

MINUTES OF THE THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.45 p.m. IN THE MEM. HALL

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: P S Harley S O Rose
J Knaggs Police

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk
6 Members of the Public

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER AT 7.15PM IN THE LIBRARY

PRESENT: **Councillors;** M D Lowe (Chairman)
S R Brown B J Seaton
Cllr R Davies P S Newman
D J Hill

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

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

Councillor Lowe informed Councillors of the very sad passing of Councillor Raven. Councillor Lowe asked Councillors to stand for a one minute silence in respect of Councillor Raven, deceased.

Councillor Lowe stated that Councillor Ralph Raven had been a tremendous asset to Thurmaston Parish Council, a very committed hard working Councillor and a friend.

Ralphs funeral will take place on Friday 21st November at Loughborough Crematorium at 10.15am.

Councillor D J Knaggs paid tribute to Ralph and reiterated Councillor Lowes tributes. He commended Ralph's commitment to the Council and on his recent election to the Borough Council and stated that he will be sadly missed.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: P S Harley, S O Rose, J Knaggs

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.

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

Councillor Kate Knaggs declared an interest concerning the County Council.

Councillor D Atterbury declared an interest concerning the British Legion.

Councillor Wooding declared an interest concerning Silverdale Park.

3. Planning Applications - Councillor M D Lowe

- **P/13/2498/2 Outline permission for 4500 homes and associated facilities and construction of Southern Link Road.**

Councillor Lowe reported that the Planning Application had been approved at a meeting of the plans committee on 6th November, and emphasized that the Parish Council will continue to campaign against this proposed

development. Councillor Lowe reported that the Council will request that the application is called in by the Secretary of State.

Councillor Hill reported that he had attended the Plans Meeting on the 6th November and commended Councillor Lowe and Councillor Seaton on their efforts to object to this application. Councillor Hill expressed disappointment that only four Parish Councillors were present and was of the opinion that Councillors should have made priority to attend this meeting.

Councillor Wooding explained that he could not have attended the Meeting, and was of the opinion that many Councillors have justified reasons for their absence.

4. To receive Reports from the Police

The Clerk issued copies of the Police Reports for October to all members of the Council.

5 Questions from Councillors: in accordance with standing order number 27, A Councillor may seek to answer a question concerning any business of the Council provided (7) clear day's notice of the question has been given to the Proper Officer.

None

6. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council Pages 85 - 93 Tuesday 14th October 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: the motion was carried.

7. To confirm and sign the minutes of the following Committee Meetings

Page 94 – 95 Minutes of the Extra-ord meeting of the Council 21.10.2014

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

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Page 96 - 98 Minutes of the Meeting Memorial Hall and Cemetery Comm 21.10.14

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

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Pages 99 – 103: Minutes of the Env Comm 28.10.14

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

Page 102: Councillor Atterbury reported that the comments on Planning Application P/14/1747/2 were missing from the Minutes. The Clerk apologised for the error and agreed to include the comments.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Page 104 - 108 Minutes of the Meeting of Leisure Centres Comm. 04.11.14

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

Page 105 – Councillor Wooding asked if the Clerk had investigated the legal requirements re fencing and the Clerk replied that she had no information to date, but would ensure that the information is available for the next meeting of the Leisure Centres Committee as agreed.

Councillor Wooding objected to the Councils decision to lay the hedge and It was proposed and seconded that this matter is referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Resolved: With the majority of Councillors voting against the proposal the motion was defeated. Councillor Wooding did not take part in the vote.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

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

A representative of Thurmaston Scouts reported that the Scout Hut was in a very poor state of repair, and requested the Councils support for an application of funding via potential 106 funding associated to the proposed Bellway Homes Development.

Councillors agreed that this should be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee.

9. Correspondence None

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

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm with a brief meeting of the Finance Committee at 6.45pm. Christmas dinner at the Britannia is booked for 8.30 and for those requiring transport, we will arrange for a mini bus to pick up at 8.15pm. If you have not already done so, can you please confirm your order tonight and whether transport is required.

Boiler – Elizabeth Park Centre: the boiler was serviced yesterday and was found to be in very poor condition. Although the boiler was not condemned, it was found to have low running gas pressure at full load. The service engineers have recommended that the boiler is taken out of use and replaced as soon as possible.

