

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of Thrybergh Parish Council Held On  
Thursday 5th March 2020  
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start)**

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

There were five members of the public in attendance.

**038/20. Apologies For Absence**

Apologies received from Councillors G Marlow.

**039/20. Declaration Of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**040/02. Questions From The Public**

There were no questions from the public.

**041/20. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**Mover:** Councillor G Senior      **Seconder:** Councillor J Parsons

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

**042/20. To Discuss Any Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.**

**019/20** – Litter picking on the rail line. There is a meeting next week with Network Rail to look at this issue. Also being considered is a gate onto the line to allow easier access to facilitate litter picking and general cleaning. Network Rail are also looking at the fencing to see if it can be altered to prevent fly tipping i.e. increasing height and the possible use of video camera. Network Rail is also in the process of discussing the issue of rubbish on the embankment slopes with the houses in Thrybergh that back onto the line.

**146/19** - Silverwood Colliery Wheel. The approved repair work will be done in the end March or early April as we need at least three fine, dry days for completion.

**179/19** – New Bench. The bench has been ordered and will arrive mid March, the bench will be fitted by our usual joiner.

**110/19** – New Bar. Modification work to the new shutters will be done Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**147/19** – Doncaster Road Speed Limit. The resident leading the campaign to reduce speed limit gave an update on the current progress of the work. There is a meeting with the MP John Healey on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Thrybergh County Park to discuss the current position and the issue of a 30mph zone and road crossing point at the Country Park. Mr Healey will be asked to back and influence this proposal as it is not planned to happen by RMBC. The speed reduction process is now in procedure and it is hoped that it will be in place middle/end of the year. It appears that work on the central refuges has been currently halted; it is thought that this is because of requested amendments but an answer from RMBC is awaited. The clerk advised that he has spoken with RMBC about the impact these crossing refuges and traffic calming will have on services at St Leonard's Church. The Borough Council has advised that they believe the current proposals will not impact on parking but will consider the implementation of double yellow lines if it becomes problematical.

**199/19** – WWI War Memorial. The memorial has now been cleaned and refitted and the clerk has cleaned the wooden frame during which he found the date the frame was manufactured which was 1920.

**009/20** – New councillor training. No dates put forward yet for new councillor training.

**013/20** – Health & Safety. No further dates put forward by RMBC for health & safety training.

**028/20** – The weather continues to play havoc with local football fixtures and Thrybergh Village FC managed two home games in February and Ranger FC did not even manage to play one home game.

**031/20** – Pot holes in roads in Thrybergh – these have been reported to RMBC and we await their response.

**031/20** – Fly Tipping – The person causing much of the problems with fly tipping around the colliery wheel has been caught by a covert camera and legal proceedings are pending.

**031/20** – Damage to the ground around the colliery wheel caused by 4X4s and off road motor cyclists has been reported to the police and they are investigating this. The ramp made by the off road cyclists to access this area has now been blocked by RMBC.

**031/20** – Dog Fouling of Pavements – has been reported to RMBC and wardens have been patrolling Thrybergh since 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**031/20** – Compost Bins – The recent give away of compost bins to residents of Thrybergh (funded by RMBC) has been successful and we still have some bins available at the hall on application.

**024/20** – We have received a letter of thanks from St. Gerard's Church for our recent donation to their cemetery upkeep.

**026/20** – Planning application for 185 Doncaster Road for conversion of a dormer bungalow to a two storey house has been granted conditionally.

**027/20** – Planning application for 138 Doncaster Road for formation of a means of access has been granted conditionally.

#### **043/20. Police & Crime Report**

The clerk has raised problems with school parking, off road vehicles and drugs in Thrybergh with the police and individual issues are being looked into. The crime statistics for January were then distributed and discussed.

It was requested that we approach SY Police to see if we could have someone attend the parish council meetings approx two or three times per year. The clerk will ask SY Police if this is possible and revert at the next meeting in April.

#### **044/20. BT Telephone Line to the Parish Hall.**

The chairman advised that our quarterly bill for the public line in the hall had been received and was £101.34. This was made up by rental charges of £84.20 and VAT at £16.89 and actual call charge of 0.25. The bill for the previous quarter also included just 25p worth of phone calls. The clerk confirmed that there was not a legal requirement for the hall to have a public telephone.

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

**Resolved: That the clerk cancel the telephone line with BT.**

#### **045/20. Department of Transport – Proposed Stopping Up of highway at Oldgate Lane.**

The clerk advised that as part of the proposed development of the Whinney Hill and Chesterhill Avenue areas that there would be road closures for the duration of the building work. The Department of Transport has now issued the notice of proposal that advises closures affecting parts of Chesterhill Avenue, Glebe Avenue and Cross Street.

