



## THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2007 in Thurlaston Village Hall at 7.45pm.

### Present

Parish Cllrs Harvey, (chairman), Bemand, Owens & Mr C Holcroft  
Parish Clerk. B.Spann.

### In attendance

Rugby Borough Cllr Ravenhall.

### Apologies.

Rugby Borough Cllr Shields. Warwickshire County Cllr Collett  
Parish Cllr Ogilvie gave her apologies after the AGM / Parish meetings due to being unavoidably delayed through personal reasons.

### Members of the Public Present.

None

### Co-Option of Councillor.

Following the correct co-option procedure by the council it was proposed by Cllr Harvey and seconded by Cllr Bemand that Mr C Holcroft be co-opted onto the parish council to serve a term of office until 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011. This was unanimously agreed.

### Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 have been circulated to councillors and signed as a true record.

### Declaration of interest.

Cllr Harvey. Item White Lodge / Kinbroath Main St

### Residents Matters.

None

### New Items

#### A. Lamp Standard Main St.

The chairman gave a résumé of how this lamp standard had been damaged by a motor vehicle, and the Police involvement in this incident.

Cllr Bemand thought it appropriate that our insurers were notified; the clerk said this had been done and a claim form had been received.

WCC had been informed of the current situation and would liaise on a replacement lamp standard.

The meeting decided that the chairman & vice-chairman (when elected) should contact the residents involved with this incident and explain that the council is responsible for the street lighting, and the cost of the replacement lamp standard will be met by the parish council insurance company, who may look for recovery from other insurers.

When discussing council insurance cover Cllr Bemand asked if it covered the village hall for the forthcoming fete activities. The chairman stated it did not, and suggested that Cllr Bemand contacted the village hall/church committees.

B. Newsletter.

Information on Fete activities, details of the village clean up day, any further relevant village topics of interest.

C. Clean Up Day.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

D. 2007 Code of Conduct.

Parish Council has six months from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to adopt this code and have been advised to wait for more information from the Standards Board of England & Wales. Paragraph 12. Prejudicial interest requires further discussion at our July meeting.

E. Distribution of Minutes

Cllr Bemand raised the question of putting a copy of the approved minutes on the Thurlaston website. Cllr Bemand stated he was in favour of this, as it would improve the information to residents in relation to the Parish Council.

The chairman said this subject had been raised at the 2006 Village meeting and he had given his views and reasons for not placing minutes on the website then, and his opinions had not changed. The clerk agreed with the chairman's views.

After discussion Cllr Bemand proposed that we place the approved minutes on the local website for a trial period of two meetings, council agreed this.

Cllr Owens asked if the minutes were placed in the local libraries, the clerk replied no, but would rectify this.

Matters Arising From The Minutes

A. Stiles, Footpaths P3 Parish Partnerships Scheme, Footpath R310 Gate.

Cllr Holcroft gave an update on the footpath improvements. Despite being assured otherwise by Keith Sinfield WCC footpaths officer their depot has not received the gates for R310. Contractor to start other work on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Chairman to enquire with WCC on the progress of finalising details of the concessionary footpath outside Bridlington Grange.

Cllr Holcroft to contact WCC ref rabbit holes in Draycote Parish footpath R184.

B. Path B4429

Nothing to report. Remove from agenda.

C. Main St / M45 Fencing, Drainage Kinbroath / White Lodge.

M45 North Side fencing to be replaced by WCC within weeks.

Kinbroath / White Lodge drainage order raised, Parish Council to press for an early solution to this drainage problem

D. Biggin Hall Lane, Road surface, Signage, Drainage,

Green Bin Collection. Reply received from RBC stating that the size of collection vehicles prohibits collection. Copy of letter to Cllr Bemand.

Road Cleaning. Mechanical sweeping is only carried out when the highway has kerbs, however RBC will sweep Biggin Hall Lane when requested to do so.

Cleaning of lay-by Main St end of lane. Mr R. Robinson approached and has quoted for work, clerk to contact Mr Robinson regarding water in this lay-by area.

Cllr Bemand asked if the council will approach the Highways authority regarding the fitting of a vehicle viewing mirror on the bend to the east of Patrick's Field. Clerk to contact WCC.

E. Warwickshire Police

Updates have been received on the car vandalism in Dunchurch with youths being questioned by the rural police team.

Incident in Main St Thurlaston 27<sup>th</sup> April, Sgt Childs, PC Busch will update the parish council as their enquires progress.

F. Severn Trent Water

Enquiry from the council on reduced water pressure in the village.

Following investigation Severn Trent has carried out repair work and the water pressure has returned to normal.

G. Footpath R179

It was decided to ask Cllr Ogilvie who has previous experience with dealing with WCC on this footpath if she would contact the officers concerned to obtain the current position.

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Ogilvie had obviously been delayed and the chairman decided at this point that it was appropriate to elect a parish council vice chairman.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Owens and seconded by Cllr Holcroft that Cllr Bemand is elected as vice chairman.

Correspondence for Discussion.

Rural Development Fund

The council has no suitable projects for a grant from this fund.

Letter Post Watch ref Post Office closures

The council was informed that contrary to press reports Dunchurch Post Office proprietors have received no confirmation they are under threat of closure.

During councillors discussions this item it was decided to contact Royal mail on lost/delayed mail from the Thurlaston post box.

Correspondence for Circulation

Speaking Out

Rugby in Bloom

Community Play Areas

Dunchurch Divisional Panel Minutes

NALC LCR Magazine

Viewpoint

Funding Opportunities in Warwickshire

Clerks & Councils Direct

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FinanceReceipts

VAT repayment 2006/7 HM Customs & Excise	£1957 77p
Rugby Borough Council precept April /Sept 2007	£1500 00p

Expenditure

Powergen PLC Street Lighting account	£ 84 22p
Zurich Insurance	£ 537 01p
Clerks Expenses	£ 6 99p
WALC Annual Subscriptions	£ 99 00p

Balance @ Bank £4007 22p

PlanningR07/0257/OP

Land Adj. 95 Stocks Lane Thurlaston CV23 9JU.

Outline application for the erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings and associated works.

Permission Refused

Electronic Planning Consultation

The council has received notification from R.B.C. on their intention to introduce a fully electronic planning consultation process. This will cause major problems for small parish councils, including Thurlaston who as a parish council is not capable of receiving large DXF drawing files and do not have the printing capacity probably up to AO size.

We have received from Warwickshire Association of Local Councils a copy of Churchover PC detailed response to the changes proposed by RBC. Thurlaston PC fully supports the response from Churchover and will inform RBC accordingly.

Any Other Business.

None

Meeting Closed at 10. 15pm  
Date of next meeting. Thurlaston Village Hall. Thurlaston.  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007. @ 7. 30pm.