

THRIPLow PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 9th January 2012 at Thriplow Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors: Kevin Clarke, Anthony Cooper, David Easthope, Jane Gough, Derek Pinner, Barbara Pointon, Colin Rothwell, Terry Smith, Tim Spicer
Clerk to the Council: Martyn Corbet

Action

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Topping
- 2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2011**
The minutes having been previously distributed, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments
In paragraph 3 "Auger" should read "Augar"
In paragraph 6 the figure is not £60.905.76 but £60,905.76:
In paragraph 17 "Maule" should read "Moule"
- 3. Matters arising from the above-mentioned minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda**
Cllr Clarke stated that in accordance with his contract the Parish Clerk is subject to an annual review. Cllr Pointon raised a question about the seat discussed at point 17 of the minutes of the previous meeting. The seat is the "June Rowe Bench". Cllr Pointon also referred to the fact that the police have contacted her regarding the scattering of ashes on the Recreation Ground. Permission was granted.
Transfer of POS land and payment of \$106 funds from Croudace regarding construction of Ringstone- Representations from residents of Ringstone
Cllr Pinner informed the meeting that the sum of £6,700.00 due from Croudace Limited had been received and paid into the Parish Council's bank account. Cllr Pinner has dealt with correspondence received from Ruth Bonner and Louise Knowles on behalf of the residents of Ringstone. The views of the residents of Ringstone will be sought on how the money received is spent. Cllr Pinner has obtained quotes for the repair of the bus shelter. After consideration of those quotes, it was proposed by Cllr Rothwell and seconded by Cllr Smith that one for £441.67 from Queensbury Shelters Limited be accepted. This was agreed.
- 5. Health And Safety**
Cllr Cooper reminded the meeting that the half-yearly reports are due. He will be sending out the usual forms to those concerned.. Cllr Smith will contact Peter Duthie at Cambridgeshire CC to ascertain whether they will repair the footpaths at Narrow Lane, the Baulk and the View. Paul Webb has renewed the grips in Farm Lane.
Footpath between Lower Street and Middle Street
This was dealt with in the previous item
Repair of drains at the Village Hall – update
- 6.** Cllr Pinner said Anglian Water have accepted responsibility for the drains. The CCTV inspection and water jetting work has been done. Cllr Pinner has asked that any water jetting to be done in future is carried out just prior to Daffodil Weekend when the drains will have maximum use. The drains are no longer a matter for the Parish Council.
Highway Matters
- 7. Parking in School Lane-update**
David Lines of Cambridgeshire Highways has provided an update. There have been no objections. Work will start as soon as possible. Cllr Pinner will contact David Lines and ask that the work is done so as not to interfere with Daffodil Weekend.
- 8. Update on Recreation Ground Improvements – presentation by TRIC**
This presentation did not take place. Cllr Clarke said that quotes are being obtained for the proposed scheme for presentation to the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk explained the arrangements for payment of invoices to the meeting. Cllr Easthope referred to the annual RoSPA safety check. This is due on the 5th May 2012. It is hoped the work can be carried out in advance of the safety check which is due.

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Contract with CGM and POS maintenance generally – update

9. Cllr Smith told the meeting that he, Cllr Pinner and the Parish Clerk have discussed proposed changes to the number of grass cuts on the Public Open Spaces at Pepperslade and Hurdles Way. No definitive contract exists between the Parish Council and CGM. It is felt that the number of cuts should be curtailed. Instead of the present 14 it is hoped to reduce the number to 6. Cllr Smith will negotiate with CGM. He will also obtain quotes from two other contractors. The quotes will include provision for the POS at Ringstone which has been recently acquired. It was agreed that there should be no curtailment of the number of cuts to the verges in Thriplow Village. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Clarke seconded that the number of cuts should be cut back and that quotes be obtained. This was agreed.

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Tree Planting and Tree Work

10. Tree Work Applications

One application had been received, this was for work at 36 Church Street. The Parish Tree Warden has stated that were the Lawson Cypress to fall it would damage the house. The Eucalyptus is unattractive because it leans and should be pollarded – no objection. Cllr Cooper referred to a Silver Birch in Lower Street which needs work.

Missing sign on the oak tree at the junction of Middle Street and Gravel Pit Hill

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

11. There has been a delay in dealing with this. It is hoped the work will be done in time for the next meeting. Cllr Pinner will pursue this.

