#  Minutes of a Meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council

# Held On Thursday 6th October 2022

# At the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30pm start).

**Present: -** Councillors G Trickett (Chair), A Martin (vice chair), D Bates, J Parsons, J Chambers, B Shaw & T Knapton.

Also attending the meeting: Ward Councillor Baker-Rogers, Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester & Nicola Jackson from Friends of Dalton, East Herringthorpe & Thrybergh Green Spaces.

There were no members of the public present

**364/22. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors R Thomas, M Senior & K Endicott.

**365/22. Approval of Reason Given for Absence.**

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the councillor’s apologies be accepted by the Parish Council.**

**366/22. Declaration Of Interest**

Cllr T Knapton expressed an interest in agenda item 17, Request For Grant From St Leonard’s Church.

**367/22. Questions From The Public.**

There were no questions from the public.

**368/22. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022.**

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Thursday 1st September be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.**

**369/22. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of the Parish Council.**

**349/22 - Installation Of New Curate at St Leonard’s Church** – The chair thanked Cllr. Martin for representing the Parish Council at the installation of the new Curate, Revd Helen Terry, at St Leonard’s Church on Sunday September 4th.

**356/22 - Insurance Cover for Hall** – Cover now increased to £1,280,661 with new additional premium of £56.96 paid.

**357/22 – Flood Damage to Kitchen – Z**urich Municipal has agreed to claim but requested a materials and labour breakdown on quotation for repair/replacement work in kitchen. The clerk has now advised breakdown costs and acceptance of our claimed amount expected shortly. We will arrange repair work in the kitchen as soon as we get authorisation from Zurich Municipal with work expected to take 1 week.

**358/22 - Warped guttering** – All union seals replaced and guttering is again operational. There was a charge of £30 for repairs to damaged roof where telephone line has raised the protective covering. We passed £600 at last month’s meeting but now need to pass the extra amount for the additional roof work.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor J Parsons**

**Resolved: That the amount of £30 for additional roof repairs by West Joinery & Building be approved for payment.**

The Sun damaged windows in main door – JM Ross has advised that they would need to replace the whole front door and side window unit to repair the damage caused by the heat from the sun during the recent heatwave. The clerk advised that we are now looking into the possibility of sun reflecting coating for the windows and internal cosmetic work to the units. Further information will be given at next month’s meeting.

The clerk also advised that someone has pulled both plugs off the chains in the men’s toilet and these have now been repaired.

**359/22 - Projection Screen for Parish Hall** – the screen has now purchased and is available for hall users. The chair advised that we have now received thanks from the church group that requested the screen.

**360/22 - Bank/Credit Card Machine for Parish Hall** **Bar** – The machine has now purchased at a cost of £126.65 plus VAT £25.33 for total £151.98 making use of the 15% discount vouched as advised at the last meeting. The bar steward has advised that the machine was used at a recent function and is a great benefit to those using the bar facilities.

**350/22 - Planning Application RB2022/1094 -** Erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings on former garage site on St Leonard’s Avenue has been granted conditionally by RMBC.

**351/22. Planning Application RB 2022/1193** – Demolition of Existing Conservatory & Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension at Saxon House, 138 Doncaster Road has been granted conditionally by RMBC.

**339/22 – Self-Defence Classes for Women -** This matter was raised by Cllr Chambers at a previous meeting of the Parish Council. The clerk has checked on availability and the best option seemed to be courses run by South Yorkshire Police. Classes are available for 2, 4 or 6 hours. Of course, the longer the class the more in-depth the coverage of matters. A 2-hour course for up to 20 people is £750 but SYP say there should be grants available for non-profit making organisations. It was agreed that the clerk would investigate funding/grant possibilities before decision to run the courses would be taken.

**353/22 - Car Wash No. 1 Oldgate Lane -** Cllr. Martin raised, on behalf of several Thrybergh residents, the issue that the car wash now had blue painted surrounding walls which were too garish.Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester has investigated with RMBC. Planning permission was given in 2016 (RB2016/0739) for the land to have use as a car wash, erection of a canopy and the installation of 2 ancillary storage containers as portable toilet and site office. The permission was granted temporarily for a period of 5 years on 31 October 2016.  It would therefore appear that the permission has expired.  In this regard a query has gone to the Planning Enforcement Team who will investigate this matter. It appears that they will have to apply for new planning permission and objections about the colour scheme can then be raised.

**370/22. Police Report.**

The crime statistics for Thrybergh for July are 52 incidents (Rotherham North 763) These figures, again, are around the average that we usually see for the area with the addition that the summer months sees an increase in crime due to the lighter evenings and the night-time economy. SYP continue to monitor anti-social behaviour and speed issues in Thrybergh which are long-term issues

Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester advised that there had been a rumour that we are to lose local PCSO Richard Kearney with him moving to the town centre but this has been dismissed and he will stay covering our area.

