

# Parish of Thurcaston & Cropston

Minutes of meeting held at the **Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, Leicester. LE7 7JA** on **Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Mark Charles – Chairman  
 Cllr John Armstrong – Vice Chairman  
 Cllr Richard Webb  
 Cllr Michael Jackson

Office Present: Marianne Lane – Clerk to the Council. Also present: 2 Borough Councillors, PCSO and 1 member of the public.

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1. **Apologies for absence** – Received from Cllr Brooks and Cllr Taylor. ACCEPTED
2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**  
 To receive any Declarations of Interest and to receive any applications for a dispensation. Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 – Planning Appeal
3. **To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.** Council
7. **Chairman agreed at request of Cllr Richard Webb to move this agenda item forward** . Cllr Webb reported on the data collected from the VAS on Leicester Road, entering Thurcaston Village from Leicester. 84,000 cars recorded to date with 92% over the speed limit of 30mph. 3 vehicles recorded speed of over 70mph and one during school hours. Average speed recorded was between 35-40mph. here are problems recording data from VAS on Mill Road in Thurcaston which has been reported to Westcotec . Data will be removed from other 2 VAS's in due course and reported.
4. **Police Report.** PCSO reported that that is an increase in crimed in the Borough but only a couple of crimes reported within the Parish. Data from the VAS to be forwarded to PCSO who will pass to Traffic Management.

**Meeting closed at 7.40pm**

5. **Public Participation – The Council meeting will be adjourned at this point for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.**

Member of public advised that he and other residents of Thurcaston have approached LCC to partake in Community Speed Watch due to the number of vehicles speeding through villages. Cllr Snartt requested that the VAS data be forwarded to him so he could pass data onto the Police Commissioner.

**Meeting reconvened at 7.55pm**

6. **Clerks Report.** Working with LCC and Westcotec on viability of “flashing” STOP sign on Cropston Road, Cropston at Crossroads with Causeway Lane. Also working with LCC and Western Power on possibility of installing Christmas Lights on Indian Bean Trees which are situated on the corner of Leicester Road and Station Road in Cropston. Once reports are completed, they will be put forward to Parish Council for consideration.
7. **Speed signs Data collection report. MOVED BETWEEN AGENDA ITEMS 3 & 4**
8. **Parish Councillors Reports on meetings** they have attended as Parish Council representatives. Cllr Jackson visited new Pumping Station in Cropston (old Severn Trent Visitors Centre) and spoke with owner who is interested in developing site further with housing.

9. **Borough and County Councillor's reports if any.** Cllr Snartt reported that the Thurcaston & Cropston Neighbourhood Plan is being recognised at full Charnwood Borough Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2017. Cllr Snartt offered help with the "flashing" Stop sign. Cllr Snartt advised that both planning applications in Anstey affecting Thurcaston & Cropston had been refused. Anstey Library holding First World War sharing day being held by Century of Stories on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017. Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou congratulated the Parish Council for the NDP and advised there may be in an increase in number of house to be built from the Government. He advised Westfield Lane development was refused but expects it to go to appeal. His main aim is to try and slow down developments.
10. **Financial**
- a) To receive payment report for December 2016 and approve payments for January 2017 which will be tabled on night. **APPROVED**
  - b) To receive bank receipts report for November and December 2016 **APPROVED**
  - c) To approve Bank Reconciliation. **APPROVED**
  - d) To receive and approve the budget for 2017/2018 including recommendations on Grants for both Gardening Club and Good Neighbours scheme. **Resolved to award grant of £275 to the Gardening Club and £360 to the Good Neighbours Scheme.**
  - e) To consider and resolve to sign Precept Return for 2017-2018 for immediate submission to Charnwood Borough Council. **Resolved to accept Budget and submit Precept with just a 1.5% increase for 2017/2018**
  - f) To consider purchasing new chairs for the Memorial Hall due to the amount of red chairs that are beyond repair. **Deferred for further consideration.**
  - g) To receive Parish Film Reconciliation for December 2016 and January 2017. **APPROVED**
  - h) To approve Charities commission return for y/e 2016. **APPROVED**
  - i) To consider renewing annual subscription to The Friends of Charnwood Forest. **AGREED & APPROVED**
  - j) To approve renewing software licence for Scribe accounts. **APPROVED**
  - k) To receive and consider Fire Risk Assessment report and recommendations. **RECEIVED & CONSIDERED.**
11. **Memorial Hall Request from Dance Academy** – To have their own Notice Board in hall and the possibility of storing of portable mirrors which they would like to purchase to further training and to help the kids with their performance skills. **DEFERRED**
12. **Cemetery.** Parish Council to consider and resolve to open further section of the cemetery, 2 areas are for consideration. **COUNCIL RESOLVED TO OPEN THE AREA TO THE RIGHT AT THE REAR OF THE EXISTING BURIAL GROUND CURRENTLY THE WILDFLOWER MEADOW.**
13. **Planning Applications**
- P/16/2835/2 – Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling to replace existing conservatory. 20 Swithland Lane, Rothley, Leics. LE7 7SE. **NOTED**
- Planning Appeal** – APP/X2410/W/16/3161214 39 Latimer Road, Cropston.  
Application reference: P/15/1394/2. Comment by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 **COUNCIL RESOLVED TO OBJECT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT DOES NOT CONFORM EITHER TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OR THE BOROUGH COUNCILS CORE STRATEGY.**

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

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