

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 at 7.00PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:**

M D Lowe (Chairman)	D Atterbury
S R Brown	R E Davies
D J Hill	J Knaggs
K Knaggs	D Knaggs
P S Harley	P Newman
A Patel	R Raven
S O Rose	B J Seaton
C A Wooding	J Brown
S Coombe	

**ALSO PRESENT:** The Clerk, The Deputy Clerk, 7 members of the public  
PC Mundy, CPSO Harkerat  
Richard Wain and Victoria Walker –Commercial Estates  
Group.  
Mr G Smith – Charnwood Borough Council.

**APOLOGIES:** L Seaton, D Maguire

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 6.45PM IN THE LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:**                    **Councillors;**                    M D Lowe (Chairman)  
R Raven                    D J Hill  
R E Davies                B J Seaton  
S R Brown

**ALSO PRESENT:**    The Clerk & Deputy Clerk

- 1. To Receive apologies for Absence:** None
- 2. Disclosures of Interest -** To receive disclosures from Members and Officers and the nature of those interests as specified In respect of items on this agenda.

Councillor Hill declared an interest in any business concerning Mrs R Hill.  
Councillor Brown declared an interest in any business concerning Miss S Brown

**3. Monthly Expenditure Report – Mrs G M Smith**

**ACCOUNTS:** Expenditure: The Deputy Clerk presented cheque no's 110402 -

110413 for invoices and petty cash and direct debits totalling £28,742.47. Councillors requested a monthly comparison with same month last year.

#### **4. Monthly Income Report - Mrs G M Smith**

The Deputy Clerk presented income reports for January. It was proposed and seconded that the Council accepts the accounts.

**Resolved:** The motion was carried

#### **5. Bank Account Reconciliation Statements;**

The Deputy Clerk presented the bank Account Reconciliation Statements for December.

**Resolved:** Councillors considered and approved the reports.

#### **6. Photocopier Quotations:**

The Deputy Clerk presented the following quotations for consideration:

CSL	Lease Charge:	£969.12 per annum
Techno	Lease Charge	£1112.00 per annum

Councillors considered the quotes and asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for the purchase of a machine, including cost of supplies and service contract.

#### **Guides**

*I am a member of the Thurmaston Rangers at Unicorn St. Having been selected to represent Girl guiding UK on a 10 day trip to Sweden in July 2014. I am writing to request your support.*

*I am proud and honoured to be selected for this opportunity, where I will be travelling with a group of girl guides to Stockholm, followed by a week camping at Vassaro, an island run by the Swedish Guide and Scout Association. The stay will be back-to-basics week where I will have the opportunity to meet and integrate with other scouts and guides from Sweden as well as from around the world. The trip will allow me to make international lifelong friendships and participate in a variety of exciting outdoor activities. This fantastic experience will not only give me a chance to learn more about Girl guiding at an international level, and the culture and ethos within the organisation, but give me a chance to experience it for myself.*

*Vassaro is run mainly by volunteers. To learn more about the work volunteers do and the impact it has, our group will be joining them for a period of our stay. I look forward to this as it will allow me to make a positive difference by doing my part in helping out on the island. In addition, I will participate in*

*character and confidence building activities whilst learning essential life skills, such as independence and the importance of giving back to your community.*

*I believe trip will be an exciting adventure and look forward to the opportunities it will bring. However, to cover the cost of this trip I will need to raise £900. I have started fundraising by doing cake sales at local events, selling handmade Christmas cards and recycling unwanted personal items. I also plan to do further fundraising by bag packing in supermarkets, selling hot drinks and more cakes. To date, I have raised approximately £120, but hope to raise lots more by summer.*

*I intend to keep a log of my new experiences and activities and will be pleased to share them with your organisation following my visit. I would be extremely grateful if you would be willing to consider my request to provide a donation towards my trip to help me cover the costs. Please make any donations payable to "Girl guiding Leicestershire-Special Events" and send to my address above.*

*I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.*

It was proposed and seconded that the Thurmaston Unicorn Ranger Unit are invited to apply for a grant.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**Confirmed and signed this**

**day of**

**2014**

**Chairman**

Chairman Councillor M D Lowe welcomed all to the February meeting of the Council.

