fitted early in February.

203/19 AOB – Street Cleaners - It was reported that our cleaners do not operate on Back Lane, Three Close Hill, School Lane and St Leonards. A meeting was held and these streets are cleaned but only on a monthly basis. We have now re-arranged the working schedules and these streets will now be cleaned every Monday morning.

006/20. Police & Crime Report

The clerk distributed the crime statistics for November for Thrybergh which were then discussed by the councillors. The Thursday session with the PCSO's had been cancelled due to lack of available numbers

within the police but they did advise that it had been relatively quiet in Rotherham North over the Christmas holiday.

007/20. Thrybergh Academy Gymnasium.

It had been reported in last month's minutes that Thrybergh Academy had announced the closure of its sports facilities for the general public. The news had just broken before the meeting so there had been no time to investigate and it was decided that the clerk would write to the chairman of the board of governors. We have now received a letter confirming that the gymnasium will close to members of the public but other facilities will remain open such as the badminton courts, dance studio and sports field. The closure of the gym to the public is a financial decision as the school is unable to fund this facility. The councillors requested the clerk to send a letter to the board of governors expressing our disappointment at the closure of this service to the public of Thrybergh.

008/20. YLCA Spring Training Conference.

The YLCA is running a Spring Training Conference in Ossett on Saturday 28th March and the clerk requested permission to attend the course.

Mover: Councillor G Senior Second: Councillor A Martin

Resolved: That the clerk attend the training course.

009/20. New Councillor Training.

YLCA is running a training session for new councillors at Catcliffe Memorial Hall on Monday 27th January. The session will run from 6.30 to 9pm. Councillor Endicott had expressed interest in training when he joined as a councillor last year.

Mover: Councillor M Senior Second: Councillor A Martin

Resolved: That Councillor Endicott be invited to attend the training session.

010/20. Disciplinary & Grievance Arrangements.

NALC has sent out new disciplinary and grievance procedures, which supersede those it issued in 2017, to include recent changes in the law relating to disciplinary issues. It was decided that these documents would be referred to the staffing committee to be reported back on in the next parish council meeting in February.

011/20. Items Of Correspondence

The following items of correspondence had been received since the October meeting and were made available to be read by the councillors:-

- (a) Community First Newsletter
- (b) White Rose Update
- (c) YLCA Chairman's Bulletin
- (d) SLCC Bulletin
- (e) VAR Bulletin
- (f) Rotherham Central Neighbourhood Newsletter
- (g) SYP Alert – Crime Prevention Advice
- (h) SYP Alert – Bogus Officials
- (i) Rotherham North Neighbourhood Newsletter

012/20. Items of Report.

The chairman, in his role as hall secretary, gave an update on bookings so far in Q4 and we already have 2 functions and a children's party in January and a church group with a regular booking starting in January too. It was reported that bookings for this year were well up on those of the last financial year and it was thought that the new bar was part of the reason why as well as the hard work of the hall secretary.

The clerk advised that he had attended a meeting at the Town Hall on 13th December for an update on the plans for Whinney Hill and Chesterhill Avenue. The planning application has now been made and all plans are available on the RMBC planning portal. The clerk passed around documents showing the plans, the properties to be built and landscaped areas. The firm leading the development is based in Wath-Upon-Deane and are committed to making improvements to the Rotherham area. New

underground storage tanks will be incorporated into the sites to ensure flooding and water run-off is not an issue and the green spaces will be maintained then them. The estate roads will be 20mph and there will not be access on or off the new Whinney Hill estate on to Doncaster Road as access will be via Oldgate Road. It is expected that the building work will take approximately 2 years. The plans were welcomed by the councillors but there have been a number of proposed developments in the past that have fallen through but all parties involved in the new project are committed to make it work. There then followed a discussion on Chesterhill Avenue and it was raised that this area is Thrybergh and not Dalton although it was allocated to Dalton in the past. It was requested that the clerk write to RMBC to seek clarification on the boundary in this area. The clerk will revert at the next meeting.

013/20. Any Other Non Financial Business

Following the recent accidents on Doncaster Road causing wall damage to the same property, it was requested by the council that the clerk write to RMBC to see if it was possible for some sort of barrier to be erected at this point. The clerk will refer on this point after speaking with RMBC. Councillor Napper also advised that he will raise this with the Borough Council.

RMBC are running a Health & Safety Session at Catcliffe Memorial Hall on 15th January from 10am to 12noon. Items on the agenda are lone working, general health & safety, use of electrical appliances, sharps and lifting & handling. The clerk and assistant caretaker will attend the course.

RMBC are running a course on Right Wing Extremism which is open to clerks and councillors. The session will be at the Gordon Bennet Memorial Hall on Thursday 30th January at 10am to 12noon and will be repeated Monday 2nd March at 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Catcliffe Memorial Hall. The clerk will attend the session on Monday 30th January.

Councillor Tennant advised that the fly tipping by the football pitch was still there and had increased over Christmas. The clerk advised that this had been reported to RMBC on two occasions but had most probably not been cleared due to the Christmas holiday, the clerk will raise this again with the Borough Council.

The Public & Press were then invited to leave the meeting.

015/20. Precept/Budget 2020/21.

Our budget for 2020/21 was set at £73,200 at December's parish Council meeting. We now need to advise RMBC of the precept we require so that they can issue tax levies for the next financial year. However, we need RMBC to advise what the rate will be for properties in Band D to finalise our precept request and partly due to the recent election we will not likely know this figure until sometime in February. The precept was discussed based on what the parish council thought RMBC would raise it by and several financial scenarios were looked at. It was decided that it would be prudent to not raise the parish council tax for the coming financial year and this would mean that we would need to allocate somewhere between £3000 to £5000 from general reserves.

Mover: Councillor S Docherty Second: Councillor M Senior

Resolved: That the Thrybergh parish council precept be subsidised by an amount from general reserve, the exact amount required to be determined when the council tax band D rate is released.

016/20. Accounts For Payment.

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Mover: Councillor D Bates Second: Councillor M Senior

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

Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 6th February 2020, (starting at 6.30 pm).**

Closure of Meeting at 8.05pm.

..... Chairman