

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On  
Thursday 6th February 2020  
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start)**

**Present:** - Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates, J Parsons, T Knapton, B Shaw, G Senior, S Tennant, K Endicott, B Wellings, G Marlow & S Docherty.

There were two members of the public in attendance.

**017/20. Apologies For Absence**

Apologies received from Councillors M Senior.

**018/20. Declaration Of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**019/02. Questions From The Public**

A member of the public attended to ask about a specific planning issue. It was decided that the clerk would pass on the contact details of local ward councillors to the resident. The clerk would also look into the matter and revert to the resident.

Another member of the public advised the council on planned litter picks as part of the Love Where You Live Project by members of the public, the group to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Details are on the parish council website and a poster will be placed in the hall reception. The resident said that they would also be interested in litter picking on the disused railway line and it was agreed that we would give contacts to arrange this as the land was owned by Network Rail as permission would be needed for entry.

**020/20. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.**

**Mover:** Councillor S Docherty      **Seconder:** Councillor G Senior

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**021/20. To Discuss Any Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.**

The chairman advised that he, the clerk and several councillors had attended the funeral of Mr. Eric Hellewell, a former long-standing Thrybergh parish councilor, on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**146/19** - Silverwood Colliery Wheel. The approved repair work will be done in the spring, Thrybergh and Dalton parish councils have been advised of this.

**179/19** – New Bench. The clerk advised the cost of the new bench including delivery would be £598 (Bench £521 and delivery £77). The bench to be supplied is the same as the two new ones bought for the WW1 Centenary next to the memorial. He is now looking at companies to remove the old bench and fit the new one. The plan is to have the bench in place sometime in March. The cost of the bench will be met by the CIL payment received last year.

**181/19** – Damaged windows. All now repaired on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**110/19** – New Bar. Modification work to the new shutters will be completed by the end of February, delay caused by securing the required parts.

**147/19** – Doncaster Road Speed Limit. The clerk advised that carriageway repairs were now underway and the three central refuge points were being installed. The proposed speed reduction is now in the consultation process. It was hoped that the new speed limit would be introduced within next 6 to 10 months. The councillors expressed concerns about the new refuges impacting on church services at St Leonard's church especially funerals as this could lead to traffic issues. It was requested that the clerk raise this issues with RMBC Highways.

**199/19** – WWI War Memorial. The clerk reported that cleaning work is now done and it will be back and fitted Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. A picture of the cleaned memorial was shown to the councillors and all were pleased with the outcome. The wooden frame is being inspected on Tuesday to see if it can be cleaned up but the general consensus is that it would be too difficult to clean. A decision on how to proceed will be taken once it has been inspected.

**009/20** – New councillor training. The chairman advised that the proposed training date of 27<sup>th</sup> January for councillor Endicott was fully booked and that he would now go on a training course when the next one was scheduled for later in the year.

**200/19** – Chesterhill Avenue and Whinney Hill Development. The clerk advised that ground penetrating site investigation work had started on Chesterhill Avenue on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and would include trial pits and trenching being dug this week and rotary drilling next week. All indications for the project are positive. A member of the public then advised that a two week period has now been added to the planning process due to slight modifications in the plan with two fewer properties and additional green spaces/play areas added. There followed a further discussion regarding Chesterhill Avenue and whether this area was Thrybergh or Dalton. All checks so far show that the parish boundary is up Oldgate Lane and this is shown in an old map pre-1850.

**013/20** – Gents Toilets. Modifications to pipes and water flow system now made.

**013/20** – Health & Safety. The chairman advised that the Health & Safety course due to be held 15<sup>th</sup> January had been cancelled due to lack of interest from councillors and clerks from the other parish councils.

#### **022/20. Police & Crime Report**

The clerk distributed the crime statistics for December for Thrybergh which were then discussed by the councillors. The clerk had not attended this week's session with the local PCSOs but both he and the chairman had met with them last week. They had advised that there was nothing in particular to report. Concerns were raised by several councillors about drug usage in the streets of Thrybergh particularly on intersection between Park Lane and Oldgate Lane. The clerk to raise this with the PCSO's.

#### **023/20. Sue Ryder Charity Evening.**

We have received an enquiry for the annual booking for the Sue Ryder Charity Event. We have normally booked this event with a discounted price of £30 rather than usual rate of £60 due to it being for charity.

**Mover: Councillor T Knapton      Second: Councillor G Marlow**

**Resolved: That the event be confirmed at £30 for the booking.**

#### **024/20. St Gerard's Church.**

We have received a request from St. Gerard's Church for a grant towards upkeep of cemetery grounds.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates      Second: Councillor G Marlow**

**Resolved: That the parish council award a grant of £500.**

#### **025/20. Disciplinary & Grievance Arrangements.**

The chairman advised that the staffing committee had met Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to consider and review the documents received from NALC.

**Mover: Councillor S Docherty      Second: Councillor J Parsons**

**Resolved: That Thrybergh Parish Council adopts the Disciplinary & Grievance procedures as proposed by NALC.**

#### **026/20. Planning Application RB2019/1987.**

The council considered the planning application submitted for Manor Close, 185 Doncaster Road for conversion of a dormer to a two storey house. No objections were raised.

#### **027/20. Planning Application RB2020/0099.**

The council considered the planning application submitted for Saxon House, 138 Doncaster Road for formation of means of access. No objections were raised.

