

THURLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Thurleigh Social Club on Monday 9th August 2010.

Present: Cllrs Mrs S. Amodio, Mr S Hubbard, Mr M Thompson & Mr M Towler
Cllr Mrs J Walker (Bedford Borough Council)
W. A Boddington (Clerk)
Members of the public, Nil

1, Aplogies for Absence:

Cllrs Mrs A. Smith, Mr. F. Fisher, Mr. D. Goodyear

2, To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr Thompson is the Parish council representative to the Thurleigh Free School Trust and a member of the Youth Club Committee.

Cllr Amodio is the Chairman of the Playing Field Association

Cllr Hubbard is a Governor of Thurleigh Lower School

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4a Village Welcome Pack:

In progress

S.H.

4b Site meeting with BHPA:

No response has yet been received to this request, to pursue.

Clerk

5. Finance

5a

Financial Report:

Accounts to the end of July were circulated.

Clerk

5b EIN :

An account has been set up with Chiltern Hire by the Parish Council with a budget of £240 p/a for use by the EIN in order to clear public footpaths

Clerk

5c Memorial Garden:

Balance due to the Parish Council from the PCC is £3681.95 and it is understood

that this will be settled in the near future.

Clerk

5d Thurleigh Lower School request for funds:

A Rural Grant application has been given to the school to be endorsed by the Parish Council for submission to the Rural Grant Committee.

5g Scheduled payments made since previous meeting:

Nil

5h Moneys received since previous meeting:

£100.00 – Village Hall re payment for floor refurbishment

£700.00 – Rural Grant re final payment for memorial Garden

5i It was resolved to make the following payments:

Invoice from Clerk for salary & expenses	(Cheque 719)	£178.45
Invoice from Serino Wood & Floors	(Cheque 720)	£810.00

5f Risk Assessment:

Standard Risk Assessment reviewed and agreed

5g Internal Financial Controls:

Reviewed and agreed

6. Highways

6a Bus stop/Shelter:

A site meeting was held with Trevor Muckett, Beds Borough Traffic Dept, and it was decided to approach the Trustees of the Baptist Chapel with regard to a request for them to cede a small area of their car parking area next to the Chapel for the provision of a bus shelter. The Chapel Trustees will be meeting in November of this year and a response to this request will then be considered.

JW

Mr. Muckett has in the meantime submitted a request for Bus Stop flags to be erected as necessary.

6c Scheduled walkabout with Highways Dept:

This was undertaken on the 26th July. A list of all issues was presented to Mr. Alistair Rundall of Amey and an inspection of all these made in the company of Parish Councillors & Borough Cllr Jane Walker.

Clerk

An Action Plan has been received back from Mr Rundall as follows:

1) Hedge at No 27 High Street .

Landscaping Manager has visited site and is sending a final letter giving notice.

2) Request for Salt Bin on Hill.

This is on a main gritting route so request cannot be approved.

3) Siding out footway in The Close

Order has been raised and programmed.

4) Mill Road Edges

Orders have been raised and programmed.

5) Robins Folly Hedges

This has been undertaken and thanks received from a resident.

6) Obstruction to water course 52 Keysoe Road

Have attempted twice to speak to occupier. Letter will now be sent regarding removal.

7) Keysoe Road 'SLOW' marking

This has been ordered.

8) Faded Road name plates

This has been passed to Bedford Borough Council

9) Paintwork on bridge.

This has been passed to the Bridge Team.

10) Over Grown Hedges Cross End.

I have spoken with both land owners who have agreed to make arrangements for cutting back.

11) Yew Tree Vicarage Green.

Kevin Parsons from the Borough has visited site and has placed instructions for trimming. He has also advised a local resident regarding other private trees in the vicinity.

12) Overgrown Vegetation Keysoe Road area

Property owners have been contacted and requested to cut back.

13) Driving over Footways.

Letters have been sent to occupiers regarding this offence.

14) Patch across junc of Cross End Lane

This is with the client.

15) Pedestrians on Road sign

This is with the client.

16) Parking on High Street yellow lines.

This is with the client.

7. Web Site

7a

NTR

8. Parish Plan

8a

NTR

9. Planning Applications & Decisions

9a 10/01496/ADY Erection of Sign at entrance to airfield business park:

Granted

9b 10/01524/ext, Erection of detached double garage and garden store with 1st floor roof space, The Cottage, Cross End Lane:

Granted

9c 10/00966/FUL, Erection of rear conservatory, 33 High St.,

Granted

9d

Weekly List now provided by Planning Dept on Web Site.

10. Correspondence

10a As per file circulated

Clerk

10b Re-ordering the inside of St. Peters Church, meeting on 31st August, Clerk & Chairman to attend

Clerk

11. Village Welfare

11a Footpath 1;

Clerk

DSD have now cut this and we have been informed that this will now be done on a regular basis.

11b Goods Vehicle Operators License re College Farm:

A Public Notice has been issued re above and the Parish Council will submit the following concerns and objection to this application:

Clerk

- a) The hazard will increase on the corner of Keysoe Road and Thurleigh High Street with large vehicles turning in and out.
- b) With parked cars on the village section of Keysoe Road this offers only room for traffic in one direction especially with heavy goods vehicles. As experienced to date with this applicant, movement of heavy vehicles commences early in the morning and late into the evenings causing a real noise nuisance to the residents on Keysoe Road.
- c) Jacksons Demolition who already use Keysoe Road for access to their site and have historically done so for fifty years generally generate traffic only first thing in the morning and at close of business in the evenings.
- d) BAE who have their site on the airfield opposite College farm are only licensed to bring heavy vehicles onto their site by way of the airfields main entrance and not the gate on Keysoe Road.
- e) The right angled bend on Keysoe Road approaching College Farm is already subject to damage from existing traffic and from this point all the way to Keysoe the road is not classified and only single track and unsuitable for regular use by heavy goods vehicles.

f) Concerns are that this application, if granted, would then in future lead to an increase from the 1 goods vehicle and trailer and eventually lead to a haulage and storage yard.

12, Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th September at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:00

These minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Signature..... Date/.../.....

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