#### **046/20. Grass Verges on Poplar Avenue.**

The parish council has received a number of complaints about the state of the grass verges on Poplar Avenue with damage done by parked vehicles. A small section of Poplar Avenue has bollards protecting the verges and we have been advised by RMBC that the cost of purchasing and fitting each additional bollard is £50. We await RMBC to see if there is funding available for the bollards. If there is then it would be the intention of the council to discuss the issue with residents of Poplar Avenue.

#### **047/20. Adoption of Procedure for Operation London Bridge by Thrybergh Parish Council.**

The chairman advised that we have been requested by RMBC to ensure we have a policy for Operation London Bridge. This is the protocol for the death of a senior royal and is updated several times per year by the Government. Guidelines are set out by the Government and those that are relevant to Thrybergh include when to fly the Union Flag and possible cancelling/closing of the hall depending on when dates fall. The clerk will fly the flag when dictated by procedure with a deputized councilor, Karl Endicott, to take his lace should he be away from work.

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

**Resolved: That Thrybergh PC adopt the policy as described by the clerk.**

#### **048/20. Parish Hall Bar – Provision of Coffee Machine.**

The chairman advised that we are receiving more requests for coffee from the bar at functions. We would also need to purchase the necessary crockery to offer a coffee facility.

**Mover: Councillor M Senior      Second: Councillor B Shaw**

**Resolved: That the clerk purchase a coffee machine.**

**049/20. Parish Hall Flooring.**

The clerk advised on the parish hall floor which we initially understood was very near to the end of its life but it has been inspected and it seems that it will last another 15 years. However, it does need to be sanded and re-varnished and a couple of cracked boards need replacing. The clerk gave detail of two quotes we had received and the one of the members of the public said that he had a company that renovates floors. It was decided by the council that the member of the public should quote for the floor as well. Arrangements will be made to do this and will be reported on at the April council meeting.

**050/20. Fire Risk Assessment Plan & Fire Safety Training.**

The clerk advised that we now needed to conduct a Fire Risk Assessment review and an update of our Emergency Plan for Thrybergh Parish hall. This would also include fire warden training for the staff and selected councillors.

**Mover: Councillor M Senior      Second: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the Fire Risk Assessment review and Emergency plus fire warden training be done by Fire Safety Specialists Ltd.**

**051/20. Shelving for Parish Hall.**

The clerk advised that the hall is short of storage space and we needed shelving in the room used to store items for the mother & Toddler playgroup.

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

**Resolved: That shelving be fitted as soon as possible.**

**052/20. Mayor's Charity Fundraising Raffle – Donation Request.**

We have received a request from the Mayor of Rotherham Borough Council for a donation towards his charity for 2019/20.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates      Second: Councillor M Shaw**

**Resolved: That a grant made towards the Mayor's Charity.**

**053/20. Items Of Correspondence**

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

- (a) Community First Newsletter
- (b) White Rose Update
- (c) NALC Chairman's Bulletin
- (d) VAR Bulletin
- (e) SYP Alerts – Off Road Bike Team.
- (f) Clerks & Councils Direct

**054/20. Items of Report.**

The chairman, in his role as hall secretary, gave another update on bookings which are going very well and we have an upcoming Saturday during which we will have three bookings which is the most we have ever had in one day. The clerk is now looking at the website to include a calendar and this will be kept up to date with all bookings so that prospective clients can see what and what is not available.

Councillor Shaw advised that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the YLCA South Yorkshire Branch on 8<sup>th</sup> February and had given his apologies.

**055/20. Any Other Non Financial Business**

The clerk advised that the information packs for prospective councillors for the elections 7<sup>th</sup> May and are now ready. They will be collected at the briefing meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Rawmarsh library at 18;00 to 19;30. Any councillors wishing to attend and in need of taking there should inform the clerk.

The latest news relating to Coronavirus was discussed especially since Rotherham now has its first confirmed case. The latest advice from the Government is to consider if contact through handshakes is necessary, to wash hands thoroughly and to use disposable tissues/handkerchiefs. The clerk has tried to order anti-bacterial hand wash but it seems that panic buying has meant nothing is available even from our usual industrial suppliers. When available, these will be placed at strategic points in the hall as will boxes of tissues. As yet, the hall will remain open but this will be reviewed based on national and local Government advice.

The clerk is to attend a meeting of the South Yorkshire branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks at 9:30am at Stainforth, Doncaster.

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

**056/20. Pension Scheme – Parish Clerk.**

The clerk wishes to join the company pension scheme and needs a mandate from the parish council to do this.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates**

**Seconder: Councillor M Senior**

**Resolved: That the clerk joins the South Yorkshire Pension Scheme for Thrybergh Parish Council employees.**

**057/20. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment February.

**Mover: Councillor B Shaw**

**Seconder: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, (starting at 6.30 pm).**

**Closure of Meeting at 8.05pm.**

..... Chairman