The clerk then advised on recent publicity received from SY Police with concerns being raised that organised crime can use Snapchat attract schoolchildren to drug use and asks that parents be aware of what children are searching for on the internet and what is being discussed. It appears that drug dealing from cars is the main or preferred method for dealing. Watch out for cars making multiple drop offs or lots of people going to a single car then walking away. Note car make, model, reg no., street name, time etc. Always watch for cars driving round same area, cars with lots of people exiting and then returning, stopping at locations know for drug use etc.

The clerk then informed on the leaflet from the South Yorkshire Police Commissioner relating to ‘Violence Against Women & Girls Partnership Statement of intent. This includes strategies aimed at clamping down heavily on this issue.

**371/22 - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III.**

The chair and clerk went through the activation ofOperation London Bridge by the Parish Council which included putting a notice on the website and notice board and flying the Union flag at half-mast. This was raised to full mast for 24 hours for the proclamation of King Charles III and then lowered again to half-mast. The parish hall was closed for 10 days which was the period following the death of Her Majesty and the state funeral. The clerk will update the policy on notices relating to royal deaths later now that Operation London bridge is no longer valid.

**372/22 - Resignation of a Standing Councillor.**

The chair advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. S McLean where she informed that external circumstances meant that she no longer had the time required to serve as a councillor.

**Mover: Councillor J Chambers Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council accept the resignation of Cllr. McLean.**

**373/22 - Proposed Community Cafe for Thrybergh Parish Hall.**

The Parish Council has been discussing and considering holding a Community Café along the lines of the one run by Dalton PC. The main issue was the requirement that at least 2 parish councillors would be required to run the café, ensure the smooth running of the operation including liaison with external bodies and to provide refreshments for those attending. Unfortunately, the current councillors felt unable to commit to volunteering so the item was closed. Thrybergh residents are welcome to attend the Dalton Community Café.

**374/22 - Remembrance Sunday Service, 13th November 2022.**

The chair advised that the Reverend Helen Terry has agreed to take the service for Thrybergh and she will also conduct the service for Dalton in the afternoon. Helen Terry has agreed to take the service for us and she will then also take the service inDalton in the afternoon.Jenny Holbrook will play the bugle and Elizabeth Bentley will be play the organ again. We need a volunteer to pick her up and take her home afterwards as she lives in Sheffield. The clerk agreed to pick her up and take her home again afterwards. As per previous years, we will supply light refreshments afterwards with suitable music on the PA. The chair and clerk have a meeting with Revd. Terry on Tuesday 12th October at 2pm to go through the service details. It was expected that the service in the hall would begin at 10:15am.

**375/22 - Aladdin Pantomime at the Parish Hall Saturday 10th December.**

The parish council discussed the upcoming pantomime and it was felt that we should adopt the same policy as last year with tickets priced at £2 for adults and all children free. Light refreshments to be supplied free of charge and small sweets provided for the children as well as crisps and pop. The issue of tickets being free for adults was discussed but the councillors felt that it is best to have a nominal fee. The hall capacity for the event will be 140 with tickets being for Thrybergh families on a first come first served basis.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor B Shaw**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council charge £2 per ticket for adults and all children free of charge.**

**376/22 - Provision of Winter Flowers in the new Planter Outside St Leonard’s Church.**

The Parish Council discussed the provision of winter flowers in the planter outside the gates of St Leonard’s Church. The flowers last year were deemed a great success as were the hanging baskets this year supplied by Hobson Nurseries.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council provide for winter flowers in the planter on Doncaster Road at a cost of £25.00.**

**377/22. Correspondence**

YLCA White Rose Bulletins.

YLCA Training Programme

Dalton & Thrybergh Neighbourhood Newsletter.

Neighbourhood Newsletter

NALC Chief Executives’ Bulletins.

**378/22. Items of Report.**

The chair informed council that he is receiving many enquiries on his roll as Hall Secretary but there does seem to be a slow down in actual bookings. This mainly seems to be because of the additional costs involved in the booking of the hall with many reporting satisfaction with hall letting costs but when the cost of catering and music are factored in then the proposed party is simple too expensive to continue with. Also, we are receiving numerous enquiries for the hall without the bar (which is financially not viable) and requesting dates for bookings less than 1 week a way which simply cannot be met. The clerk advised that lettings were very closely in line with the budgeted figures and, it was hoped, that we would still be in budget by the end of the financial year.