Finally: Glynis and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Councillor Ralph Raven who passed away last Friday. Ralph has been extremely helpful and supportive during his time on the council, he was very committed to his duties as a councillor and a good friend to us and we will really miss him.

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

Councillors B J Seaton gave a report about the Planning Meeting on the 6th November.

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 18th NOVEMBER 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY**

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

Also Present: The Clerk & the Deputy Clerk

Apologies: P S Harley

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

The apologies were accepted.

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

None.

3. Cemetery Extension - progress update – The Clerk

The Clerk reported that she has received the Community Facilities grant for £5000 towards the Cemetery extension.

Phase one of the Cemetery Extension scheme is now completed.

At the last meeting of the committee It was agreed to progress to phase 2 and 3 subject to funding.

Resolved: Clerk/Deputy Clerk to review budget and liaise with Bellinger Design to implement next stage.

4. Memory Tree – Update

The Clerk reported that 13 leaves have been placed on the tree to date and further orders are being processed.

5. Precept 2015/2016

The Clerk presented the Draft Precept for consideration.

Councillors considered the requirements for 2015/2016 and queried the electricity budget as it is estimated less than last year.

Projects:

Headstones:

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY
25TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE MEETING ROOM ELIZABETH PARK CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

B J Seaton (Chairman)	
S R Brown	M D Lowe
C Wooding	L Seaton
D Atterbury	D Maguire
D J Hill	S O Rose

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk

1. To receive apologies for Absence

Councillors: S Coombe, K Knaggs, J Knaggs

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

Councillor Lowe declared an interest in Planning Applications being a member of CBC Plans Committee.

Councillor Seaton declared an interest in Planning Applications being a member of CBC Plans Committee.

3. Precept Update - Deputy Clerk

The precept was approved at the last meeting of the committee however, the Deputy Clerk reported that there is an error. The allowance for CCV maintenance included funding provision for only one camera, however, provision is required for two cameras. This will necessitate an increase of £210.00.

4. Request for Support – Thurmaston Scouts Proposed application for funding towards renovation of facilities – (via potential 106 funding associated to the proposed Bellway Homes Development.)

Councillor Seaton explained that the Scout Hut is in a very poor state of repair and asked Councillors to support the Scouts request for 106 funding (associated with the proposed Bellway Homes Development) towards a replacement/refurbishment of the scout hut. Additionally request that funding is allocated via 106 towards Library facilities if the current Library is closed.

It was proposed and seconded that that the Council fully supports the Scouts and the Library.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5 Planning Applications

Update – SUE The Inspector has granted permission for Councillor Lowe to participate at the hearing session on 6th January as requested and Tony Aspbury has asked the Parish Council whether we would like him to assist the PC with its participation in the hearing, including preparing any statement?

It was proposed and seconded that Council accepts the offer of help with Councillor Lowe's participation in the hearing, including preparation of a statement.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Plans Call in Request:

The Clerk issued copies of *draft* letter addressed to the National Planning Casework Unit (Secretary of State) to all Councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. Approval required.

The NPCU have not yet received the referral from Charnwood and Tony Aspbury will not, therefore, despatch the final version of the letter until they know that the Application is with the Unit and I have a reference.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council approves the contents of the call in request letter.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

P/14/1257/2 - 55 Church Hill Rd,
Erection of a two storey extension to side, single storey extension to the rear and loft conversion to dwelling.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council objects to the application in support of the concerns raised by a neighbour who has raised concerns that the proposed development will block daylight from entering their property. Additionally Councillors were of the opinion that the proposed extension constitutes over development of the site.

A discussion took place and it was proposed and seconded that the chain link fencing is replaced with a new chain link fence.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Councillor Wooding did not take part in the vote.

**4. Precept 2015/2016 – Project Allocation including quotations for consideration.
Deputy Clerk and Centre Manager**

Councillors considered allocations at the last meeting of the committee with the exception of the allocation of projects pending receipt of costings:

Projects for consideration:

Groundsman Office/Workshop

At the last meeting of the committee Councillors agreed to obtain a quote for the creation of a Grounds Staff Office converting the current storage cupboard and that a storage container in an enclosed compound should be installed for alternative storage of the equipment.

