

Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council

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Parish Clerk: Mrs. Marianne Lane

Minutes of the Thurcaston & Cropston Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 21ST May 2015, at 7.30 p.m at The Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, Leicester.

Present: Presiding Chairman Richard Younie, Newly elected Chairman Richard Webb, Newly elected Vice-Chairman Mark Charles, William Green, Michael Jackson & James Clooney.

AlsoPresent: Clerk, Marianne Lane & 23 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman – Richard Webb nominated himself as Chairman which was uncontested and therefore duly elected. Mark Charles nominated himself as Vice-Chairman also uncontested and duly elected. Declaration of acceptance of office forms duly signed.

2. Receive councillors declarations of acceptance of office or, if not received, to decide when they shall be received. All declarations of acceptance of office received and signed.

Meeting Close at 7.45 for Public Recess

3. Public Recess – Members of the public requested introductions from all new Councillors. One member of the public advised that the canvas chairs used in the hall in relation to agenda item 16b were liked by parishioners at the Parish Film Shows. Members of the public requested the villages have a Tree Warden, volunteer needed. Clerk explained to the public the Councils Standing Orders in relation to requests for items to be added to the agenda. All requests must be made in writing at least 10 clear days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) before Parish Council Meeting. Parishioner asked why nothing was happening regarding Speed signs which was an agenda item a couple of months ago. It had been deferred to the meeting to the NDP Steering Group.

Public Recess Closed 7.55pm and PC meeting resumed.

4. Apologies – Received by Cllr David Snartt who had meeting at County Hall and PCSO Steve Quinn who had only just returned from annual leave. **ACCEPTED**

5. To receive Declarations of Interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary on agenda items. Cllr Mark Charles disclosed interest in Agenda 14 – item P/15/0880/2

6. To approve & sign the Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 and the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2014. Both sets of minutes were Approved.

7. Police Report - April Crime figures reported in absence of PCSO.

8. Chairman's Announcements, if any NONE

9. To receive Borough & County Councillors Reports, if any NONE

10. Parish Councillors Reports on meetings they have attended as Parish Council representatives. Cllr Green has received complaints of overgrown hedge on Anstey Lane. Cllr Clooney has been in touch with Highways and they have sent a team to clear drains. They cleared chambers but could not clear the flows, a different team needs to do this. He also asked Highways about the road signs that had not been repainted i.e. Cropston Road Stop sign and Station Road dragons teeth, its now under investigation. Cllr Clooney involved in community speed watch again. 65% of cars travelling in excess of 40mph. Better signs needed and request police do an enforcement program on speeding. Positive comments from Parishioners on the cutting of the grass verges. Council to contact Anstey PC with a view for volunteers to repair the water damage to the Anstey Lane footpath.

11. To review, agree and adopt Code of Conduct. Code of Conduct Approved and Adopted.

12. Finance

- a) To receive and approve income and expenditure for April 2015 and approve bacs payments for May 2015 which will be tabled on the night. **APPROVED**
- b) To approve Councillor and Chairman Training for new Councillors. **APPROVED**
- c) To approve Clerks overtime- tabled on the night. **APPROVED**
- d) To receive Parish Film reconciliation for May 2015 **RECEIVED FROM RICHARD YOUNIE**
- e) To approve next 12 months Insurance premium with Came & Co on current extended contract. **APPROVED**
- f) To consider and approve changes to bank mandate and signatories. **Approved for exiting Councillors to be removed from mandate and new Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be added.**
- g) To consider request from Early Learning for reduced hourly rate from September 2015 for limited period. **APPROVED**
- h) To consider request from NDP Steering Group for Parish Council to approve spending of funding from Groundwork (Locality) for RCC children and young people consultation and £15 for representative of NDP group to attend CPRE event in June 2015. **APPROVED**
- i) To consider request from Richard Hill School for donation of £245 in their tri-centenary year for purchase of bench and plaque after it was unanimously agreed at Sept 2014 PC meeting to make donation – Agenda item 14 **APPROVED**
- k) To consider request from Latimer Players for a retrospective approval of 10% discount in hiring fees for the current year of 2015. **APPROVED**

13. Parish Film Show. To consider future running of Parish Film Show. **Richard Younie agreed to continue with the Parish Film shows until October 2015 at least and was given permission to access Memorial Hall as required. Cll William Green agreed to carry on as a volunteer. APPROVED**

14. Planning

P/15/0743/2. Replacement and raised roof with parapet wall to front of garage 2 Bradgate Road, Cropston. LE7 7GA. **NOTED as return dated 5th May 2015**

P/15/0700/2 Erection of pitched roof including windows and living space above garage to side, front and rear of dwelling, in addition to further alterations to the rear elevation. 176 Station Road, Cropston. LE7 7HF. **NOTED as return date 5th May 2015**

P/14/1849/2 Erection of two-storey garage building to front of dwelling. 168 Station Road, Cropston. LE7 7HF. **NOTED as return date 12th May 2015**

P/15/0838/2 Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling. 17 Rectory Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JR. **NOTED as return date 20th May 2015**

P/15/0901/2 Reduction of 3 Conifer Trees by 50% 86 Rectory Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JQ. **For information only.**

P/15/0888/2 Erection of two storey extension to side/rear and single storey extension to rear of dwelling. 180 Station Road, Cropston. LE7 7HF **Comments by 27th May 2015. NO COMMENT**

P/15/0880/2 Erection of an annex
Mill House, 29 Mill Road, Thurcaston. LE7 7JP. **Comments by 28th May 2015. NO COMMENT**

P/15/0961/2 30% reduction to 1 Horse Chestnut Tree (Conservation Area)
42 Anstey Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JA. **For information only.**

15. To consider creating a Cemetery Working Party for opening 2nd half of Cemetery. Deferred until June 2015, Clerk to send Consultants quotations to all Councillors.

16. Memorial Hall –

a) To consider request from Early Learning with regard to Play Area outside front of Memorial Hall **.APPROVED BUT NOT TO IMPACT ON OFFICE OPENING TIMES.**

b) To consider request from Latimer Players for new chairs in Memorial Hall. **FURTHER CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.**

17. District Matters – to receive request from “The Friends of Charnwood Forest” for T & C Parish Council to become a full member at no cost. **APPROVED**

18. Exempt Item – To consider entering a confidential closed session due to sensitive Cemetery requests. **It was resolved unanimously to hear exempt items in closed session and public left the meeting at 9.20pm**

19. Clerks Report and any items for a future agenda for Parish Council Meeting.

Clerk reported that the office will be closed the first two weeks of August due to Jury service.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm whereupon Cllr James Clooney resigned as Councillor.

Chairman.....Date.....