



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 25th April 2024

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair), H. Bell, D. Brown, D. Fretwell, E. Humphreys, C. McCartan, T. Murphy, P. Owen, D. Oxley, C. Walker and A. Winsborough (11 councillors present).

Apologies were received from Councillors: C. Alsop, R. Butler, A. Copeland, J. Richardson, J. Ronksley and N. Ronksley

Officers: Thomas Collingham

There was one members of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

9651. The Chair wished to register his thanks to all the members for their contributions and especially to those who would not be returning in the new municipal year.

9652. To receive and consider reasons for absence

The Clerk shared with council the reasons for absence that were received from C. Alsop, R. Butler, J. Richardson, J. Ronksley and N. Ronksley.

Resolved:- That the reasons for absence be approved for C. Alsop, R. Butler, J. Richardson, J. Ronksley and N. Ronksley.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9653. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest¹ for members and officers

No declarations raised.

9654. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

No written requests received.

9655. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation to grant.

9656. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2024

No matters raised on the minutes.

Resolved:- That the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record, and that the chairman signs the bottom of each page to verify the approval of the minutes.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. 8 councillors voted in favour. 2 councillors abstained.

9657. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024

Chairperson Initial:

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A matter was raised of a typographical error on the agenda that stated the approval of minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 4th March. The Clerk advised that this should be stated Thursday 4th April and all members accepted that this was an error on the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record, and that the chairman signs the bottom of each page to verify the approval of the minutes.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. 7 councillors voted in favour. 3 councillors abstained.

9658. To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

No items were identified for exclusion of the press and public.

Resolved:- That the meeting remain open to the press and public throughout.

9659. Cllr D. Oxley entered the meeting

9660. Public Participation Session

No questions were raised in the public participation session.

9661. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

a) Finance & General Committee held on Thursday 18th April 2024

The council noted the minutes of the Finance & General Committee held on Thursday 18th April 2024.

9662. To receive and consider quotes for building up of flower beds

The Clerk advised that one quote had not been obtained in time of the meeting, and that the item should be deferred until this can be obtained. The Council agreed that the item be deferred.

Resolved:- That the council have deferred the item until a further quote be obtained.

9663. To receive an update on the fairground that wish to use Thurcroft Recreation Ground and consider pricing for use of the land

The Clerk advised that the fairground would no longer like to use the parish land. However, it would be useful for the parish to establish an up to date pricing for land use. The Clerk has approached neighbouring parish councils and Rotherham Markets who are the department



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that deal with land hire at RMBC. The rate is £130-£500 dependant on how many times the company may have used the plot, and different land may attract higher rates. Many parish councils charge £250 per day, and I believe this would be a better rate to establish for the parish to ensure that there is a policy in place for future.

Resolved:- That the council agree to charge £250 per day for the use of Thurcroft Recreation Ground.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9664. To receive and consider the External Audit report for the financial year 2023/24 and the publication dates

The Council received the External Audit Report and certificate 2022/23. The Council considered any further actions and agreed the dates of the notice of conclusion to be published.

Resolved:- That the council accepted the External Audit Report, and that this be displayed on the website along with the Notice of Conclusion that will be displayed on noticeboards and the website to highlight the dates 29th April 2024 – 14th May 2024.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9665. To receive and consider a quote to remove general waste in Thurcroft Cemetery

The Clerk advised that due to the changeover in council contracts the new contractor will not be responsible for waste in Thurcroft Cemetery.

The Clerk has approached our current waste service regarding setting up a new site for the cemetery. This would be - £15 per week for a 360L bin. It will still have the look of a household bin, rather than a commercial bin which potentially would be unsightly in the cemetery. It can take 50% more waste and will be emptied on a weekly basis.

The standard size bins that we currently have are £12 each, if we had two this would be £24 per week but we have currently had sporadic pick-ups which is hard to analyse the current need.

The company are happy to review the needs of the council once we have some data on how the bins are being managed.

Recommendations;

- **£15 per week (1 bigger bin) - £780 per year**
- **£24 per week (2 smaller bins) - £1248 per year**



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Resolved:- That the council the council would like to instruct Waste Managed to provide two standard wheelie bins for £1248 per year on a weekly collection cycle and for this to be reviewed after eight weeks to be considered again at the full council on 27th June 2024.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9666. To receive and consider quotes for the replacement of internal doors for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The Clerk advised the need to replace broken doors as a result of the recent break-in to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall. There two main internal doors from the main hall have broken glass that is need of replacing. However, the doors have been highlighted as not fire compliant in the recent health and safety report received.

The Clerk has approached several contractors to replace the doors and have received the following quotes;

- **Quotation 1: £18,692.21**
- **Quotation 2: £2363.00**
- **Quotation 3: £2700.00**

Resolved:- That the council approve Carousel Holdings (Quotation 3) to replace the two internal fire doors of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9667. To receive and consider a quote for essential roof maintenance for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The Clerk has highlighted an issue with the Gordon Bennett where a leak has progressed into damp within an internal wall that is affecting both the Council Chamber and the bar.

This is essential work to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall to stop the spread of damp across the bar and meeting room. The Clerk has sought a quote;

- a) Strip off all old guttering on the left hand side of the building and replace with new black square UPVC guttering - £580
- b) Strip off 3 rows of tiles along the full length of the left-hand side of the building and remove old felt and lats.
- c) Replace with a new length of breathable roof membrane (approx. 20m) and fit new eaves guard dressed into the guttering.
- d) Refit all tiles and replace any damaged tiles - £940 (including scaffolding).

TOTAL PRICE - £1520



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Resolved:- That the council approve the quoted amount and instruct the contractor to complete the work.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. 10 councillors voted in favour. 1 councillor abstained.

9668. To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation (attached)

A councillor raised further clarity on the cost code for 'Misc Payments' and would like to see more description for payments in the future.

Resolved:- That the payments be approved for payment and note payments made under the Clerk delegation.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9669. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Resolved:- That the council note that there has been no expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

9670. To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly lists along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues

DATE	LIST NO.	P/A NO.	CASE OFFICER	PLANNING DETAILS	Parish Decision
25/03/2024	13	RB2024/0452	Louise Hudson	19 Laughton Road, Thurcroft Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension and extension to garage https://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2024/0452	No Action

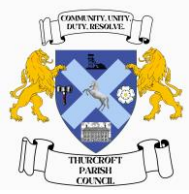
Resolved:- That the council wish to take no action on the planning applications listed.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

9671. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

- Railings painting

9672. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 16th May 2024



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The Chair confirmed that the forward schedule of meetings will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm