

Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 6.45pm in the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.

Present: Cllr Matthew Green, Cllr Michael Jackson, Cllr Sue Graham – Vice Chairman (Chaired Meeting), Cllr. Sylvia Cole.

Also Present: Clerk, Marianne Lane, Booking Clerk, Jane Dew, 3 members of the public

1. Apologies – To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given. Apologies received from Cllr Mark Charles and Cllr Deborah Taylor. Resolved to accept.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations. *Councillors are reminded that they must notify the monitoring officer of any changes to their Register of Members Interest.* Non Received. Cllr Sylvia Cole and Cllr Matt Green both declared an interest in Agenda 13 in relation to grants for History Society and 4x4 response.
3. To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021
Resolved to approve minutes as a true record.
4. Casual Vacancy – Council resolved unanimously to co-opt Andy Sharp on to the Council. Andy Sharp signed his declaration of acceptance of office and was invited to join the other Councillors to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

5. 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.
Members of the public advised of Thurcaston's residents objections to Planning Application P/21/2401/2

Meeting reconvened at 7.15pm

6. Parish Councillors Reports on meetings they have attended at Parish Council Representatives: Cllr Sue Graham attended the Keeping Communities Safe Webinar on 15th December with an update on Omicron. Cllr Graham also had an informal meeting with Cllr Matt Rogers of Anstey Parish Council who owns the Anstey Alpacas in Cropston and has given Cllrs an open invite to visit.
7. **Borough and County Councillor's reports if any:** No Councillors present.
8. **Planning Applications:**

P/21/2401/2 – Proposed erection of four detached residential dwellings, including two detached carports, with enhanced open space and associated vehicular access. Location: Home Field, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston. **Parish Council considered application and resolved to object to this application on a number of issues. Full objection from the Parish Council can be viewed on Charnwood Borough Councils Planning Portal under specific applications P/21/2401/2**

P/21/2513/2 – Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Location: 126 Leicester Rd, Thurcaston. **No Comment**

P/21/2523/2 – Proposed single storey rear extensions to rear of dwelling. 114 Station Rd, Cropston. **No Comment**

9. **Parish Film Night Report** – Film was “Judy”. Only 21 tickets sold, Cllr Green advised that the problem may have been the film Judy was shown on TV over Christmas. Cllr Green and Richard Younie are going to investigate problem with quality of film either due to DVD or projector.
10. **Open Spaces Committee Report.** Cllr Sue Graham, Chair of the committee advised that the meeting took place on 3rd December and 3 topics were discussed. Mill Race pond on Brooky Lane will be worked on to help restore the pond to its former condition and tidy the bridge, the Parish Council has been granted an exemption certificate to do this by the Environment Agency. Jubilee Park – Charnwood Borough Council agreed for the Parish Council to enhance the Park. Wildflower verges were discussed and it was agreed one verge will become a wildflower verge once the relevant permissions have been sought. This one verge will be a pilot scheme.
11. Snow Warden: to consider request from Leicestershire County Council to appoint snow wardens for the parish. **Cllr Matt Green agreed to become a snow warden for the parish.**
12. **Queens Platinum Jubilee:** Council resolved to plant a tree in Jubilee Park to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
13. **To consider and approve budget and precept recommendations.**

Council resolved to accept 2022/2023 budget figures and approve 2022/2023 precept demand for £43,186.58 giving a tax base on band D properties of £45.81

Council resolved to approve grants as follows: £156 to Leicestershire & Rutland 4x4 response to help with hall hire fees for their monthly meetings, £130 to History Society for help with their website fees. £250 to Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club to help with their advertising costs.

Increase in Cemetery Fees from 1st February 2022. Council resolved to implement the increases with reservations from Cllr Michael Jackson.

Parish Council noted no increases in Gas & Electricity as on fixed price contract until June 2023. Contractors fees for Cemetery, Jubilee Park and Grass Verges maintenance to stay same as 2021/2022.

14. **Financial.**

a) To receive and approve payments and receipts for November and December 2021 – Payments for Parish Council £4186.37 in November 2021, £4523.17 in December 2021, Memorial Hall £848.85 in November 2021 and £445.88 in December 2021. **Received and resolved to approve.**

b) Receive Bank Reconciliation – **Received and noted.**

c) To note Year End Accounts to Charity Commission for Memorial Hall. **NOTED**

d) To note PPL/PRS invoice (Entertainment Licence) of £132.00

e) To consider and approve cost of £40 for reinforcing “Tommy” figures purchased from Royal British Legion. Council Resolved to agree and to put “Tommy” figures on show outside Memorial Hall all year except November when they are sited in the villages.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm