

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14^H JANUARY 2014 at 7.00PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk, The Deputy Clerk, 7 members of the public
PC Mundy, CPSO Harkerat

APOLOGIES: S R Brown, P S Harley, L Seaton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY AT 6.45PM IN THE LIBRARY

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

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk

- 1. To Receive apologies for Absence:** S R Brown
- 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.

3. Monthly Expenditure Report – Mrs G M Smith

ACCOUNTS: Expenditure: The Deputy Clerk presented cheque no.s 110392 - 110401 for invoices and petty cash and direct debits totalling £42,975.10.

4. Monthly Income Report - Mrs G M Smith

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

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: S R Brown, P S Harley, L Seaton

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.

3. To receive Reports from the Police

PC Ian Mundy introduced himself as the new Beat Officer for Thurmaston, reported that he has been a Police Officer for 5 years and was previously working on the response team and was also Beat Officer for Mountsorrel. The Clerk issued copies of the monthly Crime Report to all Councillors and PC Mundy and PCSO Harkerat explained the contents of the report and answered questions.

4. 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.

5. Local Development Framework

Proposed Sustainable Urban Extension – development of 4500 new dwellings:

Letter from Mr Owen Bentley

Thurmaston Parish Council set aside £2000 (of which I believe £500 remains) to be called upon if necessary by BABTAG to meet the costs of employing a specialist transport consult to critique the transport assessments for the north east of Leicester SUE.

BABTAG itself has now spent £4800 of its own funds and this sum will cover the current **interim** transport assessment contained within the recently submitted CEG planning application. The interim nature of this assessment has come as a surprise as BABTAG was expecting the PA to contain a definitive transport assessment. The PA makes it clear that there will be a final transport assessment produced in the next few months applying the latest LLITM refinements to the roads within and outside the SUE area. Apparently those refinements have only just been completed and were not in time for a final report to be submitted before the end of year deadline.

This will mean that our transport consultant will have to do an extra report on top of the one he is starting work on now. We had budgeted for just one report as we confidently expected that the assessment in the PA would have all the "Is" dotted and all the "Ts" crossed. It may be, therefore, that BABTAG will need to approach Thurmaston Parish Council for a contribution towards the costs of the final transport assessment.

Please could you ask the council for confirmation that in the circumstances outlined above that the parish council will agree to a contribution from the funds set aside? BABTAG will of course make available to Thurmaston Parish Council the report that our transport consultant is currently working on and the one on the final transport assessment.

I do not need to remind you that it is the transport issue that may determine the fate of the SUE project and could well lead to a significant reduction in the size of the SUE.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to release funding as requested as this has previously been allocated.

Formal Submission of Charnwood Local Plan for Examination – Way forward and suggestions/comments from Mr G Bowman Council

The Clerk reported that Charnwood Core Strategy was submitted to the secretary of state for examination on 20th December. The examination will be carried out April 2014.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Gerry Bowman, Thurmaston Action Group has submitted comments and reasons why the plan is not sound for consideration.

Councillor Lowe suggested that the Parish Council should submit their response to the Draft Core Strategy to the Inspector and that all Parish Councillors should go to the Inspector with their individual comments.

Councillor Raven suggested that a further meeting of the LDF Works Party is convened to formulate a report for the Inspector.

It was proposed and seconded that a further meeting of the LDF Works Party is arranged to compose a report/agree inclusions for submission to the Inspector.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Clerk agreed to provide copy of the Councils response to the Core Strategy, Survey Slips, petitions and suggestions from Mr G Bowman.

Legal Options – Cllr Newman

Councillor Newman suggested that the Parish Council should seek Legal Advice as to the way forward/challenge the soundness of the core strategy. Councillor Newman suggested two funding options for the provision of Legal advice, either via the precept or from balances; however, the cost of this service is unknown.

A discussion took place and Councillors were of the opinion that the Council does not have sufficient resources to fund a legal challenge.

