

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th MAY 2014 at
7.00 p.m. IN THE MEM. HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk
4 Members of the Public
CPSO Harkerat

APOLOGIES: None

1. Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor M D Lowe is Chairman of the Parish Council.

Resolved: Councillor Lowe is elected Chairman of Thurmaston Parish Council.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence:

Councillor D J Hill, Councillor P S Harley

3. Declaration of Interest (Personal and Prejudicial) in respect of items on this agenda

None.

4. Election of Vice Chairman

The following Councillors were nominated for the position of Vice Chairman:

- Councillor S R Brown
- Councillor D J Hill

Councillor Lowe requested a closed ballot, this was seconded.

The Clerk declared the result as follows:

- Councillor S R Brown - 10 votes
- Councillor D J Hill - 6 votes
- Abstention - 1 vote

Resolved: Councillor S R Brown is elected Vice Chairman of Thurmaston Parish Council.

5. Election of Committees

It was proposed and seconded that the Committee structure should remain the same; any Councillor wishing to change membership of committee should inform the Clerk.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Election of Representatives on the following:

Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish Councils:

Resolved: Chairman – Councillor Lowe and Councillor Raven.

Playing Fields Association (1):

Resolved: The Chairman of the Parks Committee.

CPRE(1):

Resolved: Chairman of the Environmental Committee.

7. Adoption of Statement of Internal Controls – Glynis Smith RFO New Policy – copy enclosed for consideration

Councillors considered the proposed document and it was proposed and seconded that the council adopts the Statement of Internal Controls.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

8. Review/re-adoption of Standing Orders With No amendments

It was proposed and seconded that the Standing Orders are re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**9. Review/re-adoption of Financial Regulations
With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that the Financial Regulations are re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion as carried.

**10. Review/re-adoption of Financial Risk Management
With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that Financial Risk Management is re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**11. Review/re-adoption of Health and Safety Policy
With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that the Health and Safety Policy is re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**12. Review/re-adoption of the Equal Opportunities and Green
Housekeeping Policy
With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that the Equal Opportunities and Green Housekeeping Policy is re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**13. Review/re-adoption of Staffing Policies: and Staff Handbook
With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that the Staffing Policies and Staff Handbook are re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

**14. Review/re-adoption of Thurmaston Parish Council Members Code of
Conduct With No amendments**

It was proposed and seconded that the Code of Conduct Policy is re-adopted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13^h MAY 2014 at 7.00PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk, The Deputy Clerk, 4 members of the public PCSO Harkerat

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P S Harley, D J Hill

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

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: P S Harley, D J Hill

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

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

The Clerk issued copies of the Police Reports for March and April to all

members of the Council. PCSO Harkerat explained the contents of the report and took questions from Councillors.

4. Public Participation - Maximum of 15 Minutes (Meeting adjourned Public None.

5. Approval of monthly Expenditure

The Deputy Clerk presented the Expenditure and income accounts for April for approval.

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

Resolved: the motion was carried

**6. Zurich Insurance
Quotation for approval**

The Deputy Clerk presented a quotation for the Councils Insurance provision for a three year period at £5451.00 per year. The Deputy Clerk explained that The quote represented a saving of £891.00 over the three year period. The new policy will also include additional cover as follows:

- Business interruption cover to cover loss of income.
- Public Liability cover increased from £10K - £12K
- Itemised fixtures and fittings cover increased.
- Legal Indemnity cover increased from£50K to £200K

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

Resolved: the motion was carried.

7. Report re: End of Year Accounts - RFO Glynis Smith

The Deputy Clerk explained that there is an under spend of £5K at the end of the financial year March 2014. The Leisure Centre committee and the Memorial Hall committee have suggested that the funding is re-allocated to the provision of two defibrillators.