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:**

Councillors: D Maguire, L Seaton

**Resolved:** Reasons given for the apologies were accepted by the Council.

**2. Disclosures of Interest (in respect of items on this Agenda):**

Councillor Lowe declared an interest in any Business concerning Charnwood Borough Council and Thurmaston Magpies FC.

Cllr Seaton declared an interest in any Business concerning Charnwood Borough Council and Thurmaston Action Group and Thurmaston Events Team.

Cllr Raven declared an interest in any matters concerning Thurmaston Events Team and Thurmaston Action Group.

Cllr Atterbury declared an interest in any business concerning the Royal British Legion.

Cllr K Knaggs declared an interest in any business concerning Leicestershire County Council, Roundhill School and Thurmaston Action Group.

Cllr Harley declared an interest in any business concerning Charnwood Borough Council.

**3. To receive Reports from the Police**

The Clerk issued copies of the report to all members of the Council and PCSO Harkerat explained the contents of the report and answered questions. Also reported that there will be a home security event on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 1pm – 4pm at Silverdale Community Centre.

**4. Planning Application P/13/2498/2 – Mr Graham Smith Charnwood Borough Council, Richard Wain and Victoria Walker – Commercial Estates Group.**

Hybrid application:

- Outline permission for Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) of up to 4500 dwellings, up to 13ha of employment land, two local centres, one district centre, one food store, reserved land for traveller site, school and healthcare facilities, allotments, open space and other associated works.

- Full permission for new southern link road and associated works  
North East of Thurmaston

Mr. Richard Wain and Victoria Walker of Commercial Estates Group and Mr Graham Smith, Charnwood Borough Council introduced themselves, and presented the plans for the outline application for the North East of Leicester Sustainable Urban Extension, proposal for 4500 dwelling and 13 hectares of employment land.

Victoria explained that key planning documents and information is available to view on the website and there is a facility to ask questions:

[www.thurmastonurbanextension.co.uk](http://www.thurmastonurbanextension.co.uk)

A discussion took place and Richard, Victoria and Graham took questions and comments from Councillors.

Question were raised/discussions took place on:

- Transport assessment and link roads – road category
- Location of HGV exclusion point - road narrowing
- School provision, implications for existing schools
- 106 Funding provision, trigger points and allocation
- Compulsory Purchase Orders,
- Parish Boundaries
- Provision of retirement homes
- Development density and breakdown
- Traveller Site,
- Cemetery Provision,
- Playing field provision,
- Flooding/flood risk assessment and drainage provision,
- Location of industrial site within the plan, not situated in south as requested.
- Provision of a leisure centre
- Publicity of plans and progress
- Flexibility within the plan

Mr Graham Smith explained that the application will go to a Plans Committee for consideration and there will be opportunity for Councillors/residents to speak at the appropriate committee meeting, they will need to book a place.

The Parish Council should submit their comments in writing and may add additional comments as required prior the Plans committee meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk forwards website address to all

members of the Council. Councillors to view the plans and key documents on the website and formulate a response to the Planning Application at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee. Agenda to include public participation.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

**5. Charnwood Borough Council – Submission of the Charnwood Local Plan 2006- 2028 Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Supplementary Report (October 2013) – Please see Appendix A**

The Clerk explained that during the meeting of the LDF Working Party, it was agreed that Councillors and members of Working Party would submit any comments for inclusion to the Clerk by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Copies of the consultation document were issued to members of the working party and forwarded to Councillors by email.

The Clerk confirmed that no comments received to date and presented a draft response for consideration based on comments collated from previous meetings.

