

Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council
Held On Thursday 1st April 2021
Jointly at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh and On-Line (6.30pm start).

Present: - Councillors G Trickett (Chair), D Bates, G Senior, M Senior & T Knapton in the hall.
Councillors R Thomas, K Endicott, B Shaw, J Parsons & A Martin (vice chair) on line.
There were no members of the public present.

039/21. April Meeting of the Parish Council.

The clerk advised that is was current NALC policy that all parish council meetings be conducted on-line due to the risks from Covid-19. Legislation was now in place for on-line meetings up to 7th May 2021. If a live, face to face meeting was to be held then it must, effectively, be paperless and the reason why the live meeting is being held stated in the minutes. We have had to have a hybrid meeting as not all councillors have access to internet, smart phone or email so a hybrid meeting was our only option. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the clerk and all of the required procedures have been undertaken to open the hall safely for Parish Council meetings. We are legally allowed to meet and this is considered as a workplace. The hall would continue to remain closed to the public but a future date for possible opening would be discussed under Matters Arising later in the meeting.

040/21. Apologies For Absence.

There were no apologies.

041/21. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.

There were no apologies.

042/21. Declaration Of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

043/21. Questions From The Public.

There were no questions from the public.

044/21. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th March, 2021.

Mover: Councillor M Senior Second: Councillor A Martin

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

045/21. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.

146/19 – The clerk is now speaking with the company contracted to repair/clean up the colliery wheel, he will advise a date for the work to commence when it has been agreed. Hopefully, this should be sometime in the next month.

128/19 – It was advised that the parish council has now signed up for the speed activated device on Hollings Lane and that we are awaiting a date from RMBC as to when it would be installed. The clerk will advise as soon as a date has been agreed.

Borough Engineers have checked the device on Vale Road and have confirmed that it is working.

080/20 – The remedial fire work was now complete in the hall as the hinges on the door to the bin room have now been replaced. A new fire assessment will now take place on Wednesday 14th April at 9:30am. We will then look at fire training of councillors, staff and hall hirers for when the hall is re-opened.

121/20 – The repair work to the gentlemen's toilet is now ongoing and the construction team will be back on site 10th, 12th and 13th to complete the work.

010/21 – Proposed bench on Hollings Lane playing field. The cost of a galvanised bench from our usual supplier, Streetmaster, is around £750 (depending upon style) with fittings around £50. We have discussed the bench with RMBC and they advised that all of the benches in the Borough have been fitted by a company called Hibbard Works from Wath-upon-Deane. They have quoted fitted at

£730. However, the bench is being placed on Hollings Lane playing field so a concrete base would be required. Hibbard have quoted at £1030 for bench, concrete base and fitting at £1030.

Mover: Councillor M Senior Second: Councillor T Knapton

Resolved: That the parish council place the order for a bench on the playing fields with Hibbard Works at £1030 fitted. The bench to be situation on the site of the old and now demolished sports pavilion.

014/21 – The clerk advised that the repairs to the gate onto the Hollings Lane playing fields had now been made and a new padlock bought to replace the one cut off by the trespassing off-rovers. The cost of repairs to the gate £276.90 and new lock including extra keys for users of the field was £68.90. The recent damage caused to the pitch and gate has been reported to the police and an incident number given but no action can be taken due to lack of witnesses. However, details have been passed to local police and their off road crime team. It was then advised that RMBC and the Police are working together on the issue of damage and nuisance caused by off road motorcycles and 4X4 vehicles particularly around the Silverwood nature reserve. The aim is to restrict access to the Silverwood site and ward councillor Alan Napper and Community Protection manager Richard Bramall are heavily involved. Richard Bramall has advised that a covert camera would be £2800 plus £150 installation. RMBC would monitor with police having direct access to video footage. The parish council then consider and discussed the issue as it is a real local as well as national problem.

Mover: Councillor J Parsons Second: Councillor K Endicott

Resolved: That the repairs to the gate be approved and that Thrybergh Parish Council purchase a covert camera at £2800 plus installation costs of £150.