6. Parish Precept 20/14/2015 (copy of precept enclosed, also see appendix 1 & 2 for consideration)

The Clerk explained that copies of precept were issued to all Councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. Individual committees have set their own budget requirement and the combined precept is £320,991.00 which includes 2.1% increase from the Parish and 2.64% reduction of Charnwood Borough Council's Council Tax Support Grant represents an overall increase of 4.7%.

Councillors should note that the Government are yet to announce the council tax referendum threshold principles - .i.e. they may still cap Local Councils.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council approves the Precept.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

- 7. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council Pages 134 - 139 Tuesday 10th December 2013. (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 140 – 142 Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Centres Comm. 07.01.14

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 of Barkby Thorpe Lane

- Reported litter on the footpath from Checkland Road Estate to Barkby Thorpe Lane.

- 10. Correspondence**

Letter from Charnwood Borough Council – Extraordinary Meeting on 28th October

To initiate a formal complaint, your Councillors would need to indicate the names of those Borough Councillors they were complaining about, and provide me with as much evidence as possible to substantiate any allegations that those Councillors may have breached the Borough Council's Code of Conduct or other relevant procedural requirements.

However, I do wish to refer you back to my previous letter, in which I indicated that "I would not consider that a Councillor having pre-prepared notes or a speech was in itself evidence of pre-determination".

Section 25 of the Localism Act 2011 states that a conclusion that a Councillor had, or appeared to have, a closed mind when taking a decision should not be reached just because of anything he or she had previously done that directly or indirectly indicated what view they had or might have on the matter.

The first stage in the process for considering complaints would be for me to inform the Councillor being complained about and to undertake an initial fact finding review to determine whether the complaint, if proven, would be a breach of the Code of Conduct and whether it is sufficiently serious to merit further attention. I am also required to consult with one of the Independent Persons appointed by the Borough Council before reaching a conclusion.

Resolved: A discussion took place and it was agreed no further action.

Charnwood Borough Council – Climate Control Consultation

Letter as follows:

I am writing to inform you of the consultation of the draft Climate Local Action Plan for Charnwood Borough Council.

Climate change is one of the key challenges facing Charnwood today. Climate projections show that past, current and future greenhouse gas emissions will influence the climate for decades. Ensuring the Borough maintains a leading role in local efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change is a priority commitment in Charnwood Borough Council's Corporate Plan.

Copies of the action plan are available to view on the Charnwood Borough Council Website, <http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwood> borough council's climate local consultation

An online survey accompanies this document and is available here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WYMF7F>

Maria French

Sustainable Development Officer

The Clerk explained that copies of relevant links to the Consultation have been issued to all members, closing date for comments is 21st January, and should anyone wish to submit any comments.

Charnwood Borough Council – 2014/15 Draft Budget and Draft Capital Plan

The full version of the Draft 2013/14 Budget Report is available for download at:

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/papers/cab 19 December 2013 item 09 draft 2014 15 general fund and hra budgets/Cab%2019%20December%20213%20item%2009%20Draft%202014-15%20General%20Fund%20and%20HRA%20Budgets.pdf](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/papers/cab%2019%20December%20213%20item%2009%20Draft%202014-15%20General%20Fund%20and%20HRA%20Budgets.pdf)

As the report runs to 20 pages, this summary aims to help consultation by highlighting the main points. Should you have any comments on the draft budgets or Capital Plan please send them by email to:

finance@charnwood.gov.uk by 24th January 2014. The final Budgets for 2014/15 will be submitted to Council for approval on 24th February 2014.

The Clerk reported that copies of the Draft budget and capital Plans have

been issued to all members including the relevant links to full version of the draft. Closing date for comments is 24th January should anyone wish to submit any comments.

County Council Budget Proposals announced

Major changes to services, to save £110 million by 2018, are being proposed by Leicestershire County Council.

More community-led services, reduced grants to voluntary groups and changes to highways maintenance, museums and libraries are among the savings proposals. Saving £110 million means a reduction of one third in the council's budget.

The proposals have been guided by last summer's budget consultation. Around 7,200 people had their say on which services should be protected or reduced and what the Council Tax level should be.

You are invited to comment on the draft proposals. Any feedback will be considered before final decisions are made.