It was proposed and seconded that the draft response is approved for submission to the Borough Council.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

**6. Questions from Councillors (Submitted in accordance with Standing Order number24), a member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the Clerk any question concerning the business of the Council, provided 7 clear day's notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed. None.**

**7. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council**

**Pages 143 – 151 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

**(make corrections amendments) to be signed by the Chairman enc).**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:** that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted

**8. To confirm and sign the minutes of the following Committee Meetings**

**Pages 152 – 156 Minutes of the Mem Hall and Cem Com 21.02.14**

Page 154 – Cemetery Extension Defects period, Councillor Hill objected to the Committee's decision to accept a 6 month defect period.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Project Managers and request that the defect period is extended to 12 months if possible to do

so at this stage.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:** that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted

**Pages 157 - 162 Minutes of the Meeting Env. Comm 28.02.14**

Page 159 – Library Services - Councillor Knaggs questioned whether the Clerk had received a reply re Library Services and the Clerk confirmed that the reply is currently outstanding.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:** that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted

**Pages 163 – 165 Report from the meeting of the LDF Working Party 28.02.14**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:** that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted

**Pages 166 - 169 Minutes of the Meeting of Leisure Centres Comm.04.02.14**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:** that the minutes and resolutions therein be adopted

**9. Public Participation - Maximum of 15 Minutes (Meeting adjourned)**

**Resident: Shenton Close:**

Expressed concern about proposed application for the development of 4500 houses. The resident has noted that the plans include a footpath which appears to pass through his garden and the gardens of neighbouring properties.

The resident expressed further concerns for several elderly residents of Shenton Close who do not have access to computers and are not computer literate.

The elderly residents were unaware of the proposed plans.

The resident presented a petition on behalf of residents to the Borough Councillors.

**10. Correspondence**

**BABTAG** - Letter of Thanks re donation

**Thurmaston Showstoppers – Letter**

Letter of thanks for sponsor of pantomime Aladdin.

## **Charnwood Borough Council – Neighbourhood Planning Seminar Invite**

Invitation to Neighbourhood Planning Seminar on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm.

Please contact the Clerk to book a place if you would like to attend.

## **Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy Examination**

Initial Matters and Issues identified by the Inspector

Copies were forwarded by email to all members of the council.

Matter 1 – The duty to co-operate

Matter 2 – Overall provision for housing.

### **Letter received as follows:**

#### **Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy**

#### **Initial Examination Hearings**

*My records show that you/your organisation submitted representations on the Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan Core Strategy which has now been submitted for Independent Examination. The Secretary of State has appointed Kevin Ward BA (HONS) MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination process.*

*I should like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer Responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the Examination administration.*

*I am not a Council Officer and have not been involved in the preparation of the Core Strategy. I work solely to the direction of the Inspector.*

*Please note that all communications for the Inspector should be sent to me. To ensure his impartiality the Inspector will not communicate directly with any party, including the Council, outside the formal Examination sessions.*

*The initial Hearing sessions will begin at 9.30 am on Wednesday 19th March in the main hall at Loughborough Town Hall. The closest car park is the Sital House car park, adjacent to the venue, where there are also a number of disabled parking bays. There is also the Beehive multi-storey located on Woodgate. For further details please visit the Loughborough Town Hall website:*

*<http://www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/visit>*

*The Inspector has decided that a pre-hearing meeting is not necessary. However, it is important that interested parties are well informed about the processes and procedures to be followed and therefore the enclosed guidance notes have been prepared and are being sent to all those who have made representations on the Core Strategy.*

*Also enclosed are details of the Matters and Issues that the Inspector expects to be addressed at the initial hearing sessions and a timetable and list of invited participants.*

*You will see that the initial hearing sessions will only deal with the duty to co-operate and the overall provision for housing in the Borough as a whole. They will not deal with the distribution of development across the Borough or specific proposals for urban*





**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE IN THE MEETING ROOM TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7PM, ELIZABETH PARK.**

**Present :**

<b>Cllrs:</b>	B J Seaton (Chairman)	
	K Knaggs	S R Brown
	D Maguire	
	C A Wooding	R Raven
	S Rose	A Patel
	L Seaton	D Atterbury

**Also present:** The Clerk and Deputy Clerk  
Mr G Bowman

**1. To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Councillor D J Hill, M Lowe, S Coombe, J Knaggs

**Resolved:** Reasons given for the apologies were accepted by the Committee.

**2. Disclosures of Interest - To receive disclosures and nature of those interests as specified in respect of items on this agenda.** None

**3. Planning Applications**

**Planning Application P/13/2498/2 – Hybrid application:**

- Outline permission for Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) of up to 4500 dwellings

- Public Participation
- Response to Planning Application

Mr G Bowman was invited to take part in the discussion re the above planning application.