It was proposed and seconded that the funding is re-allocated as per the above suggestion.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

8. 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

9. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2014 (Copy enclosed)

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

10. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council Pages 210 - 216 Tuesday 8th April 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

11. To confirm and sign the minutes of the following Committee Meetings Pg 217 - 220 Mins of the Meeting of Leisure Centres Comm. 29.04.14

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

12. Correspondence

**Leicestershire Youth Offending Service
Final IMPACT Report**

Copies of the report were issued to all members of the council.

Roundhill Academy

The Annual Presentation Evening at the Roundhill Academy

The Roundhill Academy believes that young people achieve, perform and behave so much better when rewards and praise are used. To this end the school holds an annual presentation evening where the achievements of our students are celebrated. This has become a highlight of our school year. The event has grown to include a musical performance. Every year we have been honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Charnwood who join parents of the prize winners, governors and staff, both teaching and non-teaching. This year's event takes place on Thursday 26th June 2014.

I would like to thank you for your kind sponsorship last year and I am writing to ask you if you would like to again join the group of locally based businesses who annually sponsor the children and this event. Last year your generous donation sponsored our Citizenship Award. All sponsors are listed in the Presentation Evening programme, which is given to parents, governors and staff. They also receive a message of thanks on our website and in our school

newsletter, which goes to every child in the school and those in our local primary schools. Publicity of the event in the press also includes the names of our sponsors. Representatives from the sponsoring companies are invited to the evening and pre-programme refreshments with the local dignitaries. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council sponsors the Citizenship Award as per previously £100.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Letter from Church Hill Junior School – Summer Fete

It is our school fete on Saturday 21st June 2014. Would it be possible for your company to sponsor our school celebrations by donating a small prize for our raffle? We would appreciate donations of goods, shopping vouchers, bottles that can be used on the tombola and prizes for raffles.

Would you possibly consider donating one hour of astro-turf time for a football prize in a penalty shoot out?

Anything you can donate will be most gratefully received!

It was proposed and seconded that the Council offers free use of the 3G pitch for the penalty shoot out.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

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

The Clerk reported as follows:

- **LCC Libraries Consultation:**

I have forwarded the link to the Libraries consultation by email to all councillors however, if you require a paper copy of the consultation, I have placed some copies next the attendance book if anyone would like to take one. The consultation closes on 7th July and will be an Agenda item for discussion at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee.

- **Tree work:**

Following the change of contractor, Tree work has commenced on the pollarding of the trees on Garden Street Recreation Ground and Cemetery drive. There has been a delay in the availability of the lift, however work is due to recommence on 20th May.

Councillor S R Brown:

- Reported that he has received a phone call from a concerned resident

re a staked and banded headstone in the Cemetery. Councillor Raven explained that the headstone stability inspection had been carried out in line with best practice and the Council's duty of care to cemetery visitors. Maintenance of the headstones is the responsibility of the Deed Holders.

- Reported that he has received a complaint about grass cutting and potholes throughout the village.
Councillor Knaggs explained that she has spoken to Highways several times over the last few weeks re both issues and the Clerk has also forwarded the complaints to Customer Services. Additionally, Councillor Knaggs has received a complaint from an elderly resident of Church Street re: trees and vegetation on the A607 which are overgrown at the rear of her garden. Councillor Knaggs has met with officers from the Council and they have agreed to carry out the necessary pruning work, however, this work is outstanding at present. The Clerk has forwarded a further email chasing progress.
- Reported that he has received a complaint from a resident of Colby Road re the recent installation of several O2 service boxes on the corner of Colby Road.
The Clerk agreed to investigate whether necessary permissions are in place.

Councillor S R Coombe:

Reported that the verges on Humberstone Lane are considerable overgrown. Clerk to report to Customer Services.

Councillor D Knaggs:

Explained that the Council, along with every other Parish Council in the County has received complaints about pot holes and grass cutting on a regular basis, over many years. In light of budget restrictions, the services are likely to be reduced not improved and complaints should be forwarded to the Clerks who will contact the relevant officers responsible at County or Borough Council.

Councillor Seaton:

Reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Crime and Safety Forum but was disappointed with the content of the meeting and felt that it was of very little benefit.

