



# THURNBY & BUSHBY PARISH COUNCIL



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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE HILL COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, BUSHBY, ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018, AT 7.00 P.M.

### PRESENT

Members: Mrs P Chamberlain (Chair), Mrs A Burrell, Mr H Gopsill, Mr I Harris and Mr J King

District and County Councillor: Mr S Galton

Clerk: Mrs S Bloy

Members of the Public: There was one member of the public present

### ACTION

#### 18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr S Brown, Mrs E Derrick and Mrs S Johnstone. Apologies for absence were also received from District Cllr Mr P Elliott.

#### 18/02 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no requests for dispensation.

#### 18/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017

Subject to the correction of "footpaths D21 and D22" to read "footpaths D18 and D24" (minute 17/259(d) refers), the minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 18/04 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

The following matters were noted:

Minute 17/252 (Appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP as External Auditors) – those Cllrs who were not present at the previous meeting had also confirmed that they had no potential conflict of interest in relation to the appointment.

Minute 17/259 (d) (Footpaths D18 and D24) – it was noted that a) the field crossed by footpath D18 to the west of Court Road has been sown with wheat and that the footpath may need clearing and b) the fence on footpath D24 is in need of repair as well as the stile.

#### 18/05 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public raised the issue of fly tipping on an area of the old railway embankment adjacent to Telford Way. It was noted that this is a long standing issue. The land is owned by LCC Highways, but responsibility for clearing it rests with HDC. However, the area is extremely difficult to access and costly specialist equipment is needed. It was suggested that more permanent means of deterring fly tipping, such as fencing, might qualify for a Community Facilities grant and agreed that the Clerk raise this with HDC.

Clerk

#### 18/06 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate dates for a meeting of the GPC.

Clerk

#### 18/07 CLERK'S REPORT

The following planning decisions were reported:

17/01339/TPO – works to trees (fell), 36 Hollies Way, Thurnby. Application refused.

17/01735/FUL – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of part single and part two-storey rear extension, 10 Wadkins Way, Bushby. Approved.



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17/01785/VAC – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 7 (access details) of 16/00627/FUL to include alterations to and additional vehicular access, 913 Uppingham Road, Bushby. Application approved.

In addition, the following were considered:

- Invitation to LRALC Hinckley and Bosworth and Harborough Branches to nominate a current Chairman to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 15 May 2018 – it was agreed to nominate Mrs P Chamberlain.
- LRALC consultation on the change in status to become an incorporated body and the Articles of Incorporation which will replace the current Constitution. It was agreed to support the change.
- A request from a resident for a salt/grit bin on Stirling Drive was considered. It was noted that Highways will only consider the provision of additional bins against strict criteria, which are available at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/salt-bins> Requests for bins in the vicinity (Sommerby Road and Marefield Close/Pulford Drive), which the PC had agreed to purchase, had been turned down by LCC previously. It was felt unlikely therefore that approval would be given for a bin on Stirling Drive. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a copy of the minute to the resident.

Clerk

## 18/08 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a) **TABSASA** – there was nothing to report.

b) **747 Bus Group** – there was nothing to report.

## 18/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was proposed by Mrs a Burrell and seconded by Mr H Gopsill that the following be approved. This was RESOLVED.

### Payments

- i) Quick Cabs (taxibus) - £32.00
- ii) Target Pest Control (dog bins) - £174.00
- iii) ICP Cleaning Services (Hill Court – 4 weeks cleaning) - £122.40 (102.00 + 20.40 VAT)
- iv) HDC (Hill Court – 2 months testing) - £233.36
- v) DCK Beavers – (payroll) - £30.00 (25.00 + 5.00 VAT)
- vi) S R Bloy (salary) - £758.76
- vii) S R Bloy (travelling expenses) - £42.10

### Direct Debits

- i) Total Gas and Power – £28.01
- ii) Total Gas and Power – £31.32
- iii) ESPO (gas) - £69.31
- iv) HDC (refuse collection) - £27.29
- v) Unity Trust (quarterly service charge) - £18.00
- vi) EMH (service charge) - £149.20
- vii) BT (Clerk and Hill Court) - £139.45

## 18/10 RESOLUTION OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

In considering the precept for 2018/19, the following matters were noted:

- The Tax Base reflects the number of Band D equivalent properties which Harborough District Council identifies as liable to pay Council Tax. This has increased in Thurnby and Bushby by 59.6 from 2017/18.
- The Precept is set by the Parish Council and is the amount that HDC will collect on behalf of the Parish Council.
- The Precept element of the total Council Tax collected per household was £46.31 in 2017/18.



