



# THURNBY & BUSHBY PARISH COUNCIL



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## MINUTES OF THE THURNBY AND BUSHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT HILL COURT, MAIN STREET, BUSHBY MONDAY 15 MAY 2017, AT 7.00 P.M.

### PRESENT

**Members of the Parish Council:** Mrs P Chamberlain (Chair), Mrs A Burrell, Mrs E Derrick, Mr N Garner, Mr H Gopsill, Mr I Harris, Mrs S Johnstone and Mr J King

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Mrs S Bloy

**County and District Councillor:** Mr S Galton

**District Councillor:** Mr P Elliott

**In attendance for specific agenda items:** Rev J Barrett and Prof D Chiddick were in attendance for agenda item 9 ('The Hub')

**Members of the Public:** There were 38 members of the public present.

### AP/17/01 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

### AP/17/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Brown, Mr S Brown and Mrs E Derrick.

### AP/17/03 INTRODUCTION OF PARISH, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The Councillors and the Clerk to the Parish Council introduced themselves.

### AP/17/04 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2015 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

### AP/17/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

### AP/17/06 CHAIR AND CLERK'S REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chair read out the report which can be accessed on the Parish Council website.

### AP/17/07 REPORT ON CRIME FIGURES FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The following crimes were reported for the previous twelve months: 9 commercial burglary offences; 23 theft offences; 7 burglary dwelling offences; 15 theft from motor vehicles; and, 3 public order offences.

### AP/17/08 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The following were noted :

- Following consultation a scheme has been approved to improve pedestrian safety on Grange Lane. Delays in implementation are due to a requirement by Leicestershire County Council for the Parish Council to indemnify the Highways Authority and are not due to lack of funding by the PC. The scheme has been factored into the Parish Precept.
- Parking in vicinity of the two primary schools continues to be a problem. Matters have been improved by the introduction of double yellow lines, but issues have been raised regarding the lines on St Luke's Close which do not extend round the corner.
- Station Road junction with the A47 continues to be a major problem with increased traffic wanting to cross the A47 via Station Road and Grange Lane.

### AP/17/09 'THE HUB' – A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AND CAFÉ FOR THE VILLAGE

Rev J Barrett and Prof D Chiddick gave a brief presentation on plans for 'The Hub' and invited residents to ask further questions at the end of the meeting. In summary, 'The Hub



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would be a café/coffee shop, which would also provide opportunities for outreach work. It would not be available for hire and therefore would not be in competition with other community facilities in the village, such as the Memorial Hall. Manor Field had been identified as a prime location and there are ongoing discussions with HDC who own Manor Field.

**AP/17/10 A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THURNBY AND BUSHBY AND UPDATE ON LCC AND HDC ISSUES**

It was noted that the principle purpose of a neighbourhood plan is to give protection – once a Plan has been made it has to be taken into account in planning decisions. The Steering Group has been waiting for clarity regarding housing distribution in the emerging Harborough Local Plan. It was reported that following consultation on nine options for the distribution of housing across the District, the decision has been taken to put the Scraftoft North SDA forward. Should this go ahead, the indications are that there would be no need for further housing allocation in Thurnby and Bushby.

**AP/17/12 QUESTIONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The following issues were raised:

- Inadequate bus service – it was noted that LCC are to continue to subsidise the 747 bus route to January 2018, but a substantial increase in usage will be needed to make the route viable longer term.
- Speeding through the village – traffic calming on Court Road has helped, but Grange Lane is still an issue with three traffic incidents in recent weeks.
- Creating a one way system – this has been consulted on in the past and was turned down due to objections from residents. The Highways Authority has also advised, during the course of devising the scheme to address pedestrian safety on Grange Lane, that it would not support a one way system, which would actually make the situation worse and create more traffic movements through the village.
- Pedestrian safety crossing the A47 – Bloor homes have to provide a pedestrian crossing at Charity Farm as part of the legal agreement for the housing development.
- Pot holes – these should be reported to LCC Highways on 0116 3060001. However, it should be noted that repairs are dealt with in a planned rather than reactive way.

**AP/17/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the May 2018 meeting is to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

..... Chair