14. To receive Reports from Borough Councillors and the County Councillor (for information only)

Councillor Knaggs reported that she will arrange a meeting with Councillor Wooding and other residents of Ivydale Road to discuss problem of lorries using Ivydale Road and investigate options.

15. To receive Reports from Borough Councillors and the County Councillor (for information only) No reports.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Confirmed and signed this day of 2014
Chairman

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL AND CEMETERY COMM
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY**

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

Also Present: The Clerk & The Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllr D Knaggs

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Davies is Chairman of the committee.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

2. To receive and accept apologies for absence

The apologies were accepted.

3. 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.

4. Remembrance Tree

Mr Dean Roberts presented a sample of remembrance tree which is of steel construction in the shape of a weeping willow tree with inscriptions on leaves. The leaves would be sold in aid of charity and available to for people to purchase in memory of late relatives or friends. Mr Roberts suggested that the leaves should be available only to those who have a connection to Thurmaston.

The proposed tree would be approx 7ft high and Mr Roberts suggested that it should be located in the new Cemetery extension. The initial proposal would include 250 leaves however, this could be increased if required.

A discussion took place and councillors raised minor concerns about the construction of the tree which Mr Roberts agreed to pass on to the manufacturer.

Councillors supported the principle of the initial proposal and thanked Mr. Roberts for his presentation. Mr Roberts left at this point.

With reference to the administration of the sale and allocation of the leaves, the Clerk suggested that this should be administered by the Parish Office being responsible for management of the cemetery. Councillors supported the Clerks recommendation.

5. Cemetery Inspection

Councillors made a site visit to the Cemetery and inspected the staked and banded headstones. Councillors also noted concerns about excessive memorabilia on several graves in breach of Cemetery Regulations.

- **Headstone Testing**

The Clerk reported that 22 deed holders have contacted the Office and agreed to arrange repairs to their headstones. However, 83 headstones were staked and banded and despite every effort to contact the deed holders, 61 stones remain outstanding.

Additionally one complaint has been received.

The Clerk reported that she has contacted the stonemason and the average cost of the repairs is approx. £170 per headstone.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that further time is allocated to enable cemetery visitors to respond, before further action considered. Councillors suggested a 12 month period.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

- **Un-authorized memorabilia on graves**

Councillors noted concerns about un-authorized memorabilia on several graves, which is excessive in some instances where memorabilia has been placed on the grass including planting. In line with Cemetery Regulations, no garden ornaments (except those incorporated in the headstone), glass jars or containers shall be allowed on the graves under any circumstances. No person shall plant any shrub, tree or flowers on any part of the cemetery.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that a letter is forwarded to deed holders concerned reminding them of the Cemetery Regulations.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Cemetery Extension

The Clerk presented quotations for phase one of the Cemetery Extension Scheme as follows:

Landward Landscape Contractors Ltd	£46,142.90
N T Killingley	£54,987.32
DTM Landscapes	£55,076.80
Danahar & Walsh	£79,969.73
P J Brooks	No tender submitted

The Clerk presented a tender assessment from the Landscape Architects recommending that Landward Landscapes should be appointed to carry out the project. The Parish Council has previous experience of working with Landwards, they were the contractor responsible for the creation of the village green on Garden Street Recreation Ground.

It was proposed and seconded that the contract is awarded to Landward Landscapes Ltd.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

- **Community Facilities Grant:**

The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting the outcome of the Grant Application following submission of further supporting evidence as requested in February.

7. Projects Update

New Cycle Racks

Delivery received awaiting installation by the Council's Groundsman

Provision of a Defibrillator - Cllr M D Lowe

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council has allocated funding for the provision of defibrillators for Elizabeth Park Centre and the Memorial Hall.

Delivery is approx 1 month.

Resolved; Order to be placed for defibrillator.

New Clock – Memorial Hall

The original quote was considered expensive. No further progress to date.