The Clerk presented notes/suggested comments for the Council's consideration for inclusion in the response.

A discussion took place and councillors submitted comments for inclusion in Council's response. It was proposed and seconded that the following response is submitted to Charnwood Borough Council:

“Thurmaston Parish Council is opposed to the above planning application and we would like submit our concerns and comments for consideration as follows:

**Road and Transport inadequacies:** The proposed development does not provide adequate provision for a travel movement of 12,000 new residents and the application fails to recognise the impact of the increased traffic. A comprehensive package of transport measures would be required and Thurmaston Parish Council are of the opinion that planners have failed to fully demonstrate and provide assurances that they have a highway solution to the proposed growth and no confidence in the proposed measures recommended in the Transport Assessment.

Principle link roads are not clarified or confirmed within the plan, given the heavily congested conditions that already apply on Barkby Thorpe Lane/A607 traffic island serving the Retail Park, traffic congestion problems could reach gridlock with the development proposed. Traffic congestion issues extend throughout Thurmaston at peak times, Humberstone Lane, Colby Drive/Colby Road are already over-burdened with traffic. Thurmaston Parish Council is of the opinion that Thurmaston's road network cannot sustain increased traffic flow.

Thurmaston Parish Council would like to request that the road narrowing/width restriction point of Barkby Thorpe Road, Leicester is retained in its current location to prevent access of HGV's. We would also like to request that the main spine road through the development should to be a minor road which serves the development not a major 'A' road.

**Roundhill School:** Thurmaston Parish Council have noted the potential inclusion of the link road from the A607 running through Roundhill Community Colleges Playing fields. Roundhill Community College has existed for almost 100 years. It is an extremely successful school within our community and needs to be retained.

**Air Quality:** There are already air quality concerns relating to traffic volumes in the area. Thurmaston Parish Council contends that the application does not address the impact of the increase travel movements on the quality of air at the major junctions serving the development. The A607, Melton Road, the Asda roundabout, Barkby Thorpe Lane together with the Sandhills Avenue roundabout and Troon Way on the ring road in the City of Leicester could all suffer badly from increased air pollution.

**Increased Flooding Risks:** The Parish Council supports the concerns raised by the Environment Agency concerning the potential flooding risks.

**Location of Employment Land within the Development:** The Parish Council is of the opinion that that the proposed location of the employment land is not suitable. The Parish Councils suggests that consideration is given to locating employment land closer to existing industrial site at Troon Way.

**Proposed Housing Variety:** Thurmaston Parish Council supports the comments of the CPRE and feels that the type of housing should reflect those of nearby rural settlements. We would like to see provision made for exclusive use for over 55's.

**Identity:**

The proposed application has not maintained the character and identity of Thurmaston at all. Councillors noted that there is clear green separation within the plan between Hamilton and the new development and Barkby and the new development, however, there is no separation between Thurmaston and the new development and request that consideration is given to including an area of separation between Thurmaston and the proposed development.

Thurmaston is a village with its own unique identity and community and it is crucial that this should be maintained. Thurmaston Parish Council requests that this proposed new town and new community should have its own separate identity. We request that the new development should be self sufficient including all services and facilities.

**Policing:**

The Parish Council supports the concerns raised by the Police; there will be a corresponding increase in crime and demand for Policing services from new residents.

**Cycle Paths/Walking Routes/Bridle Ways/ Recreation Provision:**

The proposed development will result in the loss of 700 acres of arable land and open space. Thurmaston Parish Council support the concerns raised by the Ramblers Association and cycle clubs that adequate provision should be made for cycling and walking routes to compensate for the loss of countryside. Additionally we support the concern raised by Sport England regarding the potential loss of playing fields/open space.

