

Parish of Thurcaston & Cropston

Minutes of full Council meeting held at the **Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, Leicester. LE7 7JA**
on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mark Charles – Chairman
 Cllr John Armstrong
 Cllr Richard Webb
 Cllr Stefan Brooks.

Officer Present: Marianne Lane – Clerk to the Council. Also present: PCSO Fiona Lacey & 1 member of public (arrived after public participation).

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllr Taylor and Borough Cllr David Snartt.
2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations** To receive any Declarations of Interest and to receive any applications for a dispensation. **Chairman declared an interest in Agenda item 11 Planning Application P/16/1664/2**
3. **To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th June 2016.** Minutes approved as a true record.
4. **General Power of Competence** -The Council considered the benefits of the General Power of Competence and confirmed that they do meet the following two criteria necessary to invoke the power;
 1. The number of members of the Council that have been declared to be elected is equal to or greater than two thirds of the total number of members of the Council.
 2. The Clerk has completed the relevant training and has passed CiLCA 2015.
 The Council **RESOLVED** to invoke the General Power of Competence.
 Councillor Webb thanked and congratulated Clerk for hard work in achieving CiLCA qualification.
5. **Police Report** – June & July 2016 reports received. **NOTED and PCSO Lacey left the meeting.**
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. **No members of public present so meeting not suspended.**
7. **County and Borough Councillor's Reports.** None Received.
8. **Parish Councillors Reports on meetings** they have attended as Parish Council representatives. Cllr Armstrong reported that he had attended the Leicestershire County Council Parish Liaison Meeting together with Clerk.
9. **Clerks Report.** Clerk reported that the Broadnook planning application had been received and would be Included on September agenda with CBC extending comments by date. Clerk also reported that Jelson have ploughed the ridge and furrow fields between Cropston and Thurcaston with a view to planting wheat.
10. **Finance**
 - a) To approve payments for August 2016 – to be tabled on night **APPROVED**
 - b) To receive report on payments received into bank during June and July 2016 and payments made in July 2016. **RECEIVED.**
 - c) To approve bank reconciliation. **APPROVED**
 - d) To receive quarterly budget/actual report. **RECEIVED**
 - e) To consider quotation from Himans for installing new up to date software onto Computer to enable Clerk to access key fob system remotely. **DEFERRED**
 - f) To consider quotation from British Gas for installation of HIVE access system enabling programming of boiler in Memorial Hall remotely. **APPROVED**
 - g) Consider renewing membership to CPRE at cost of £36.00 **APPROVED**
 - h) To consider spending £100 S137 money for JT Fencing to remedy the right corner wall of the Pinfold. **APPROVED.**

l) To approve Petty Cash reconciliation and issue further cheque for £50. **APPROVED AND CHEQUE SIGNED.**

11. Planning Applications:

**P/16/1564/2 Felling of 2 Leylandii hedgerows (conservation area).
November Cottage, 92 Rectory Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JQ. INFORMATION ONLY. NOTED**

**P/16/1510/2 Installation of replacement door with side lights (Listed Building Consent)
Mill Farm, 43 Mill Road, Thurcaston. Comments by 3/8/2016 CLOSED. NOTED**

**P/16/1697/2 Pollarding to 1 willow (conservation area)
45 Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, Leics. LE7 7JB. INFORMATION ONLY. NOTED**

**P/16/1644/2 Erection of single and two extensions to dwelling and garage and alterations.
86 Station Road, Cropston. LE7 7HE. PARISH COUNCIL RESOLVED TO COMMENT ON THIS
APPLICATION. Cllr Charles abstained from commenting or voting as he had declared an interest.**

**P/16/1754/2 Felling of 1 conifer and 1 yew tree (conservation area)
56 Anstey Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JA. INFORMATION ONLY. NOTED**

12. Charnwood Local Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation, Update of Services & Facilities and Settlement Limits. To consider making representations. Resolved to make amendments to Facilities on Settlement of Cropston. Settlement limits within the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan will be submitted as comments to CBC

13. Proposed Bus Shelter on Station Road, Cropston. Consider way forward after receiving objection from resident but approval from highways. Resolved to relocate bus shelter subject to quotations being received and residents previously consulted will be notified in writing of the intention.

14. Grit Bin on Caudle Close, Cropston. Consider request from resident for grit/salt bin to be installed at bottom of Caudle Close in Cropston. Deferred to assess requirement.

15. Vehicles obstructing pathway on Leicester Road. Request from parishioner for signs to be erected asking that vehicles do not obstruct pathway particularly outside cemetery and entrance to horse fields. Parish Council to forward this to Leicestershire Highways department as Parish Council not in a position to provide such signage.

16. Cropston Pinfold. To consider the Parish Council applying to Historic England to have Cropston Pinfold registered as a listed site to try and afford it some protection. Resolved to apply.

17. Auto Enrolment Pension. To consider Pension provider for Employees. Chair proposed to enter into closed session due to confidentiality of Employees salaries. Seconded and member of public left meeting. Parish Council unanimously resolved to enrol eligible Employee (Clerk) into the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by Leicestershire County Council and give other Employees opportunity of joining the scheme if they so wish.

Meeting Closed at 8.36pm

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