Following the Cabinet meeting on 15th January, the recommendations will be discussed by the scrutiny committees, before the full Council makes the final decisions on Wednesday 19th February.

All these meetings can be viewed online at www.leics.gov.uk/webcast

Have your say ...

You can comment on the council/s budget proposals from 7th – 20th January 2014.

Read the summary document and complete the online feedback form at www.leics.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

11. To receive reports from the Clerk and Councillors (for information only)

Councillor B J Seaton:

Councillor Seaton reported that she understands the proposed development for Barkby Thorpe Lane has been removed as it is not in conjunction with the Core Strategy, and suggested that the Council contacts the Borough Council for clarification of the circumstances enquiring why the plan has been removed.

Resolved: Clerk to contact to the Borough Council.

Councillor M D Lowe

Reported that the Council has received a copy of the application for a sustainable Urban extension of up to 4500 dwellings and associated infrastructure and asked the Clerk to forward to details of the relevant links to all Councillors.

Graham Smith Principle Planning Officer has agreed to come to the February

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL AND CEMETERY COMM
HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY**

Present: Councillors: R Davies (Chairman)
J Brown S R Brown
D Atterbury L Seaton

Also Present: The Clerk & The Deputy Clerk

Apologies: None

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

No apologies received.

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

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Councillor D Atterbury declared an interest in any business relating to the Royal British Legion.

Councillor R Davies declared an interest in any business relating to the Royal British Legion.

3. Cemetery Extension – progress update – The Clerk

• **Tenders**

At the last meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that tenders will be invited for stage one of the scheme in January. Tenders for stages 2 & 3 will be invited pending availability of funding and the outcome of the grant application.

The Clerk presented the list of Landscape Contractors that Bellinger Design has shortlisted as suitable for implementing the cemetery extension scheme. Bellinger's have spoken with each contractor directly and they have confirmed it to be the sort of work they carry out and that they would be pleased to be invited to tender for this scheme. Please note the contract being tendered will not include for the soft landscape works (planting/turfing/seeding) that would be carried out in-house by our own Ground staff as agreed.

Thurmaston PC has direct experience of working with DTM Landscapes and

Landward, and Bellinger Design has experience of working with all of the contractors listed.

Councillors need to determine how many contractors they wish to invite to tender – Bellinger's suggest a minimum of 3, maximum of 4 for a contract with an anticipated value of less than £50,000. It would be good if the Council felt able to select the Contractors they wish to invite from the list and/or to advise any other Landscape Contractor they wish to be included – particularly if there is a local company that would be suitable.

Blakedown Environment and Leisure Plc

Apollo Office Park, Ironstone Lane
Wroxton, Oxfordshire

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DTM Landscapes

Station Farm, Dunton Road , Ashby Magna
Lutterworth , Leicestershire, LE17 5NH

Landward Landscape Contracts Ltd.

54 Regent Street
Rugby, CV21 2PS

N.T.Killingley Ltd

Old Manor Park, Mansfield Road
Temple Normanton, Chesterfield
Derbyshire, S42 5DQ

□

Jack Moody Ltd

Hollybush Farm, Warstone Road
Shareshill, Wolverhampton, WV10 7LX

It was proposed and seconded that the following companies are invited to tender; DTM Landscapes, Landward Landscape Contracts and P J Brooks (all having provided satisfactory service previously and DTM and P J Brooks being based locally, and N T Killingworth (being the next most local company):

Resolved: the motion was carried.

- **Community Facilities Grant:**

The Clerk presented update from the Borough Council as follows:

Apologies, I had received your letter, plans and breakdown of costs in December, but hadn't acknowledged receipt.

The information you have sent is going to back to the Grants Panel at their meeting next Tuesday 28th January, so I will be able to update you further next week.

- **Programme of work presented for information.**

- **Defects Period:**

Email rec'd as follows:

Bellinger Design are suggesting a 6 month defects liability period NOT 12 months. Hard landscape is often subject to 6 rather than 12 months, however I also thought that this would mean the Landscape Contractor's responsibility for the area would finish mid December 2014 meaning Dave/TPC's in-house team can kick-on with the planting aspects of the scheme early in 2015 (during the planting season) without any conflict/debate over who may or may not have caused any defects that may be identified in any of the hard works implemented by the Landscape Contractor. I would be grateful if TPC could advise whether they consider this a suitable approach?