#### **028/20. Trustees Of Hollings Lane Recreational Ground.**

The chairman advised that, due to the poor autumn and winter weather, many local league football matches had been postponed. This has meant that match day income for the Trustees of Hollings Lane Recreational Ground was below forecast and we now have a grounds maintenance bill to pay to RMBC. The backlog of matches will be made up as the weather improves.

**Mover: Councillor G Marlow      Second: Councillor T Knapton**  
**Resolved: That £100 be granted and transferred to the Trustees Account.**

**029/20. 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) Community First Funding Bulletin
- (c) White Rose Update
- (d) NALC Chairman's Bulletin
- (e) VAR Bulletin
- (f) Rotherham Round Up
- (g) Severn Trent Community Fund
- (h) Silverwood Neighbourhood News Update.
- (i) Our News – Newsletter of Neighbourhood Watch Supporters
- (j) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (k) The Clerk - Magazine

**030/20. Items of Report.**

The chairman, in his role as hall secretary, gave an update on bookings which are well up on last year and we have a high number of upcoming events in the bar plus the usual children's parties etc.

Councillor Shaw gave an update on the YLCA joint executive board meeting he had attended 18<sup>th</sup> January in York including their new website which now has an improved depository for documents relating to all aspects of parish council issues. They are also going to increase the use of training through the use of webinars.

Councillor Shaw also advised that this year's Yorkshire Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August is being hosted by Rotherham.

There will be a meeting of YLCA South Yorkshire branch on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Ravenfield parish hall. Councillor Shaw will attend and he advised that the invitation to attend is extended to other councillors and Councillor Bates expressed interest.'

Councillor Shaw has also been nominated by YLCA to attend this year's garden party at Buckingham Palace and he will advise if he gets an invitation.

The clerk advised that he had attended a seminar/training meeting at the Gordon Bennet Memorial Hall in Thurcroft 30<sup>th</sup> January on the increase in right wing extremism. The Government is keen to increase our awareness of the growing popularity of these groups and how they are promoting violence and targeted attacks in the community.

The clerk also attended the clerks meeting in Catcliffe 4<sup>th</sup> February which included discussions on the Neighbourhood scheme and producing new Emergency Procedures, RMBC has produced a template for all parish councils to complete. There will be further training for clerks on this matter in the future.

**031/20. Any Other Non Financial Business**

The current state of pavements and roads in Thrybergh was discussed, there are numerous potholes and these are trip hazards and there have been a number of falls by Thrybergh residents. Councillors will advise the clerk which roads need attention and then he will contact RMBC.

Councillors have received several complaints from members of the public about the state of grass verges on Poplar Avenue and it had been requested that we approach the RMBC to see if bollards could be fitted on the grass areas to stop cars parking there and churning up to grass. The clerk will contact RMBC to discuss the matter and see if it is possible to do this.

The clerk advised that we have been asked by RMBC for proposed names for a new, small development of three properties being off Doncaster Road opposite to Back Lane. Coppins Close and St Leonard's Close were a couple of ideas put forward by the councillors.

The clerk advised that RMBC is making a small quantity of compost bins, 80, for Thrybergh residents. These are free of charge on a first come first served basis and will be available from the parish hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9am to 3pm. Details have been put on our website and fliers on the parish hall notice boards.

Fly tipping remains an issue at Thrybergh and the clerk continues to report issues to RMBC and Streetpride have been very good in arranging quick collection of rubbish. The Silverwood Colliery

Wheel has become a real issue recently and Streetpride are inspecting daily. Measures are in place to catch the individual fly tippers and RMBC has advised that those caught will be prosecuted.

The amount of dog fouling in Thrybergh was also raised and the clerk will take up this issue with RMBC.

We have received further reports of 4X4 vehicle damage to land around the Colliery Wheel; this has previously been reported to RMBC and will be done so again.

The animals being kept on land between Hollings Lane and Vale Road was commented on by councillors and it appears that both Thornbury animal sanctuary and the RSPCA have been in attendance with animals being taken and returned although it is not sure if they are the same animals. Monitoring will continue to take place.

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

**034/20. Window Cleaning Rates.**

The chairman advised that the amount we pay for the windows of the parish hall to be cleaned inside and outside on a monthly basis has been at the same level for over 10 years and was overdue a review.

**Mover: Councillor G Senior**

**Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**That the window cleaning rate be increased by £10 per month.**

**035/20. HSBC Bank Account.**

The chairman advised that he had gone to HSBC with the clerk and discussed how to proceed with our account at the bank. It was agreed that we would use electronic transfer to transfer funds from the HSBC savings account to the Co-op current account as and when required. It was expected that a transfer would need to be made only once or twice per year. The cost of each electronic transfer is £30. The possibility of moving to another bank was discussed briefly but the clerk and chairman advised that staying with HSBC and arranging transfers when required was the best way to proceed.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates**

**Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the transfer charge of £30 be accepted by the parish council.**

**036/20. Precept/Budget 2020/21.**

The clerk advised that RMBC have announced that the Band D charge for Thrybergh is £874.71. The budget was set at last month's meeting at £73,200 and it was also decided that the parish council would not increase council tax for 2020/21 and that money would be allocated from general reserve to subsidise the parish council element of the tax. The clerk advised that the amount needed from general reserve to keep the council tax at the same level is £3836 meaning our precept request to RMBC would be £69,364.

**037/20. 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.**

**Date Of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, (starting at 6.30 pm).**

**Closure of Meeting at 8.15pm.**

..... Chairman