Cllr. Shaw advised that he is attending the Joint Executive Board meeting on Saturday 15h October and will give his report at the November meeting. He also advised that he would be unable to attend the South Yorkshire Branch meeting on Wednesday 26th October and the clerk said that he would be able to attend.

Ward Councillor Baker-Rogers advised that she had also attended the installation of the new curate Revd Helen Terry and had also cancelled surgeries during the period of mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II as well as attending the memorial service at Rotherham Minster and the proclamation of King Charles III at the Town Hall. She also advised that she is now on the board at Rotherham District General Hospital. She had also chaired a meeting of the Borough audit committee and attended the recent Neighbourhood meeting.

Ward Councillor Bennett-Sylvester advised that the widening planned for the A60 into Dalton from Mushroom roundabout was delayed and an announcement on this is expected shortly, it should have been completed by now according to original plans. He also advised on delays in occupancy in the new houses on Whinny Hill and Chester Hill. The plan was for 80% occupancy by now with numerus move in dates now amended to next year. These delays have implications on the transport plan for the area as well as promised Section 106 money for the area which is being eroded by inflation the longer the process is delayed. Again, he is chasing explanations for these extended delays. Lack of housing in the area causes concern with a recent property on Longlands Drive attracting over 200 bids. There have also been some serious issues with policing and crime on Oldgate Lane and Wootton Court. There is to be a Halloween event at the Country Park on 26th October between 3pm and 5pm with activities including the making bat boxes and these follows on from the bird box making session in the summer. A new lamppost has been put in place on Staple Green.

The chair thanked both councillors and the community for their input in getting the recently announced bus changes amended so that many of the services will not be cut although they are to be amended.

The clerk advised that there had not been a CAP Meeting this month, the next one will be Thursday 20th October.

The clerk attended the Clerk’s meeting at Aston Parish Hall on Tuesday 4thOctober. The main discussions were about the RMBC initiative for Warm Spaces to provide a refuge for low-income families to stay warm in the winter by using libraries, community hubs and parish halls if possible.

The clerk then advised that there had been a change by YLCA relating to nominations to attend the Royal Garden Party 2023 with nominees now required to be nominated by their own parish council. Nominations should be made by Thursday 22nd December

The next South Yorkshire Branch Meeting of YLCA will be Wednesday 26th October at Alexander House, Askern from 6:45pm. Dr. Billings Police & Crime Commissioner will be attending.

Ward Councillor had sent the clerk information on youth provision & funding and he was currently studying to see if there was anything that potentially could be available for Thrybergh.

It was advised by all that the recent skip day had been very well attended with lots of rubbish being put in the skip.

**379/22. Requested by Councillors and/or AOB.**

There were no requests.

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

**380/22. Damage to External Lights and Wiring at the Parish Hall.**

The damage to the lights was advised to council last month and a local schoolboy has been interviewed by the police in connection with the damage. We have received a quote to repair the damage from R. Askew Electrical for £1423.00 plus VAT £284.60 for total £1707.60. The work to include making alterations to outside lighting and wiring to provide additional protection by means of encasing all cabling within plastic conduit and raising the level of wiring as high as possible.

**Mover: Councillor A Martin Seconder: Councillor T Knapton**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council agree to the repairs as specified by R Askew Electrical at the cost of £1423.00 plus VAT.**

**381/22 - Request for Donation from St Leonard’s Church.**

The chair advised that we had received a request from St Leonard’s Church for a donation towards the upkeep of the cemetery on Thrybergh Lane. Cllr. Chambers requested that we should not donate to the church as this should be done by the church itself. She further requested that it would be better to donate to a local foodbank to aid local people who are struggling in these difficult times. There was then a general discussion with sympathy shown towards the suggestion but it was also felt that the upkeep of the cemetery is important to the people of Thrybergh. Cllr Chambers put forward a proposal to make a donation to the foodbank rather than the church but this was not seconded.

**Mover: Councillor J Parsons Seconder: Councillor B Shaw**

**Resolved: That the Parish Council award a donation of £500 to St Leonard’s Church towards the cost of upkeep of the cemetery.**

All in favour with one against.

**382/22. Accounts For Payment.**

The Council considered the schedule of accounts for payment September.

**Mover: Councillor D Bates Seconder: Councillor A Martin**

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

**383/22. To Notify The Clerk Of Matters For Inclusion On The Agenda Of The Next Meeting.**

Following on from the discussion on agenda item 18 it was agreed to put an item on next months agenda relating to a Parish Council donation to a local foodbank. The clerk is to find the nearest foodbank for Thrybergh and will advise details at the next meeting,

**Date Of Next Meeting**

**The date of the next parish council meeting will be Thursday 3rd November,** starting at 6:30pm.

**Closure of Meeting at 8:20pm.**

*G L Trickett*

**Chairman**