112/20 – Hope Fields, Thrybergh Country Park – it was advised that the parish council was awaiting Kevin Burke on how the County Park will proceed with the parish council offer of a bench for Hope Fields, it was noted that the benches in the plans were mainly stone with wooden planks. The clerk will advise council when Kevin Burke lets us know how he wants us to proceed. It was recently reported in the Rotherham Advertiser that Hope Field had opened but the ceremony was a virtual one and the clerk advised that there is a link to the opening on our parish council website.

009/21 - Upcoming elections on 6th May 2021 – the clerk advised that we have now submitted seven applications successfully and have three more to submit from the standing councillors. As yet, we do not know if there are any other candidates for office in Thrybergh. The clerk advised that we had received a code of recommended practice from NALC which recommends that councils do not publish or issue any publicity which seeks to influence voters.

091/20 – The chairman advised that we are still following the roadmap issued by the Govt regarding re-opening of the parish hall i.e. the hall could possibly re-open for the usual activities such as bingo, slimming world, art group, Boxercise and possibly indoor bowling from 17th May onwards. As previously discussed, we could not open the bar until all restrictions are removed which, at the moment, is 21st June and this is also providing that there are no further legal impositions on bars etc. Councillors were happy with these dates and it was agreed to update monthly based on the prevailing Government advice at the time although there are fears that the May 17th date may not be achievable especially given the recent behaviour of many individuals as the lock down eases. We will constantly monitor the news and comply with Govt rules and regulations.

046/21. Police Report.

The latest crime statistics were given for February which showed 40 incidents for Thrybergh, the same as last month. The police 'drop in centres' to meet the public remain closed but they continue to hold sessions on line. SYP has also distributed a notice advising that non-police matters should be reported on-line to RMBC and if a police matter then items can be reported on Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, non-emergencies on 111 and emergencies on 999.

047/21. Flying the Flag Of St George.

A councillors requested that we fly the Flag of St George on St George's Day which is 23rd April. It was advised that we had studied flag protocol from the Govt and national flags can be flown without issue or special permission. The chair then advised that the Govt has recently announced that the Union Flag should be flown from all Govt buildings with immediate effect. The council then looked at digitally printed flags compared with the traditional sewn flag, digital at £98 for a flag 2.7m X 1.4m and sewn at £72 for a flag 2.74m X 1.37m.

Mover: Councillor A Martin Second: Councillor T Knapton

Resolved: That the parish council purchase a sewn flag of St George at £72 to fly on St George's Day.
The council then discussed whether the Union Flag should be flown daily.

Mover: Councillor T Knapton Second: Councillor M Senior

Resolved: That the parish council purchase fly the Union Flag daily with immediate effect.

048/21. Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Association

The subscriptions to the YLCA were now due for financial year 2021/22 at a rate of £794.

Mover: Councillor D Bates Second: Councillor B Shaw

Resolved: That the parish council renew membership to the YLCA at an annual sum of £794.

049/21. Reinstallation of BT Telephone line, installation of Broadband and annual subscription to Zoom

The clerk advised that we had taken the decision under delegated authority to re-install the BT telephone line to the parish hall, install broadband and take out an annual subscription with Zoom to allow for parish council meetings to take place on-line. We now needed to formally approve this.

Mover: Councillor M Senior Second: Councillor T Knapton

Resolved: That the installation of telephone line, broadband and Zoom subscription be approved.

050/21. Annual Subscription to EDGE IT Systems for 2021/22.

The subscription to the EDGE IT Systems finance package at £282 was now due for 2021/22, this will be year 3 of a 5 year deal.

Mover: Councillor A Martin Second: Councillor M Senior

Resolved: That the annual subscription to EDGE IT Systems be renewed at a fee of £282.

051/21. Items Of Correspondence

To consider the following new Correspondence that has been received since the March meeting and to decide actions where necessary.

(a) Letter of thanks for recent grant award to St Gerard's Church.

(b) A communication from RMBC advising that the council will be making a bid for funding from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund. This is a new fund for local authorities too increase tree planting and natural regeneration in locations outside woodlands. £2.7m is being made available with up to 50 grants worth £50k to £300k being made available. The clerk requested that if any councillors had ideas for Thrybergh then to advise him and he will submit them to RMBC.

052/21. Items of Report.

The clerk had attended a Rotherham Borough and Local Councils Liaison Meeting on 17th March. This was a Covid Update, report on Hope Fields, re-opening of council leisure facilities and tree planting.

