

Parish of Thurcaston & Cropston

Minutes of full Council meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.

Present: Cllr Mark Charles
 Cllr Richard Webb
 Cllr Stefan Brooks
 Cllr John Armstrong
 Cllr Michael Jackson

Also Present: Marianne Lane, Clerk to the Council, Cllr David Snartt, Sgt Rod Smart & 6 members of the public.

1. **Election of Chairman** – Cllr Mark Charles was unanimously elected as Chairman and he then subsequently thanked the ex-chairman Richard Webb for all his hard work especially with the construction of the new website.
2. **Apologies for absence** - apologies received and accepted from Cllr Clive Taylor and PC Leye Price.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**
 To receive any Declarations of Interest and to receive any applications for a dispensation. **NONE RECEIVED.**
4. **To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21st January 2016.** Approved.
5. **Clerks Report and updates** – Clerk advised that LCC Public Transport Team confirmed that the bus stop on Anstey Lane outside Memorial Hall is sited correctly. However they observed at school drop off and collection times, Anstey Lane has problems and that this is a wider Traffic Management issue and will speak to relevant colleagues in their team to monitor and investigate the problems currently taking place. Clerk also advised that the Telephone box on the corner of Rectory Lane/Leicester Road has now been cleaned by BT. Clerk advised that £2,600 funding from Locality is being applied for to cover the extra costs which will be incurred as a result of significant changes to the NDP as a result of the pre-submission consultation.

7.35pm recess .
6. **Public Participation – The Council meeting will be adjourned at this point for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.**
 To allow members of the public to ask questions on items listed on the agenda.

 Resident of Rectory Lane expressed his worries about the Change of Use Planning Application submitted by No. 2 Rectory Lane from residential to residential institution and also the amount of building changes taking place both inside and outside of property. Another member of public expressed concerns about lack of County Councillors attending the PC meetings.

7.45pm meeting resumed.
7. **Receive Police Report and comments on policing in the Parish.** Sgt Rod Smart gave report and explained that break ins in the villages is a result of being so close to the City and Beaumont Leys where the crime comes from. PCSO Fiona Lacey will be the new PCSO from March 2016. Sgt Smart advised no news on the Bradgate Arms burglary and was asked to keep the Parish Council updated on the matter.

8. **Parish Councillors Reports on meetings** they have attended as Parish Council representatives. Cllr Brooks attended Employment Law course. Cllr Armstrong also attended Employment Law course and attended meeting at Cropston Pinfold. Cllr Charles also attended Pinfold meeting. Cllr Charles and Cllr Armstrong attended Clerks Job Evaluation assessment with LRALC.
9. **Borough and County Councillor's reports if any.** Cllr Snartt apologised for not being able to attend many meetings due to his commitment as Chairman of Leicestershire County Council. He is very impressed with the NDP but raised questions on Flood Zones. He suggested the Parish Council should try and look at the Parish Council Award Scheme through LRALC. Double Yellow lines have now been painted on the road from Hallgates along the side of the reservoir and the County Council are looking to make improvements to Roecliff Crossroads. A survey on car parking in Anstey has taken place and now looking at extra off road parking. Cllr Snartt is meeting with Bloors in regard to the nook in Anstey. LCC budget need to find millions of pounds savings and hopes changes to Highways way of working will help. Subsidised 123 bus service on Saturdays through the villages is at risk. Cllr Snartt advised the PC to look at local MP surgery on a Saturday for the Parishioners to meet the new MP. New Crime Commissioner will be voted for in May 2016. PC to contact Cllr Snartt in relation to the new VAS signs for the villages.
10. **Consider amending standing orders with regards to dates , times etc for PC meetings in Cropston and also date of Annual Parish Meeting in April of each year that is called by Chairman.** Unanimously resolved to hold PC meetings in Cropston in March and September. Dates to be confirmed as 3rd Thursday in month subject to availability of Cropston Evangelical Free Church.
11. **Consider amending Financial Regulations – Section 10 – 10.1 a) up to £1000 obtain prices informally to demonstrate value for money. 10.1 b) £1001 - £5,000 – obtain at least two quotations** Resolved to amend Financial Regulations subject to the 6month move on resolution addressed.
12. **To consider potentially dangerous wall and postbox on Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.** Two Cllrs to visit 38a Anstey Lane for an informal discussion on the wall.
13. **To consider Business Energy Company Utilitywise to look at costs for the Parish Councils Gas and Electricity contracts for the next 3 years as the current contracts finish June & October 2016 respectively.** Resolved to allow Utilitywise to look at costs only and PC to also obtain quotations.
14. **Financial**
- a) To approve payments for January and February 2016 – February tabled on night. **Approved**
 - b) To approve Bank Reconciliation. **Approved**
 - c) To approve cost of 3 or 4 posts for VAS signs from LCC at £1000 each. **Approved**
 - d) To receive Parish Film reconciliation. **Received and Approved**
 - e) To consider quotation for further work on Cropston Pinfold. **Approved to accept quotations**
 - f) To approve Clerks overtime in relation to work carried out on the NDP – to be tabled on night. **Approved**
 - g) To consider cost of engraving Planters in Cropston @ £50 and consider mounting brass commemorative plaque at cost of £50 maximum on one planter. **Approved**
 - h) To consider granting Latimer Players 10% discount on hiring fees for 2016 as in previous years. **Approved.**
 - i) consider request from Dance Academy for a reduction in Saturday rate for hire of hall. **Approved to charge week day rate for Saturdays for a limited period of two months and then reviewed.**
 - j) To consider extra cut of grass verges and Jubilee Park in Feb/March dependent on weather. Oak & Ash extra cut (verges) £250.00 and JT Fencing (Jubilee/Cemetery/Memorial Hall) £265. **Approved.**
15. **Planning Applications:**
- P/16/0211/2**
 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling.
 Location: 150 Station Road, Cropston, LE7 7HF. Comments by 24th February 2016 **No comment**

P/16/0206/2

Proposal: Change of use from residential (Class C3) to residential institution (Class C2). Comments by 29th February 2016 . **Parish Council resolved to comment raising their concerns regarding Parking and Traffic.**

Meeting Closed at 9pm.

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