

Minutes of the meeting of Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council Held on
Thursday 20th August 2015 at the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston,
 Leicester LE7 7JA at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. R. Webb
 Cllr. M. Charles
 Cllr. S. Brooks
 Cllr. M. Jackson

Officer Present: Clerk to the Council

Also in attendance were PCSO S. Quinn and 18 members of the public.

Agenda 1 **Apologies**
 Apologies had been received from Cllr. D. Snartt who had other commitments
 Accepted by members

Agenda 2 **Co-option of one casual vacancy**
 Nominations were received from:

Clive Taylor of Cropston
 John Armstrong of Cropston
 Joanne Line of Thurcaston

Clive Taylor received a majority vote and it was RESOLVED to co-opt him onto Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council. Cllr Taylor signed his Declaration of Office form on the night and was asked to complete his Register of Members' interest form as soon as possible. Cllr Taylor was also supplied with Council Document folder.

Agenda 3 **To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**
 None received

Agenda 4 **To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18th June 2015**
 Members **resolved** to accept these minutes as a true and accurate record

Agenda 5 **a) Police Report**
 PCSO Quinn read out the crime report for July and took questions from the floor.

Agenda 8 Chairman at a request from Cllr Brooks agreed to move agenda item to follow Police Report. **Parish Councillors Reports on meetings attended as PC representatives.**

Cllr Brooks is the new Thurcaston Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch and needs volunteers for Mill Lane and Rectory Lane in Thurcaston. Cllr Jackson and Cllr Taylor have agreed to volunteer for certain areas in Cropston.

Cllr Brooks together with Cllr Charles met with COVAL and are obtaining quotations for 4 solar operated road signs.

Cllr Webb together with other Cllrs attended the Richard Hill School Fete which they held to celebrate their Tri-centenary. Cllr Webb also handed back the cheque for Chairman's Allowance which he did not want to accept. Cllr Webb also had meeting with outgoing Chairman Richard Younie and advised that Cllr William Green had resigned from the Parish Council due to ill health.

Cllr Charles attended a meeting at the Cemetery that morning and attended the Parish Liasion event at County Hall with Clerk and Cllr Brooks.

Agenda 5 **b) Clerks Report**

Dog Waste Bins research now complete and will be on September 2015 agenda. Overgrown verges outside village of Thurcaston but within Parish have now been mowed. Painting of road markings in Cropston now complete. Cropston pinfold – continuing to look into possibility of the Parish claiming it and restoring as a historical feature to Cropston. Footpath from Anstey to Thurcaston along Anstey Lane – Anstey Parish Council will be discussing maintenance of it at the Aug 25th PC meeting and will report back. New cleaner in Memorial Hall from end of August.

Agenda 6 **Council meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm for Public Participation**

A member of the public asked who 2commune were on agenda item 12. Chair gave a brief answer advising it was a Company that builds websites specifically for local government bodies and was being looked at as an alternative to current website holder. They also enquired about agenda item 15 which was a request for comments from a potential purchaser of a property in Thurcaston with a view to converting to a village store. Ex-Cllr Younie also gave advice on Agenda 19 with regard to the tables and chairs request from the Gardening Club.

Member of public supported village shop but advised it was out of the way at top end of Thurcaston on way to Beaumont Leys. Other member of public expressed concern that it would make the village sustainable. Member of public complained about visibility approaching roundabout on Leicester Road/Rectory Lane due to the shrubs on the verge outside Old Post Office. Car parked on the bend on Rectory Lane is dangerous and a request for adding to next agenda was submitted. Members were advised that accident black spots were being reported in the NDP. Signage for Elderly people need removing as the care home is no longer there and they are causing hazards. Neighbourhood Watch and Dog fouling signs are faded.

Parish Council meeting reconvened at 8.05pm

Agenda 7 **County and Borough Councillor's Report**

None received

Agenda 9 **Appointment of Tree Wardens**

Members **resolved** to appoint Mr. Vinod Mistry to Tree Warden in Thurcaston and Rosy Carter to Tree Warden in Cropston.

Agenda 10 **Financial Regulations**

Members **resolved** to defer until September PC meeting as amendments are required.

Agenda 11 **Internal Audit Report**

Members **resolved** to approve Report and was duly signed by Chairman

- Agenda 12 **Proposal from 2 commune in relation to Parish Councils website.**
Members **resolved** to defer and look into alternative website providers
- Agenda 13 **Finance**
a) Members **resolved** to approve payments.
b) Members **resolved** to approve bank reconciliation
c) Members **resolved** to approve changes to bank mandates
d) Members **resolved** to renew membership to CPRE
e) Members **resolved not** to renew annual web support with LCC
f) Members **resolved** to spend £110 on leaflets and distribution for the proposed Good Neighbour Scheme
- Agenda 14 **Social Media Policy**
Members **resolved** to adopt Thurcaston & Cropstons Social Media Policy
- Agenda 15 **Village Shop**
Members **resolved** that they are unable to comment on Mr. Odedra's request for the Councils thoughts on a potential village shop on Leicester Road in Thurcaston.
- Agenda 16 **Noticeboard at top of Leicester Road, Thurcaston**
Members resolved not to accept request for new noticeboard and are looking at other ways to keeping the parishioners informed on news via possible leaflet drops, articles in local magazines etc.
- Agenda 17 **Flower Planters in Cropston**
Members resolved for Clerk to research the costs of 2 planters and maintenance for a future agenda item.
- Agenda 18 **Consider request for Parish Council to contact Moss Solicitors regarding 1 Ridley Close, Cropston.**
Members resolved for Chairman to make contact with Solicitors
- Agenda 19 **Gardening Club – request to borrow Chairs & Tables for their annual show.**
Members resolved for Gardening Club to borrow chairs and tables annually for their show on an ongoing basis with the Gardening Club taking responsibility if there is any damage.
- Agenda 20 **Parish Council resolved to move into closed session on Cemetery item.**
Members resolved not to allow a non-resident to have resident rates on grave purchase and burial.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chair of the meeting.....Date.....