8. Correspondence

TA Group

Reply to our letter re damage to light fitting and lock.

With reference to the damage caused to the hall, I can confirm it was caused

by the cadets, apparently this was when they were playing potted sports. I apologise for the damage caused and for the fact none of the staff had the decency to inform you of damage

The following measures have now in put into place

- 1. Cadets to be better supervised in all activities*
- 2. You are to be informed within 24 hours of any damage that may happen in the future.*

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

The President of the Royal Tigers Association

Invitation for a representative of the Parish Council to attend the Dedication of the Memorial to the Royal Leicestershire Regiment at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on Saturday 27th September at 3pm.

Resolved: If anyone wishes to attend, please contact the Clerk.

Greenacre Solutions:

I was delighted to meet you earlier to discuss your cemetery extension project and have chance to view the plans and the extension plot.

As discussed, from April 1st the burial system and associated lowering device/grave surround and remediation liners are under new ownership and part of the new Greenacre Solutions brand. In addition to the burial system & associated items, we have extended our portfolio to incorporate memorialisation, tools/pumps, grave grass and benches. The new website should be online this week or at the very latest next week.

Our burial system is unique and offers choice over traditional, brick or concrete alternatives, optimizing space and facilitating operational efficiencies and cost saving. The remediation grave liner is also unique, there is no comparable product anywhere and it is designed to neutralize burial leachate to protect the environment

On the memorialisation side, we are a manufacturer and can design and create unique items such as the rainbow sandstone woodland piece I highlighted.

Resolved: Councillors noted the information.

9. Health and Safety - None

10. Reports and Requests for Next Agenda None.

11. Date of Next Meeting TBC

Confirmed and signed this

day of

2014

Chairman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HR AND H&S COMMITTEE, TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2014 IN THE MEETING ROOM ELIZABETH PARKAT 7PM

Present: Councillors: R Raven (Chairman)
M D Lowe S R Brown
R Davies B J Seaton
D J Hill

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Raven is re-elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence None

3. 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. None.

4. Review of wages – Groundsman/Premises Officer and Apprentice Groundsman

It was proposed and seconded that the agenda item number 4 is confidential.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Confidential

4. Review of wages – Groundsman/Premises Officer and Apprentice Groundsman

Groundsman/Premises Officer: Mr Kevin Ward

The Clerk explained that the Groundsman/Premises Officer has been employed for 2 years and has not received a review of wages to date. The Premises Officer has proven to be extremely reliable, committed and hardworking. The role includes working a number of unsociable hours. Kevin's current rate of pay is £8.50 per hour. A 2% increase would increase the hourly rate to £8.67.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that Mr. Kevin wards pay is increased to £8.75 per hour.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Apprentice Groundsman - Mr. Callum Ryan

The Clerk explained that the Apprentice has been employed for 2 years and has now completed his apprenticeship, which is currently being assessed. It is anticipated that Callum will have successfully passed his apprenticeship and the Senior Groundsman is very satisfied with Callums progress to date. The Clerk asked the Council to consider whether they wish to offer Callum a permanent position upon successful completion of the apprenticeship. Callum's current rate of pay in line with the minimum wage rate is £6.31 per hour.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that upon successful completion of his Apprenticeship, Mr. Callum Ryan is offered a permanent position as Junior Groundsman and his pay is increased to £7.25 per hour.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 27TH MAY AT 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM ELIZABETH PARK

PRESENT:

Councillors:

M D Lowe (Chairman)
D E Atterbury S R Brown
J Brown S Coombe
R Davies D J Hill
P S Newman A Patel
R Raven B J Seaton
D Maguire

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk

- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence Cllrs:** C A Wooding, S O Rose, K Knaggs, D Knaggs, J Knaggs, L Seaton.
- 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.** None.
- 3. Approval of the following decision of the Memorial Hall and Cemetery Committee Meeting, 20th May 2014, Page 13, Agenda Item no: 6 (see Tender Summary enclosed)**

Copies of the full Tender summaries were issued to all councillors for consideration prior to the meeting:

Cemetery Extension Phase One - Tender

Tenders received for phase one of the Cemetery Extension Scheme as follows:

Landward Landscape Contractors Ltd	£46,142.90
N T Killingley	£54,987.32
DTM Landscapes	£55,076.80
Danahar & Walsh	£79,969.73
P J Brooks	No tender submitted

It was proposed and seconded that the contract is awarded to Landward Landscapes Ltd.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Councillors considered the contents of the tender summaries and expressed concerns about the number of arithmetical errors within the tenders.

to front and rear of dwelling.