It was proposed and seconded that the Council supports the suggestion of 6 month defect period.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

4. Request for Seat in Cemetery – Ms C Saddington

The Clerk presented a request from family of the late Mr Anderson recently interned in the Cemetery. The family have requested permission to install a blue metal bench incorporating an Anchor sign, photograph supplied for consideration.

A discussion took place and Councillors were of the opinion that the seat in question was not in keeping with existing furniture in the Cemetery.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council refuse the requests and suggests an alternative traditional wooden bench with a plaque (which could incorporate an anchor motif).

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5. Headstone Testing – progress update – The Clerk

The Clerk presented a copy of the Headstone Testing Report. 1044 headstones were inspected, 83 Memorials were staked and banded, 143 bonded and 3 laid down. There are 22 headstones with a recommendation for re-inspection in 12 months time.

Notices have been attached to all headstones requiring attention and to date 9 owners have arranged repairs.

It was proposed and seconded that letters are sent to the remaining deed holders at the end of February.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Provision of a Defibrillator - Cllr M D Lowe

Councillor Laura Seaton reported that a charity organisation had recently visited school and explained that there is potential funding available for the provision of defibrillators. Councillor Seaton agreed to provide details of the organisation concerned.

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk obtains a quote for a defibrillator.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

7. Correspondence

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment Memorial Appeal.

Letter requesting donation towards National Arboretum (NMA) at Alrewas in Staffordshire. As follows:

2014 will see the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and the 50th anniversary of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment joining The Royal Anglian Regiment. It is therefore an appropriate time for us to complete the legacy that our generation of Tigers leaves for posterity.

We already have our lovely Regimental Chapel in Leicester Cathedral, our Regimental Museum in Leicester and the living memorial of Royal Tigers' Wood in Bagworth. However, without in any way wishing to supersede your Council's memorial, our Old Comrades believe we should now have our own central memorial erected alongside those of other regiments with whom they fought. We are therefore proposing to erect one in the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) at Alrewas in Staffordshire. A leaflet explaining our plans is enclosed.

Ketton Stone Masonry and Fixings Ltd is most generously donating the stone structure and related masonry to the Association, but a further £40,000 will be required. We are inviting all the members of The Royal Tigers' Association to contribute, but I feel that many other friends of the Regiment will wish to be associated with this appeal, and hence I am writing to you. Any surplus will be paid into the Regimental Charitable Fund, to help former Tigers and their families who are in need.

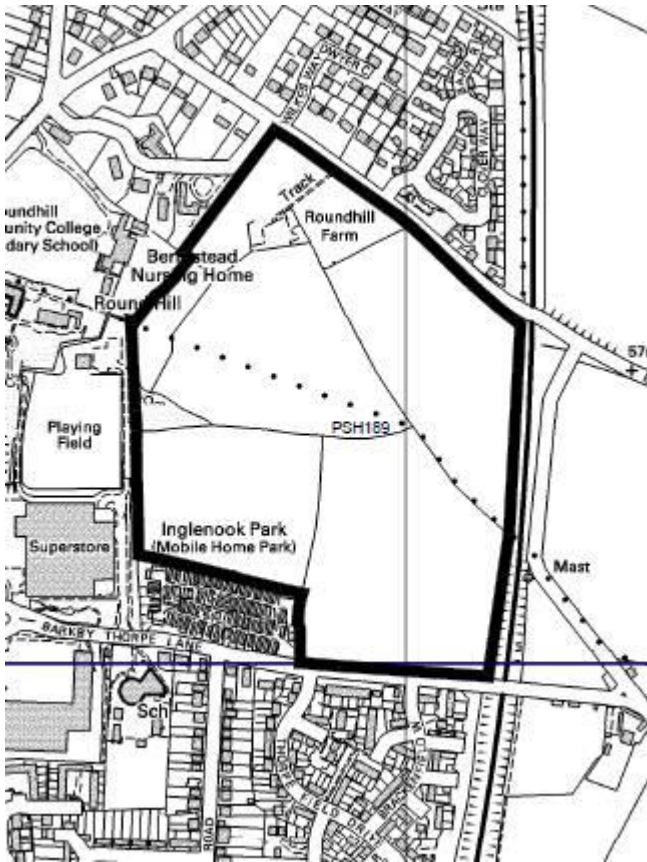
I ask you to consider helping us to achieve our target, thus enabling us to finish this important and very worthwhile project to complete the legacy of our famous Regiment.