053/21. Matters Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.

a) The clerk advised that a site visit had been made to Doncaster Road 8th March with Jayne Wright from RMBC, a local resident, a parish councillor and the clerk. The issues looked at and discussed were:-

Requested dropped crossing points with tactile paving on Back Lane/Doncaster Road Junction – on-going.

Double Solid white lines on Doncaster Road (Fosters Garage to School Lane & 198 Doncaster Road to Country Park) to prevent unsafe overtaking, this is being looked at by RMBC with SY Police.

Cleaning of road and pavement mulch – on-going.

Old broken litter bin base at bus stop on Doncaster Road - now removed.

Cut back overgrown vegetation on Doncaster Road, RMBC has contacted land owners but no response received yet and RMBC has now received a quote to do the work, we are awaiting a copy of the quote but it is understood to be very expensive so may not be an option as RMBC will not pay in full but would consider if part funded by the parish council.

Further tactile pavements on central crossings – on-going.

Clean silt from refuge areas – on-going.

b) Work is planned to start 12th April to alleviate flooding issues on Doncaster Road (from golf club down to the Church)

c) New litter bin placed at junction of School Lane and Back Lane.

d) Streetpride community cleaning took place on Vale Road & March Flatts Road end March.

- e) Volunteer litter picking in Thrybergh has re-commenced, all within Covid regulations and they are doing an excellent job in the area.
- e) Renewal of Thrybergh PC benches in cemetery and outside St Leonards Church. The bench on Back Lane is for review by RMBC and we await their comments.
- f) Licence granted by RMBC for flower planter outside St Leonard's Church.
- g) The clerk will start work on the accounts for the period 2020/21 and will have a meeting with the internal auditor Thursday 15th April at 1:30pm.
- h) Councillors Parsons commented that it was pleasing to see that there was now a crossing warden at Thrybergh Primary.

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN INVITED TO LEAVE THE MEETING.

054/21. Performance Evaluation of the Parish Council Clerk.

It is a requirement that the clerk to the parish council has a yearly performance evaluation. It was not possible to arrange an evaluation for last year due to the start of the Covid epidemic so the evaluation covered 2019/20 and 2020/21. The clerk left the room whilst the staffing committee advised the full council of their evaluation.

The clerk then returned and was advised that his performance met all of the requirements required by the parish council and he was thanked for his hard work

Mover: Councillor G Senior

Seconder: Councillor R Thomas

Resolved: That the performance of the clerk met and fulfilled all of the expected requirement of the parish council.

055/21. Fence on Fullerton Fields

The clerk advised that the parish council had been contacted by a resident on St Leonard's Avenue about local youths using her garden as an access route to the fields. There is a wooden fence in place but this was being damaged by the youths and is not sturdy enough to prevent it being climbed. The resident is very intimidated by the trespassing youths. There is a 2m high metal fence on the fields that stops just before the property and this is why the single wooden fence is being targeted as an entry point. Extending the galvanised fence by 12/13m would make it far more difficult to be climbed and therefore reduce the nuisance. The clerk advised that he had only been able to get 2 quotations as a number of companies contacted said they were too busy to come and view for at least three months. We have a quotation from Hibbard Work at £950 and Kingsforth Security Fencing at £1306. These were discussed by the parish council and it was felt that the offer from Kingsforth, whilst more expensive, was a better option as it was a far more comprehensive and much more of a deterrent.

Mover: Councillor M Senior

Seconder: Councillor G Senior

Resolved: That the order to erect a 13m X 2m high galvanised steel palisade fence be given to Kingsforth Security Fencing at a cost of £1306.

056/21. Accounts For Payment.

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment March.

Mover: Councillor M Senior

Seconder: Councillor J Parsons

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

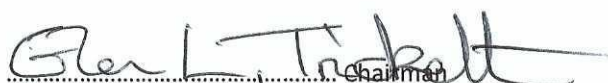
038/21. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

No items were raised.

Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next parish council meeting will be Thursday 13th May (starting at 6:00pm), this date is 1 week later than normal due to the elections taking place on Thursday 6th May.

Closure of Meeting at 8:16pm.


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