Resolved: No Comment.

P/14/0914/2

Request for screening opinion in relation to the development of 350 dwellings at Barkby Thorpe Lane. – For information.

At the last meeting of the committee representatives of Bellway Homes presented an overview of proposals for the development. Within the initial proposals the development included approx 250 dwellings of various types/sizes and 20% affordable homes and 50% green space. However, the application includes 350 new dwellings and 30% affordable homes.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that the following response is submitted to the Borough Council.

Thurmaston Parish Council understand that this application is a request for a screening opinion only, however, we would like to raise our concerns as follows:

- **Traffic Congestion:** Extreme concern about the potential impact of increased traffic from the development on Barkby Thorpe Lane and around the Retail parks. This area is already considerably overburdened with traffic. Congestion problems extend to gridlock at weekends and peak times, and the Parish Council constantly receives complaints about traffic problems in the area concerned. These narrow lanes cannot sustain increased travel movements of approx 1000 new residents.
- **Sustainability:** Access to services/community facilities – Doctors surgeries, schools and the village Cemetery etc are already oversubscribed/full. Confirmation of contributions to the community is required.
- **Separation:** It is important that Thurmaston retains its identity and area of separation is retained between Thurmaston and Syston. The fields proposed for this development form a significant part of the green wedge between Syston and Thurmaston.
- **Accumulation of development:** This application should not be viewed in isolation. Consideration must be given to other proposed developments for this area including 150 dwellings proposed for Barkby Thorpe Lane.

- Housing Numbers: Bellway Homes recently presented an overview of proposals for the development to the Parish Council. Within the initial proposals the development included approx 250 dwellings of various types/sizes. However, the application includes 350 new dwellings. We object to the increase number of dwellings.
- Percentage of Affordable Homes: Within the initial proposals the development included 20% affordable homes and 50% green space. However, the application includes 30% affordable homes. We object to the increase in the % of affordable homes. Thurmaston already has a significant number of affordable homes within the Parish and the Parish Council are of the opinion that there is a demand for family homes.
- Air Quality/Noise: Adverse changes to noise and air quality in the area.

Councillor Raven suggested that Bellway Homes are invited to return to a future meeting of committee.

5. Library Consultation

At the last meeting of the committee, Ms Evans, Libraries Locality Manager presented an overview of the County Councils proposals and options for a reduction in Library services in order to make significant savings. Options include:

- Closure of Library – loss of facilities
- Transfer of the management of the current Library Facilities to the Parish Council or Community Group.
- Re-location of Library facilities to another building
- Mobile Library facility

The consultation closes on 7th July and the Clerk has forwarded the link to the survey to all councillors and also made paper copies available. Additionally, the Clerk issued copies of LCC brochures detailing the proposals and reminded Councillors that the consultation event for Thurmaston Library will take place on Monday 9th June at 7pm at Church Hill Junior School.

A discussion took place and Councillor Seaton gave a report about the recent Work Shop re Community run Libraries. Councillors expressed their views both for and against the community library proposals.

It was proposed and seconded that the Library Consultation is an Agenda Item for discussion at the next meeting of the committee, following the

consultation event on 9th June. Councillor Seaton requested that all Councillors attend the event.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Car Wash Melton Road - Update Opening Hours - Cllr Seaton

The Clerk reported that this decision has already been issued and granted.
P/14/0539/2

(Re-consultation - Amended description) Removal of condition 1 and variation of condition 2 of P/13/0244/2 to retain and extend the current hours of use (8:00 - 19:00 Mon-Sat and 9:00 - 17:00 Sun)
924 Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicestershire, LE4 8GR

Councillor Seaton reported that the car wash was open for business at 7.45am on Sunday last.