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- Maintaining the Precept at £61,690 will result in a small decrease per household to £44.33 (£1.98 or 4.3%) for the year 2018/19

It was proposed by Mrs A Burrell and seconded by Mr H Gopsill that the budget be set at £72,050 (Precept + other income) and the Precept for 2018/19 at £61,690. This was RESOLVED.

### 18/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs A Burrell did not take part in discussion other than to provide advice.

**a) 17/01723/FUL** – change of use of dwelling to school, (Fernvale County Primary School, Somerby Road, Thurnby). It was agreed to SUPPORT this application.

**b) 17/02160/TPO** – works to trees (fell), (18 Bradgate Close, Thurnby). It was agreed that the Clerk should submit a response once the tree wardens had checked the proximity of the tree which it was proposed to fell, to the house.

It was proposed by Mrs P Chamberlain and seconded by Mr J King that the above be approved. This was RESOLVED.

### 18/12 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

It was reported that a planning enforcement case with respect to mud on the public highway (Pulford Drive) has now been closed, as the breach has ceased.

### 18/13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

**a) Grange Lane pedestrian safety scheme** – a verbal report on a meeting held with LCC officers and agreed actions was given.

**b) Parking enforcement action at St Luke's and Fernvale schools** – a report on action taken during the second half of the autumn term was received. It was noted that a number of parking charge notices (PCNs) had been issued. Both Fernvale and St Luke's schools had confirmed that the action was having a positive effect and had thanked the Parish Council for its support. It was proposed by Mr J King and seconded by Mr I Harris that further enforcement action be funded by the PC in the spring term. This was RESOLVED.

### 18/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THURNBY & BUSHBY – STAKEHOLDER EVENT

It was confirmed that the NP Stakeholder event for local groups, land owners and businesses will take place on Thursday 15 February 2018, from 6.00-8.00 pm, at the Hill Court Community Centre. This will be facilitated by the Rural Community Council, with input from members of the NP Steering Group. Parish Councillors who are not members of the NP Steering Group were asked to confirm their availability. Cllrs were also asked to suggest any additional invitees to the list to be circulated by the Clerk.

All Cllrs & Clerk

### 18/15 THURNBY & BUSHBY SPORT & RECREATION REVIEW

**a) Thurnby and Bushby Sports and Recreation Working Group** – the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 were received.

**b) Visit to Scraftoft Community Hub** – This had been combined with the above meeting of the Working Group. It was noted that while the configuration of the Scraftoft Hub may not meet the requirements for sports pavilion provision in Thurnby and Bushby, it provides a good example of a modular building to which additional facilities can be added. Unfortunately, other members of the Parish Council were not available to take part in the visit and it was agreed to arrange another date. It was further noted that the Parish Council will need to consider its position in relation to future responsibilities for community facilities within the parish.

Clerk

### 18/16 LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN REVIEW

It was noted that the above consultation runs from 11 January for 12 weeks to 5 April 2018. The draft plan is available at <http://www.llstrategicgrowthplan.org.uk/> where responses to the consultation can be completed on-line. Harborough District Council



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are also holding a number of consultation events across the District, including one at the Hill Court Community Centre, Main Street, Bushby. Dates are to be finalised.

**18/17 PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2018 TO 2019**

The above, as circulated to Councillors was noted. The recommendation for no changes to the operation of the New Homes Bonus for 2018/19 and the intention to defer setting referendum principles for town and parish councils for three years were both noted and welcomed.

**18/18 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THURNBY & BUSHBY**

It was reported that the Clerk continues to pursue the siting of a defibrillator at the Co-operative Food Store.

**18/19 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**a) Report from the tree wardens** – It was noted that HDC have undertaken work at the Somerby Road green and at Wadkins. The tree wardens have still to complete their review of trees.

**b) Litter** – It was agreed to arrange another village litter pick in March.

**c) Manor Field pond** – It was reported that HDC had undertaken work to remove bushes from the perimeter and excess vegetation from the pond. The perimeter fence has also been repaired. Hedging is to be planted adjacent to the car park and gaps are to be filled on the boundary with the A47. Tree work is awaited.

**18/20 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to include the following on the next agenda:  
LCC Early Help Review consultation.

**18/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 February 2018.

The meeting closed at 20:20

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Chair, 12 February 2018