maintain in some form.

The land is currently not available for public use and my initial thoughts were to create accessible green infrastructure to balance the new housing and maintain separation between the 2 settlements. I would welcome your input into this at this stage and if possible I would like to attend a meeting with your Councillors to talk through the issues and hopefully get some ideas on how to move forward from a design and layout perspective.

I appreciate new development is never welcomed, but hopefully with a local input it may be more palatable. We are keen to deliver new housing on this site in the short term and would like to work with Councillors to achieve that.

I am aware of the recently submitted Urban Extension application which will have implications on this site and again would like to talk through those issues with you.



Again, apologies for my directness, but if you could let me know when would be a convenient time to meet it would be greatly appreciated. It may be worth looking to meet with both Councils at the same time to talk through all issues?

Councillors were of the opinion that this development is in Thurmaston and as such should be discussed individually. It was proposed and seconded that Bellway Homes are invited to the next meeting of the Environmental Committee.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

4. Thurmaston Library Service – Cllr K Knaggs

Councillor Kate Knaggs explained that due to LCC funding cuts there will be implications for Thurmaston Library and referred to a recent article in Leicester Mercury concerning the potential closure of Libraries. Kate suggested that the Parish Council should consider whether the Library could be managed by the Parish Council/Community. The running costs provided are £23K - 24K annually, however, a breakdown of costs including staff costs would be required.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that the Clerk writes to LCC referring to the recent newspaper article 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

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5. Car Wash, Melton Road - update

At the last meeting of the committee, Councillor Raven expressed concern about vehicles obstructing the footpath when queuing to access the car wash centre and that the attendants are spraying the cars waiting on the footpath, the Clerk wrote to Planning Enforcement and has received the following reply:

THURMASTON - MELTON ROAD, PARKING PROBLEMS

Thank you for your enquiry regarding parking problems on Melton Road, Thurmaston in the vicinity of the car wash centre.

The only way in which we could prevent vehicles parking at this location would be with the introduction for waiting restrictions.

With the adoption of Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) in April 2011, we are starting work on new traffic management objectives for the County. Typically funding will be available for schemes that support the local economy, improve road safety and manage the impact of our transport system on quality of life. This means we need to identify a programme of schemes that will achieve these goals and benefit a wide community.

The implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's), which are required for waiting restrictions can be extremely costly both in funding and staff time due

to the statutory processes required in making a legal Order. Therefore we will only consider new waiting restrictions as part of a larger scheme where a major benefit for the whole community has been established. They are not generally considered in isolation as this would set a precedent that we would be unable to maintain.

We do appreciate the difficulties that can be experienced due to parked vehicles, and therefore all requests we receive have to be considered against set criteria based on an evidence led appraisal. This is to ensure that the County Council's traffic safety and parking resources are employed in the most cost efficient and robust manner as possible.

Our initial investigation shows that there have been no personal injury accidents at this junction within the last five years that could be attributable to parked vehicles.

Unfortunately when officers ranked the proposal for the introduction of waiting restrictions on Melton Road, it had a low priority when compared to other road safety and parking schemes that have been identified throughout Leicestershire. Therefore we are unable to justify any further action at this time. However, it is important to note that even in the absence of any formal parking controls, it remains an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 for any person in charge of a vehicle to cause or permit that vehicle to stand on a road in such a manner that is considered to be dangerous, or that which causes an obstruction to the safe and effective use of the highway. Any such instances should be reported to the Police, who are the only authority able to take enforcement action against such contraventions.