Quotes/estimates for the conversion received as follows:

Callis Construction:

Conversion of store into Groundsman Office including

- creating a new doorway internally from broom cupboard
- Brick up existing double doors
- Refit window and shutter re-cycled from Boxing Club
- Supply and fit new door shutter
- Plaster walls to form new office and fit skirting and architrave to finish

Total £3350.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Brick Built Store:

5.4 metres x 3.9mtrs

Total: £5,950.00

As above but with concrete blocks

Total: £4,500.00

It was proposed and seconded that Brick built store project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

ALLSOP Plumbers

Plumbing work for new Office including re fixing of sink and new water pipes including new taps.

Supply and fit new Double radiator with thermostatic and associated pipe work into roof space.

Total: £609.19

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Electrical installations new office and store

Estimate £1000.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Planning permission /Building regs

Estimate £2000.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Councillors were of the opinion that the Groundsman's office project was urgent and asked the Clerk to place an order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

MBSL Light solutions:

Effectual Lighting - Sports hall/Drapes

£1200.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

Wedding Licence

£1530.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

CCTV - 2 additional cameras

£2000.00

It was proposed and seconded that this project is included in 2015/16 project allocation.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

It was proposed and seconded that the precept is approved for recommendation to the full Council.

Resolved: The motion was carried.

2014/15 Current Budget

The Centre Manager reported that the side drapes need to be replaced as they have fallen into disrepair. There is currently £3000 in the drapes budget and the Deputy Manager presented a quote from Seamless Interiors: £1920.00

It was proposed and seconded that the quote is accepted.

Resolved: the motion was carried.

5. Updates – The Clerk

Solar Panel Proposal: at the last meeting of the committee, Councillor Lowe presented information about solar panels and renewable energy provided by 'Absolute'. Councillor Lowe explained that the system provides free power and revenue from the sale of electricity back to the grid.

It was agreed that a representative from Absolute is invited to a meeting of the committee, and the Clerk confirmed that she has arranged this for the January Meeting.

Future Projects 106 Funding:

- **Entrance to Silverdale Park:**

Clerk to submit application for 106 funding for this project as agreed previously.

Other projects suggested to date include:

- Additional seating Silverdale Park -
- New Flood Lights Elizabeth Park
- New Car Park Extension Elizabeth Park
- Outdoor gym equipment suitable for older residents.

6. Park Issues

7. Correspondence

Letter from Mr P Turner requesting permission to shoot air rifle as follows:

I am writing to you today to ask for permission to shoot my air rifle within the Parishes sports grounds. The 2 places I would like permission to shot would be Elizabeth Park and the football field complex at the rear of ASDA. I know that there is a problem with excessive amounts of rabbits digging holes in the playing pitches. This is a problem I can help to resolve at no cost whatsoever. I am an upstanding citizen with no criminal record. I have an valid CRB certificate as wall as an SIA front line Close Protection Licence. I have a 14 year military background and upon leaving the forces I trained as a Close Protection Officer by Ronin in South Africa. Currently I provide armed security to ships transiting the Indian Ocean in order to protect from possible hijacking from Somali Pirates. I have been in this occupation since June 2010.

I can confirm that if successful with written permission to shoot rabbits, rats and any other pests that you would like me to remove from the Parishes grounds, I will obey your terms and conditions. The following points below are adhered to at all times.

- 1. Shooting will be via a .22 calibre air rifle. Maximum range is 45 yards firing a lead pellet. No license is required for this type of air gun.*
- 2. I will only shoot between the following hours due to public safety. 2300 – 0400hrs.*
- 3. The Local Police will be informed of the time, name, place and activity before any shooting takes place. Also a letter will be left in the car dashboard so that the Police can check and confirm.*
- 4. I will ensure I carry at all times a copy of my BASC membership which also includes public liability insurance cover.*
- 5. I will ensure that on entry I will open the gate and lock behind me, the gates will be locked at all times.*
- 6. I will remove all game shot at my own expense.*
- 7. I will inform a point of contact you designate before shooting takes place.*
- 8. I have also enclosed copies of my SIA Close Protection licence, CRB Certificate as well as a copy of my fire arms competency certificate required for my occupation.*

If there is any other issues that you may have or that I haven't covered please don't hesitate to contact me as I will endeavour to answer soonest.

Thank you for takin the time to read my request for permission and I hope to hear from you soon.

