



Thurlaston Parish Council

Minutes of Thurlaston Parish Council Meeting 1/2024/2025 held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Holger Allroggen (HA) Chair
Robert Ashford (RA)
Gary Smith (GS)
Andrew Fairgrieve (AF)

Parish Clerk: Sylvia Jacques (SJ)

Present: Bridget Rothwell, Danny Jones.

Rugby Borough Councillors: None.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests. None.
3. Apologies and Acceptance for Absence. None
4. Borough and County Councillors report: None
5. Residents Matters:

Bridget Rothwell presented the case for the Village Hall to have some of the money from the Tritax grant to re-furbish the Village Hall kitchen. After a full discussion, the Parish Council agreed to this funding. The proposal of a second small shed was discounted as not being necessary, the existing shed is being cleared to make more room. The proposal of a pergola for the rear of the Village Hall over the existing lawn to give more covered area and would stop the need of using the Marquee for certain events is under discussion. A second quote for the larger version with diagrams will be pursued by the Clerk and reported back to Bridget.

The second item under discussion for the Village Hall is a sum of money to assist in the running of the Hall. At the moment the outgoings are greater than the income. The sum of £1000 p.a. was agreed by the Parish Council payable from 5th April 2025. Proposed by RA and seconded by GS. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee will send a letter around the village to promote the use of the hall. This is especially for the newer residents who may not realise the uses that the hall can be accessed by the residents.

TPC asked for the VH to be free to use for Thurlaston Residents as it was in the past. Bridget agreed that she would put this to the VH committee for approval and report back.

Walter Harvey has been contacted by a resident with a view to becoming a Trustee of the Newcombe and Spier Almshouses Charity.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024. Proposed by HA and seconded by RA (Approved).

6a – Tritax The list of projects was discussed. A second quotation has been received for the work in the Village Hall and these have all been forwarded to Tritax for approval.

7. Finance & Clerk (SJ):

a) To note I/E transactions on spreadsheet 2024/25. Figures discussed and agreed.

b) Cheque payments and signatures – formal proposal to pay invoices and approval given. The Council has decided to stay with Npower for the street lighting. It compared favourably with other companies.

c) Precept/Budget Discussed and approved at the last meeting and has been sent it to RBC.

d) Replacement Dog Bin discussed and approval given for a new one by Bus Stop. Installation by Councillors. Purchase to be made.

8. Planning Subcommittee (RA):

The latest position on planning applications can be found at <http://www.rugby.gov.uk/planning-portal-or-citizens-portal-planning>.

Whilst the TPC will review all new and changing applications, we would encourage residents to themselves review and report back to TPC regarding any planning applications that are of a concern, or, that you would like the TPC to take particular interest in. All planning applications are posted onto the website with the link to the planning portal, see above.

Planning Report

Nothing much to report, very little activity since the last meeting. New warehouses and Local Plan updates due in March.

Richborough Promotion

We await RBC's list of Preferred Options.

9. Policy and Procedures (HA/SJ):

To note the revised TPC Documents & Policies summary catalogue and review schedule (version 12) SJ has now found all the relevant sites to access this information.

10. ICT (LW): LW to update

TPC website – LW has been working with Danny Jones who is building the website. Danny attended the meeting and reported on the latest progress. The finished version is imminent and he will be bring this along for a training session in the near future.

11. Councillors' reports – for any other items not covered elsewhere on the agenda (All):

GS is working on the production of new maps for grass cutting and houses in village. Will let Clerk have copies.

Resurfacing of Stocks Lane, copse end. Asked that LW sources the contractor to have the area specified cleared of all the debris.

12. Items for Future Consideration (All):

With the problem of the Severn Trent pumping station in Church Lane, the areas around, Church Lane, Patience field and Main Street have been left with slurry on the surface and the verges damaged. They have been contacted and given assurances that they will clear the areas when they have finished the job.

Biggin Hall Lane residents have asked for a grit bin and for the potholes to be repaired.

- a) Discussed the Youth Ambassador role. A letter drop will be organised. (AF) A meeting will be arranged in the near future.

Meeting closed at 21.00pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm, on Monday 10th March 2025.

Signed by.....Chair Holger Allroggen Dated.....

Current Open Work List.

Ref	Due By	Owner	Action	Progress	Status
2021.039	Nov-22	SJ	Clerk to produce list of main contacts in her work.	Ongoing	Open
2022.056	Jan-23	SJ	To apply to Cllr Howard Roberts for a grant to cover the costs for a cobblestone kerb at the junction of Church Lane and Main St.	SJ has spoken to Cllr Dale Keeling and he will look into this matter.	Open
2024.004	Mar 24	SJ/TPC	SJ to sort Policies and Procedures, identify ones needing and update.	Contact WALC/NALC	Open
2024.011	Oct 24	LW	LW to source contractor for Stocks Lane project and to check with WCC hardcore and STW to raise drain.	LW to source contractor and clear site.	Open
2024.013	Oct 24	LW	To arrange a meeting with the web designer and the TPC	To be arranged	Open
2024.014	Oct 24	GS	GS to update map – populate outline map – potential site for trees and send to Tritax.	A map to show village housing and lighting.	Open
2024.019	Oct 24	SJ	Obtain quotes for Tritax projects	Sent details of list to Tritax with quotes	Open
2024.020	Oct 24	GS	Map to show houses in village with verges. GS to contact RBC tree man to discuss Tritax tree planting.	Update required	Open
2024.021	Oct 24	AF	Letter to be sent out to each resident for Youth ambassador role. Arrange a meeting with interested parties and two Councillors and Parish Clerk in new year.	Update required	Open
2024.022	Jan 25	SJ	Advertise Trustee position for Almshouses on Net	Await response from Walter Harvey	Open
2024.023	Jan 25	SJ	Ask for second quote for VH for work and invite to meeting in January	Done and received	Close
2024.024	Jan 25	SJ	Give Precept figures to RBC	Done	Close
2024.025	Dec 24	SJ	Dispose of Christmas Tree	Done	Close
2025.001	Mar 25	SJ	Organise payment to VH		New

2025.002	Jan 25	SJ	Second quote for Pergola at VH		New
2025.003	Jan 25	SJ	Purchase of dog bin		New