We are sorry that we are unable to assist you any further with your enquiry.

The Clerk reported that she has received a further complaint from a resident who had to walk on the road as the footpath was completely obstructed by the parked vehicles. Additionally, witnessed a family with a pushchair and young child having to walk on the road too.

A discussion took place and Councillors reported that in addition to the issues raised, vehicles are displayed for sale on the grass verge outside of the property.

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk writes to Planning Enforcement, LCC and the Police informing them of the recent complaints including vehicles sales.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Christmas Trees – Wind Damage – The Clerk

The Clerk reported that two of the Christmas trees attached to properties on Melton Road had fallen from the brackets due to heavy winds in December.

The Lighting Contractor had attended to the trees concerned. In light of health and safety the trees will be milled to 7" next year rather than 5" as per previously.

7. Highway Maintenance Issues

All issues reported following the last meeting of the committee were addressed.

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.

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.

8. Correspondence

Leicestershire County Council

Charnwood Flood Fair, 30th January 2pm – 7pm, Loughborough Town Hall.

Leicestershire Footpath Association – Notice of AGM and Annual Report

Saturday 22nd February 2014 at 10.15am at the Evangelical Baptist Church, Main St, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ.

Booking required £8 per person.

Leicestershire County Council Highways

Feed back on highway related enquiries August – Nov 2013

Copies available from the Clerk for information.

Flowers for the centenary of World War 1

The Clerk explained that in commemoration of centenary of the First World War, The Royal British Legion would like to see the UK covered in real Flanders poppies during August 2014. Poppy seeds are available for sale at a cost of

REPORT FROM THE LDF WORKING PARTY MEETING ON TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY AT 7PM IN THE MEETING ROOM ELIZABETH PARK

PRESENT: **Councillors:** M D Lowe (Chairman)
 R Raven B J Seaton
 D J Hill D Maguire
 R Davies S R Brown
 S Coombe D Atterbury

Group Members: M Westwood L Westwood
 R Hill M Chambers
 M Shilton

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk and Deputy Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Cllr D J Knaggs

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

2. **Disclosure of Interest** None.

3. **Charnwood Local Plan 2006 – 2028 Core Strategy – consideration of comments for the Inspector.**

The Clerk reminded those present that following notification of the formal submission of Charnwood Local Plan for examination Councillors agreed to arrange a further meeting of the LDF Working Party to agree inclusions for submission to the Inspector including the submission of the Survey Slips and petitions.

The Clerk explained that she has contacted the Local Plan Programme Officer re the procedure to submit comments/evidence and received the following reply:

Thank you for your email.

For your information a document on the local plan (Core Strategy) examination procedure is available on the Council's Local Plan website:http://localplan.charnwood.gov.uk/user_uploads/files/Examining%20local%20plans%20procedural%20practice.pdf

The examination library has now been created which contains all the information received during the examination so it will be updated regularly.
<http://localplan.charnwood.gov.uk/content/index.php?id=122>

At this stage the Inspector is in the process of arranging dates for the initial hearings so there will be no automatic opportunity for additional material to be submitted at this stage. It is normal procedure that comments can only be submitted when requested by the Inspector. It is anticipated that further information will be available shortly therefore I will be contacting all representors, about the next stage.

According to the Charnwood News, initial hearing sessions have been proposed between March 19-21 and will be held in Loughborough with the date and venue to be confirmed shortly.

Representatives of the Council may wish to participate in the hearing and the Clerk has requested details of the procedure required to arrange to speak to the Inspector.

A lengthy discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded as follows:

Clerk to submit the following documents to Planning Inspector, addressed to Charnwood Borough Council posted by recorded delivery:

- Letter to the Inspector including the Parish Councils response to draft Core Strategy and additional comments submitted by Mr G Bowman on behalf of Thurmaston Action Group.
- Petitions
- Survey slips
- Letters from members of the public

All correspondence to be photocopied and copies retained as evidence in the Parish Office.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

4. Way Forward

Charnwood Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Supplementary Report (October 2013).