**Request for improvements/additional Community Facilities for Thurmaston:**

- **Cemetery:** There is no provision of a Cemetery within the new development. Thurmaston Cemetery has sufficient provision for approx 6 years only and the Parish Council propose to extend the Cemetery into the adjacent field. The Parish Council does not have sufficient funding to complete this essential project and we would like to request that provision is made within the 106 developer contributions towards the development of the cemetery extension. We have received several requests for the provision of a toilet for the Cemetery Chapel for the benefit of visitors.
- **Extension and refurbishment of Council buildings and facilities - Elizabeth Park Sports and Community Centre: and the Memorial Hall:** We would also like to request that consideration is given to the allocation of funding for upgrading and extending facilities at Elizabeth Park Community Centre including extension of the 3G football pitch facilities and refurbishment of the Memorial Hall on Melton Road.
- **Allotment Provision:**  
The Parish Council has received 17 written requests for the provision of

*allotment and has retained a waiting list. Provision of allotment land within the development would be appreciated to meet the increasing demand.*

*Additionally, Thurmaston Parish Council would like to reserve the right to submit further comments on this application as it proceeds."*

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

P/14/0098/2

Alterations to building to create additional industrial unit (B1). ADT Fire and Security Plc, Bridge Park Road, Thurmaston Leicestershire.

**Resolved:** No comment.

#### **4. Car Wash Melton Road - Update**

At the last meeting of the committee, It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Planning Enforcement, LCC and the Police informing them of the most recent complaints including vehicles sales.

Reply received as follows:

*Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2014 regarding the above site. I visited the site on 4 February 2014 to view the car wash activities. To be honest they were very quiet and only one vehicle was being washed at the time of my inspection; which was being washed within the site. I was unable to view any vehicles being displayed for sale. I did however contact the operator and made it clear to him that vehicles should not being washed on the pavement or the pavement should not be obstructed by vehicles waiting to be valeted. He advised that he would talk with this staff so that this does not occur again. At this point I must make it clear that any obstruction (i.e. parked vehicles waiting to be valeted) of the footpath is not a planning matter and therefore the Council have little enforcement powers over this (the operator of the site does not know this). I will however continue to put pressure on the operator to ensure that his business activities are maintained within the site.*

*In respect of the vehicles being displayed for sale and the parking of vehicles on the grass verge I understand that this is nothing to do with the car wash business and is actually connected with the owner of the site who lives in the buildings to the rear of the site. The car wash operator is as unhappy with this activity as the local residents are. I will get in touch with the owner of the site but technically enforcement of this may be outside of planning remit because the vehicles being displayed for sale are not being parked within the site. I will*

*however look further into the case law on this.*

*I trust that this clarifies the situation at present.*

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the clerk should submit further comments as follows:

- There is an overflowing litter bin within the site and litter is propelled by wind into the puddles and highway.
- Oil deposits from vehicles being cleaned are being washed into drains posing a potential contamination risk.

## **5. Budget Review – Mrs G Smith**

The Deputy Clerk provided a copy of the Committees Income and Expenditure account to date for consideration, which is in line with the budget.

## **6. Thurmaston Library Service Update**

At the last meeting of the committee it was agreed that the Clerk writes to LCC referring to the recent newspaper article regarding Library Services and requesting details of the proposed implications for Thurmaston Library and potential options including:

- Transfer of the management of the current Library Facilities to the Parish Council including full details of costing including staff.
- Moving Library facilities to another building
- Mobile Library facility

The Clerk reported that in reply to the letter, she has received a phone call from Head of Library Services explaining that potential changes to the Library Services are currently at proposal stage only. The proposals could mean reduction in services and/or closures of some Libraries. Earliest date for any closures would be 2015. A consultation will take place commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April. Comments will be collated Autumn 2014 and a report presented to the County Council. Options including Community involvement and Mobile Library facilities will be considered.

Mr. Thomas agreed to attend a meeting of the Council if required.

Councillor K Knaggs reported on a recent meeting of the County Council including consideration of cuts to Library Services, which was supported. Councillor Knaggs has emphasised the importance of retaining the library and explained that availability of volunteers to run the Library, within the

community of Thurmaston, is likely to be low. Members of the County Council have requested clarification of options for Library Services.