7. Highway Maintenance Issues

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

Councillors raised the following new issues:

- Hedge at a property on corner of Charnwood Avenue/Sandiacre Drive is considerably overgrown and obstructing footpath.
- The hedge bordering the field adjacent the caravan park on Barkby Thorpe Lane is overgrown onto the highway and has not been pruned in several years.
- Pot holes – junction of Highway Road/Barkby Thorpe Lane.

8. Correspondence

RCC - Diary of Village Events 2014-15

Resolved: Councillors took documents for information.

CPRE – Branch News

Resolved: Councillors took documents for information.

Countryside Voice – Spring 2014

Resolved: Councillors took documents for information.

these floodlights, I consider that they do not need regularly inspecting by a Structural Engineer and could be left for another 5 years before the next inspection. If you have any queries please let me know.

Safety Surface: Elizabeth Park Play area:

The Clerk reported that she had met with the contractors today and the new safety surface will be installed next week on Wednesday and Thursday. The quote includes provision of grass seed, however, the contractor explained that the alternative provision of turf would expedite the settling process. The cost of the project was increased by £1080 due to the availability of topsoil, as the supply of free topsoil donated by a local farmer for a previous project has come to an end. Additionally, the provision of turf as an alternative to seed would increase the cost by: £350.00. There is currently funding within the committee's health and safety budget to cover the funding shortfall which can be re-allocated.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council adopts the Turf option and that funding is transferred from committee's H&S budget to complete the project.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5. Quotes for Consideration

New Locks – Elizabeth Park Centre:

Quotes were presented for new locks and keys for 21 doors as follows:

- J G Locksmiths £1820.00
- Morgan's Locksmiths £2,663.90

A discussion took place and It was proposed and seconded suggested that the Committee investigates the option of a swipe card lock system prior to consideration of the above quotes.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

New Light Fittings –Elizabeth Park Sports Centre:

Quotes were presented for new light fittings for the meeting room, bar and corridor and to move meeting room switch position.

- EMEC £2550.00

It was proposed and seconded that the quote is accepted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

6. Carnival – Cllr D J Hill

Councillor Hill explained that Thurmaston Events Team have received a request from organisers of Dog Agility Club, who would like to present a demonstration with their rescue dogs at the Carnival. However, there is bylaw in place on the park prohibiting dogs.

It was proposed and seconded that the bylaw is suspended for the day of the Carnival.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

7. Park Issues

- **Silverdale Park – improved facilities – provision of 106 funding.**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted the Borough Council by email requesting confirmation of the availability of 106 funding in relation to the recent development off Silverdale Drive Thurmaston. During discussions with the developer prior to start of the development scheme, proposals were discussed including a new entrance to Silverdale Park from the development site and improvement of facilities on the park, including a tarmac pad for the kick wall area, new paths and additional seating.

The Clerk confirmed that the level of funding is £50K. At present, the 106 contribution is outstanding payment to the Borough Council and payment will be triggered by 50% occupancy of the dwellings on site. Julie Robinson has agreed to chase up information re the current occupancy figures and availability of funding and will require the Clerk to resubmit details of the proposed scheme of improvements. Additionally, Julie has provided details of other 106 funding available through various developments within the Parish.

The Clerk presented the following email information:

Further to our conversation this morning - please find attached the proforma that you will need to submit, along with relevant designs / quotes etc in relation to scheme at Silverdale Park - as discussed the monies from this scheme have not been received as yet - but I have included on the attached section 106 monies sheet.

The balances available are:

£19,911.61 - Children's Play

£18,947.05 - Youth and Adult Recreation

This does not include the £50,000 from the Auster Ind Estate Development.