The Clerk issued paper copies of the Charnwood Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Supplementary Report (October 2013). Copies were emailed to all Councillors last week. The Clerk explained that the **consultation period is for 6 weeks ending 3rd March.**

The purpose of the SA Supplementary Report is to clarify:

The Solicitor requires confirmation that the Council is happy with the content of the agreement, paying particular attention to the following clauses:

I wanted to point out a couple of clauses for you to consider, namely:

- I have only mentioned the railings and the floodlights that will be transferred to the Council. If there is anything else then please let me know;
- Clause 4 confirms that this is in full and final settlement of all or any claims you have against them, and they have against you in relation to renting the pitch. It is fairly wide but if you would like me to make it tighter then please let me know;
- Clause 2.2 refers to your obligation to let another club use the pitch. Please confirm that you are happy with this;
- Clause 7 confirms that the content of the agreement is confidential. Please let me know if you would like me to amend this;
- I have included an indemnity from the trustees at clause 9. This means that in the event that somebody has a claim against the Council for death, PI or damage to property in connection with defective railings or floodlights as a result of the acts of the Club, the Council will be indemnified for any losses by the trustees. There is no real need to include this but this protects the Council in case there are some defects which you are not aware of that were caused by the Club. Perhaps you can confirm whether or not you want the indemnity to be included.

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

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5. Park Issues

Councillors Seaton questioned whether the scale swing on Garden Street Recreation Ground would be replaced and the Clerk explained that funding has been allocated for a replacement.

6. Correspondence

Thurmaston Magpies J.F.C.

Next Season Wednesday Floodlit League

I am writing to ask if you would allow us to play in the Floodlit League next season, which is on Wednesday nights KO at 7.30, we would need the floodlights to enable us to play and join the league, we would also need the

changing rooms for both teams and the officials. This is the next step in taking the team to adult football this is an Under 18 league, a great standard of football as well with many opportunities.

We have a great opportunity to join the league with your help, this would allow us to keep the team together and take them forward to adult football which is what they need now.

If possible, I would like to know the cost to us for the use of the floodlights and the pitch fees if extra to what we use at the moment, if you provide this it would be appreciated and help me so I can work on a budget.

If you require more information then please feel free to contact me to discuss.

A discussion took place and Councillors felt that provision should be made to accommodate this request if possible. However, confirmation of the following points is required:

- Would the team require exclusive use of changing rooms?
- Deadline date for decision required?

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk contacts the Football Club requesting confirmation of the requirements listed above and that this is an **Agenda** item for the next meeting of the committee.

Thurmaston Bowls Club

I thought I would bring you up to date on the progress of the pavilion.

Most things are completed now and we are ready to put in the kitchen and benches in the changing rooms.

We hope to have an invitation only grand opening on Sunday 6th April to which you will be invited.

This project has been a little over budget so it is necessary for us to fund raise in earnest as much as possible. All money made from our social evenings to towards the pavilion and we have been supported by ASDA by them giving us a bag packing/collection day probably on 9th March.

We will be holding a 'Down to Earth' evening with Radio Leicester in the Pavilion on 22nd March and of course you know about the joint 60s and 70s Disco we are holding with Rob on March 22nd.

After the success of the Race night we held in the last two years we would very much like to hold another, perhaps in July this year. This does depend somewhat on the generosity of Elizabeth Park so would it be possible to have the hall at no cost again?

Please let me know when you can and I can book a date to suit us both either a Friday or a Saturday evening.

It was proposed and seconded that one free booking annually, is included in the Bowls Club Hire Contract to be taken on a Friday night.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

7. Health and Safety

8. Reports and Requests for Agenda Items

Councillor D J Hill

- Requested an **Agenda item** for the next meeting of the committee, Disabled Parking Bays. – Councillor Coombe agreed to supply information re the procedure for the provision of vehicle clamping.
- Requested **Agenda item** for the next meeting of the committee - Fencing – Silverdale Park.

Councillor R Davies:

Reported that the work required for the stabilisation of the Boxing Club Beam has been completed.

9. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 4th March 2014

Confirmed and signed this

day of

2014

Chairman