The average number of visitors to Thurmaston Library is 32 persons per hour. The number of visitors and the location of Library being near to the Primary School will potentially support the prospect of the continuation of Thurmaston Library.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. Nigel Thomas, Head of Library Services is invited to the next meeting of the committee to discuss options.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

## **7. Highway Maintenance Issues**

Issues raised during the last meeting of the committee were reported to the relevant authorities:

### **Boundary Road Signs:**

Councillor Hill reported that the boundary signs are soiled and asked the Clerks to obtain a quote for professional cleaning of the boundary signs. The Clerk presented the following quotation for consideration:

Blast Away: To clean 14 decorative signs: £380

It was proposed and seconded that the Council accepts the quote and arranges for the work to be carried out asap.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

### **Road surface/pot holes:**

Councillor Wooding expressed concern about the deteriorating/worsening condition of the road surface on Ivydale Road.

Also reported pot holes as follows:

- Humberstone Lane junction with A607.
- Wayside Drive near speed table.

Councillor Raven expressed concern about the condition of the road surface on Ferndale Road.

Councillor Seaton expressed concern about the condition of the road surface on Lonsdale Road.

### **Progress Update::**

**Lonsdale Road:** repair work commenced on Lonsdale Road near junction with Festival Road., - Sections of concrete to be repaired.

**Ferndale Road** - surface work including in program next financial year.

**Barkby Thorpe Lane** – Barrier order placed – will be delivered approx 28 days.

**A607** – gully covers will take 2 days to replace and will involve a lane closure, arrangements being made for this work to be carried out.

**Churchill Road** - Highways officer has recommended resurfacing required under the railway bridge. Recommendation to be submitted.

### **New issues:**

Councillors reported that previous pot hole repairs had fallen into disrepair again in the following locations:

- Melton Road (opposite the Hair dressers and TJ's)
- Unicorn Street
- Highway Road junction with Barkby Thorpe Lane

Alexandra Street - Litter (Councillor Seaton to forward photographic evidence).

Dog Fouling - Footpath Redhill Lane

Parking on double yellow lines –near Newline on Melton  
Report to – Street Warden and Police

Street Lights out - Redhill Lane Footpath.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report new issues to the relevant authorities.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **Leicestershire County Council**

Youth Provision Workshop – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Ibstock Palace Community Centre, High Street, Ibstock 4pm – 6pm.

**Resolved:** Councillors advised to contact Clerk if they wish to attend.





**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE CENTRES/PARKS COMMITTEE ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM AT ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS CENTRE**

**Present:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	D J Hill (Chairman)	
	M D Lowe	A Patel
	P Newman	C A Wooding
	D Maguire	R Raven
	S R Brown	B J Seaton

**Also Present:** The Clerk, Deputy Clerk  
Mr M Gibbard and Mr B West- Magpies Junior FC  
1 member of the public

1. **Apologies: Cllrs:** P S Harley, S Coombe, K Knaggs, J Knaggs,  
D Knaggs, S O Rose

**Resolved:** Reasons given for the apologies were accepted by the Committee

2. **Disclosures of Interest – To receive disclosures and the nature of those interests as specified in respect of items on this agenda.**

Councillor Wooding declared an interest in agenda item 6.

3. **Thurmaston Magpies – Wednesday Floodlit League  
Mr. Mark Gibbard**

At the last meeting of the committee councillors discussed the recent request received from Magpie's JFC for use of the pitch and facilities at Elizabeth Park on Wednesday evenings to enable the team to progress to adult football in the Floodlit league.

Councillors agreed that provision should be made to accommodate the request if possible and requested clarification of whether the team would require exclusive use of the changing rooms and the deadline date required for the decision.

Mr M Gibbard and Mr B West were in attendance to discuss the football clubs request. A discussion took place including where the representatives of the football club answered questions and confirmed requirements as follows:

- Would require exclusive use of changing rooms.
- Floodlights required during in winter months
- Kick off on Wednesday evening would be 7.30 – 7.45pm, 45 mins each way.
- Footballers will be supervised by Managers during the match and parents following the match.
- Parking facilities are sufficient to accommodate the match visitors and

- other centre users on Wednesday evening.
- Decision required by early April latest in order that the team may register with the league.

