

Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council

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**Minutes of Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council Meeting
on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm
At The Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, Leicester.**

Present: Cllrs Richard Younie, Richard Weston, Audrey Flower, James Clooney, Vernon Terry.

Also Present: Marianne Lane, Clerk & Cllr Diane Wise plus 18 members of the public including Thurcaston Hand Bells

AGENDA The agenda format was amended slightly so Thurcaston Hand bells could exhibit and perform with new hand bells first as they had to leave early due to other commitments and Cllr Diane Wise needed to leave early for another appointment.

Thurcaston Hand Bells opened the meeting at 7.30pm with a demonstration of the new hand bells, one of which was donated by the Parish Council and engraved commemorating the centenary of the 1st World War. This bell is F Sharpe. They played "Morning by Grieg" which they had only practised twice since obtaining the new bells. They are now having to read music instead of numbers.

Cllr Diane Wise spoke about this being her last Council meeting with Thurcaston & Cropston as she will not be standing again next year. She advised that the Core Strategy is being dealt with and consultation is until end of May 2015. Diane said that she thoroughly enjoyed working with the Parish Council and Clerk and thanked both.

Cllr Wise left meeting at 7.55pm

Chairman Richard Younie presented Councillor Audrey Flower with a card and Orchid to thank her for 36 years of service to the Parish Council. Audrey will not be standing again as Councillor.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr William Green, Cllr David Snartt & PCSO Quinn (attended Annual Parish Meeting)

2. Approve and sign minutes from PC meeting on the 19th March 2015. APPROVED

3. Receive any Declarations of interest. NONE

4. Matters Arising – from previous minutes. NONE

5. Police Report – To receive a report for March on crimes/incidents in Parish – NOTED – heard at Annual Parish Meeting on Wed 15th April 2015

6. Receive both Borough & County Councillors reports on items of relevance to Thurcaston and Cropston – dealt with earlier as Cllr Wise needed to leave early for another engagement.

7. Chairman's Announcement's – Jonathon Adams passed away on 6th April 2015 and his funeral is being held at 10am on Monday 20 April 2015 at Gilroes Crematorium. Chairman asked Councillors if the Parish Council would make a donation to Shepshed Water Mill in remembrance of John. Councillors all agreed on £200. This has been dealt with outside of an agenda item as no arrangements had been made by the family when agenda was posted. Chairman also announced that an appraisal had been carried out at the end of March with the Clerk and was available for Councillors to view if required.

8. Parish Councillors Report including meetings attended as Parish Council representatives. Cllr Clooney advised that end caps on play equipment in Jubilee Field are missing or broken. He also advised that the broken manhole cover near post box on Station Road opposite Bradgate Road is being replaced and Severn Trent are going to clear the drain to allow excess water to run down into Rothley brook rather than accumulate in residents front gardens. Cllr Terry advised that the turning circle in the cemetery had marks on it and that the "stepping stones" in Jubilee Field needed digging out to free them. Cllr Younie advised that pot holes on All Saints Rd/Rectory Lane have been filled in.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm for public recess.

9. Public Recess – Meeting will close for up to 15 minutes to receive questions and comments on items on agenda only and after which the Meeting will resume, the public and press are welcome to stay and listen but are not allowed to make further comment.

Member of public advised of blocked drains on Leicester Road, Thurstaston and it was suggested that Clerk should contact Highways to see if drains can be cleared as water accumulates at bottom of Rectory Lane in wet weather. Cllr Snartt who has been appointed Chairman of the County Council may be able to assist with this.

Meeting resumed at 8.15pm

11. Finance

- a) To approve income and expenditure for March 2014. April 2014 expenditure will be tabled on the night. **APPROVED**
- b) To receive and approve the finances for April 2015 film presentation **APPROVED**
- c) To approve overtime payment for Clerk in relation to work on NDP Working Party. **APPROVED**
- d) To receive and approve VAT 216 form for submission to HMRC for year 1/04/2014 – 31/03/2015 **APPROVED**
- e) To consider appointing Richard Willcox of Redwood Pryor as internal auditor at fixed cost of £185.00 plus vat plus 45p per mile to/from meetings. **APPROVED**
- f) To consider annual membership to NALC & LRALC of £385.37 **APPROVED**
- g) Consider renewing membership to RCC at £50.00 for one year. **APPROVED**
- h) To consider Clerk training and mentoring for CILCA at cost of £190.00 and registration fee for CILCA @ 250.00 **APPROVED**

12. Memorial Hall

To consider letting out Memorial Hall on bank holidays now that key fob system is in place. **Cllr Younie proposed to allow at discretion of Booking Clerk, seconded by Cllr Terry. APPROVED**

13. Cemetery

- a) To receive price increase from Alan Barnacle for grave digging services and to consider increasing costs for interments at the cemetery. **APPROVED AND PARISH COUNCIL TO INCREASE INTERMENT FEES TO £330 FOR RESIDENTS AND £660 FOR NON RESIDENTS.**
- b) To consider request from non-resident for purchase of grave under exceptional circumstances. **Cllr Flower proposed to accept and Cllr Terry seconded it. APPROVED.**

18. Clerks Report

In his absence, Cllr Green requested the following to be heard at the PC meeting

- 1) Request dog warden to contact parishioner
- 2) Dog fouling on Brooky Lane with bags being thrown into hedges a problem
- 3) Dog fouling sign at top of Brooky Lane on Anstey Lane has faded/missing
- 4) Sign over the brook on the 2nd kissing gate has been removed advising you to keep to footpath and keep dogs on leads.
- 5) Vegetation on Sandham Bridge and also on the stone bridge needs spraying – ask Highways
- 6) Charitable donation in memory of Jonathon Adams – heard in Chairman's announcements.

Meeting Closed 9pm.

Chairman to the Council.....Dated.....