CPALC- area committee

12. Both the Chairman and the Parish Clerk had been unable to attend the inaugural meeting but had sent their apologies.

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Planning Matters

13. (a) Responses to applications

S/1844/11- Single Storey Extension and New Front Porch, Hawthorne Cottage, Thriplow, SG8 7RA – withdrawn

S/2268/11 – Advertisement, Duxford Service Station, CB22 4QH – there are no objections in general to this application. A majority of councillors object to sign 3. It is visible from the residential areas located near to the garage. It is felt illumination of the sign should be restricted to opening hours. Number 5 Ringstone is proximate to and would be affected by the sign. Site photographs and the Schedule of Area is not up to date. Ringstone is not shown.

S/2389/11 – Replacement Porch, 27 Church Street, Thriplow, SG8 7RE – approval recommended

S/2435/11 – Re-roofing of dwelling, 4 The Green, Thriplow, SG8 7QZ – approval recommended

(b) Planning Decisions received

S/1951/11 – Rear single storey extension at 42 Church Street, Thriplow, SG8 7RE - approved

(c) Planning Appeals

APP/W0530/A/11/2162886 – first floor front and side extension and ground floor rear extension at 31 Sheralds Croft Lane, Thriplow, SG8 7RB - allowed

(d) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update

Cllr Pinner has spoken to Keith Miles at South Cambs DC. It is his view that there is nothing to talk about until technical assessment of the applications has been completed. He will attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the applications after the technical assessment has been completed. Decisions on the sites will not be made until the summer. Cllr Clarke suggested there should be a village plan. Cllr Cooper suggested this should be left to the Parish Council elected in May. Cllr Pointon disagreed with this point of view. Cllrs Easthope and Clarke will draw up proposals for the next meeting. Cllr Clarke asked that the formation of a planning committee be listed as an item in the agenda for the next meeting

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Financial Matters

14. (a) Authority was granted to pay the following

	Amount	VAT	Total
M Corbet – Parish Clerk’s salary from 6 th November 2011 to 8 th January 2012	440.60		440.60
Expenses- Nov. 2011 to Jan. 2012	14.00		19.00
HMRC-PAYE Clerk’s salary	110.16		110.16

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S Hitchcock – Invoice 1113 – maintenance Heathfield Notice Board	60.00		60.00
CGM Cambridge- Invoice 2531 cutting verges in Thriplow Village – 10/11/11	183.00	36.60	219.60
P Webb- strimming areas around benches on The Greenway	15.00		15.00
K Clarke- reimbursement of annual fee levied by internet provider re TPC website	39.50	7.90	47.40
Cambridgeshire County Council – energy charge 1 st Jan to 31 st Dec 2011	1084.86		1084.86

(b) Credits received

HMRC – VAT rebate of £1,139.84
 TPCC - £200 (Hire of Lawn Mower 2010 & 2011)
 Croudace Limited - £6,700

(c) S106 Funds

The S106 monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Public Open Space at Hurdles Way are held on Fixed Term Deposit. The deposit matured on the 11th November 2011. The maturity sum of £61,274.56 has been re-invested until 11th May 2012. Interest due at that time will be £366.64.

The Parish Clerk recommended that the sum of £60,905.76 which had been received from Croudace Limited should be invested with Cambridge Building Society on a one year fixed term deposit. The recommendation was accepted.

(d) Precept 2012

The Parish Clerk circulated his proposals for the 2012/13 precept. Following considerable discussion it was agreed to increase the precept from £14,000 to £14,500 a increase of 3.5%. This takes into account increased expenditure and loss of income experienced by the Parish Council. It was agreed that savings would be made throughout the coming year whenever possible. Cllr Easthope proposed acceptance of the precept. This was seconded by Cllr Gough and agreed

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16. **Parish Notice Boards**

The foam in the main notice board requires attention. Cllr Pinner said he would deal with it.

Annual Parish Meeting 2012& Councillors' Annual Reports

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that reports are needed for inclusion with the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting. The deadline for these is the middle of February. Cllrs Clarke and Smith will prepare a report on TRIC and the Recreation Ground. Cllr Rothwell will prepare a report on Heathfield. The usual reports will also be prepared.

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Representative to serve on Thriplow Village Hall Management Committee

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Cllr Gough agreed to continue to serve on this committee. She was proposed by Cllr Pointon and seconded by Cllr Easthope. Cllr Gough was duly elected.

Reports (if any):

(a) Neighbourhood Forum

Cllr Pinner said no meetings have taken place since the last Parish Council meeting.

(b) Thriplow and Heathfield Recreation

Matters pertaining to this item had been previously discussed and there was nothing to add

(c) Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Gough reported that the boiler had broken down and been repaired. Some plumbing had been done. A jammed fire door has been repaired. The "Thriplow Does Christmas" fund raising event raised approximately £500. The hall will be receiving an additional clean first thing on Mondays. The heating is presently being left on all day

(d) School Governors

Cllr Gough said that the school would be losing approximately 6 students this term

(e) Police and Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Gough said that a burglary has been reported in Thriplow Village. This information has been circulated. The Green Man has had a theft of oil.