Councillors thanked Mr. Gibbard and Mr. West for attending the meeting and they left at this point.

Councillors were in full support of the proposals pending confirmation of availability of the floodlights.

#### **4. Review of Hire Charges**

The Deputy Clerk presented information re current hire charges and reviewed price proposal from the Centre Managers for the hire of Elizabeth Park Centre.

3G pitch - no increase as recommended by the Centre Manager.

The Bowls Club contract - fees fixed at a reduced rate for three years commencing last year.

Football Club contract for the main pitch on Elizabeth Park - fees fixed at a reduced rate for three years commencing last year.

Top Pitch – Elizabeth Park – currently £230.00 per annum proposed increase to £240.00.

Garden Street Pitch currently £186.00 proposes increase to £200.00 per annum.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council approves the recommendations with following amendment: Children's Party back room and bar £15.00 ph.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

#### **5. Disabled Parking Bays - Councillor D J Hill**

Councillor Hill expressed concern about visitors who do not hold a blue badge parking in the spaces reserved for people with disabilities.

Suggestions submitted as follows:

- More prominent signage
- Notices to be issued to offending vehicles

**Resolved:** Clerk to investigate options.

## **6. Silverdale Park Fencing – Councillor D J Hill**

Councillor Hill expressed concern about the chain link boundary fence which borders one side of the park. The chain link fence has fallen into disrepair in places and does not provide the same level of security as the palisade fencing surrounding the remainder of the park.

The Groundsman has recommended that the hedge is cut and laid to prevent creation of dens, and the existing chain-link fence repaired where required.

**Resolved:** Councillors supported the Groundsman's recommendations.

## **7. Budget Review – Mrs G Smith**

The Deputy Clerk provided a copy of the Committees Income and Expenditure account to date for consideration, which is in line with the budget. Income is approx in line with the forecast – 2 months income outstanding. Expenditure is in line with the budget, however there is no surplus funding available this year.

A discussion took place and Mrs G Smith answered questions.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council approves the budget review and recommendations.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

## **8. Updates – The Clerk**

### **• Floodlights – Elizabeth Park Main Pitch**

At the last meeting of the committee, the Draft Settlement Agreement was presented to Councillors for consideration (copies issued to all members prior to the meeting).

Councillors considered the contents of the proposed agreement, a discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that clause 9, should be removed.

The Clerk reported that clause 9 has been removed and updated draft received. However, the draft was passed to the Trustees for consideration and unfortunately, they are not satisfied with the contents of the agreement. Mr Kerr emphasised that the offer entailed the Trustees donating the lights to the Council only. Mr Kerr is of the opinion that the agreement should be a transfer of ownership agreement only, not in return for clearance of the debt. Mr Kerr explained that the debt concerned is not the responsibility of the Trustees responsible for the floodlights. Additionally the offer did not include

transfer of the railings too.

The Clerk explained that she has taken further advice from the Solicitor who confirmed that amending the agreement to a transfer/donation only would incur a minimal cost, however advised that the Trustees should reconsider their decision as the proposed settlement agreement would have protected the Trustees.

A discussion took place. Councillor Lowe confirmed that he has spoken to Mr Kerr and the Trustees do not wish to reconsider. Additionally, clarification of the arrangements for the retention of the railings is required.

With regard to the outstanding debt, Councillors suggested that the debt should be written off if removed from the settlement/transfer agreement.

It was proposed and seconded that the proposed floodlight agreement is an **Agenda Item** for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**Resolved:** the motion is carried.

## **9. Park Issues**

Dog Fouling: Councillor Wooding expressed concern about dog owners bringing dogs on to the Park in contravention of the bylaws, and irresponsible dog owners failing to clear up after their pets.

A discussion took place and It was proposed and seconded that more prominent yellow signage is erected.

**Resolved:** the motion was carried.

**10. Correspondence** None

**11. Health and Safety** None

**12. Reports and Requests for Agenda Items** None

**13. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

**Confirmed and signed this**

**day of**

**2014**

**Chairman**