(f) Village Maintenance

Cllr Smith had nothing to report except that the cricket club had cleared the corner of

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Lodge Road and moved the dog litter bins.

(g) District Council Information

No information has been received

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(h) County Council Information

No information has been received

Correspondence and Information received

Correspondence Received

16.11 – Letter from Cambridgeshire CC re Supplier Update
21.12 - Letter from Viola Water re Draft Drought Management Plan
01.12 - Letter from SCDC enclosing Register of Electors 2011/12
07.12 - Letter from Cambridgeshire CC re Street Lighting PFI
23.12 - Letter from King & Co re £6,700 received from Croudace Limited
RoSPA – Information re Playground Report
Notice from HMRC re VAT

Emails Received

14.11 Gifford Jane – S/1219/0 & S/1137/05RM – Land north of A505
14.11- Peter Topping – notes from district councillor for your minutes
15.11- Dawson-Swain Jo – Parish Training Presentation
15.11- Timothy Stone-From last night
15.11- Timothy Stone-Mini Bus Franchise
15.11- accounts (CPALC)-FW: Latest Statistics & Audit Updates
15.11- accounts (CPALC)-FW: Localism in Cambridgeshire
16.11- Michael Williamson- CPALC South Cambridgeshire District Committee
16.11- Claire Dillon- New Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 16th November
16.11- Linda Browne- Subsidised Bus Service Review Strategy
17.11- Dorothy Wood- Allotment information
19.11- Julie Fletcher- Housing Strategy Consultation
20.11- Timothy Stone- Fwd Buses
20.11- Timothy Stone- Mini Bus Franchise
21.11- Passenger Transport- Consultation
22.11- Catherine Howes- Funding for Local Minor Highway Improvements
23.11- Claire Dillon- New agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 23rd November
23.11- APAS Planning- Correspondence regarding planning application
25.11- Wysing Arts Centre- Wysing Arts Contemporary “Slipped”
25.11- Timothy Stone- Bus Meeting on 29th November at Whittlesford
29.11- Amanda Warburton- Older People’s Newsletter- December 2011
29.11- ccnews- Charity Commission News
30.11- Shirley Wittering-Village Hall Christmas Tree
30.11- Claire Dillon- Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 30th November
01.12- Crown Luke- Re Christmas Refuse Collection
01.12- LDF-Planning Policy News-December 2011
05.12- Mills Rose- Copy withdrawal letter for S/1844/11
05.12- accounts (CPALC) – VAT and Audit Updates. From National Audit Office
07.12- Mark Chapman- Thriplow Recreation Ground Committee
07.12- Claire Dillon- New Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 7th December
07.12- Green Lawrence- Parish Council Emergency Plans
08.12- The Journal of Local Planning- The Localism Act is here: What does it mean?
08.12- king238- Thriplow Parish Council
08.12- Smart Sally- Parish Precept Consultation
10.12- Ruth Bonner- Fwd: Ringstone
12.12- Stephenson Karen- BMCG Locality Newsletter
13.12- Watts Dave- BMCG Locality Newsletter
13.12- Beyer Ann- Application Consultation Notice
13.12- Quigley Paul- Changes to SCDC Footway Lighting Maintenance
13.12- Howorth Lynne- New Programme
14.12- accounts (CPALC)- Fwd 2012 Training Courses
14.12- Allen Jackie-Thriplow Village Hall
15.12- Nigel Bell- Invitation to 2030 Vision Workshop 29/01/12
16.12- Traffic Managers- HCV Strategy Documents
19.12- O’Hanlon Andy- South Cambridgeshire Arts Awards 2012

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19.12- Paul Webb- Invoice for strimming work for Parish Council
20.12- Jones Michael- Re 63 Kingsway
21.12- Holly Adams- Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 21st December
21.12- ccnews= Communication for trustees from charity commission
28.12- Claire Dillon- Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 28th December
04.01- Claire Dillon- Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 4th January
04.01- David Lines- Re Fw Parking Restrictions at School Lane Trhiplow
04.01- LDF-Planning Policy News January 2012
05.01- Smart Sally re Precept Consultation
06.01- Melissa Tayabali- TRIC & VAT

Magazines and Periodicals

LCR-Winter 2011

Campaign to Protect Rural England-Planning Explained

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Clerks and Councils Direct

Luminous Group Magazine

Advertising Sundries

Dates of next meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on the 12th March 2012.

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on the 22nd March 2012

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended a 10.55pm.

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Derek Pinner
Chairman

Date: