



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Tuesday 20th June 2023

Present Councillors: **D. Oxley (Chair), D. Brown and T. Murphy, A. Winsborough, C. Alsop & J. Richardson** (6 councillors).

Apologies were received from Councillors: **None**.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

EN/2023/11 To receive and approve reasons for absence

Resolved:- The council received no apologies.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted for.

EN/2023/12 To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.

Resolved:- No declarations of interest were received.

EN/2023/13 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 13th January 2023.

Resolved:- That the minutes from the Environment Committee held on Friday 13th January 2023 be approved as a true record.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. 4 voted for and 1 abstained from voting.

EN/2023/14 To note any matters arising from the minutes of Friday 13th January 2023.

Councillors noted the update to any matters arising from the minutes in the Clerks Report.

EN/2023/15 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.



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Resolved:- Items 12 & 13 have been identified to be held in confidential session. Item 11 has also been identified to be held with the exclusion of press and public and a vote was taken to include this within the confidential session.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour..

Public Participation Session

A member of the public made a statement that the Council is too quick to put items into confidential session.

A question was asked on why Playground Inspection reports have not been included on the Environment agenda. The Council noted the question and would consider the suggestion.

Cllr J Richardson arrived at the meeting. 6 councillors are now present.

EN/2023/16 To receive the report from RMBC regarding the removal of flower beds and the environmental impact during removal.

The Clerk referred to the Clerks Report which contained the response from RMBC on the environmental impact to wildlife specifically on Steadfolds Lane. Councillors noted the report.

A councillor raised concern that flower beds that were identified for removal have been planted. The Clerk explained that no decision has been resolved by Council to remove the flower beds, therefore it should remain business as usual.

EN/2023/17 To discuss and consider bulb planting locations across the parish

Councillors discussed the bulb planting that they would like to see across the parish. It was noted that Steadfolds Lane, Hangsman Lane at the bottom to continue up to Laughton en-le Morthen. A request for bulbs to be across each entrance to Thurcroft.

The Committee suggested getting the local school children involved in planting.



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Resolved:- That the Clerk will contact RMBC to seek information for what bulbs are available and the process.

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/18 To discuss and consider locations for the noticeboards and the designs

Councillors were given a range of images of different noticeboards that were freestanding, wall mounted and different sizes. Councillors have suggested that they would like for them to be steel and powder coated in black and gold. Councillors suggested the locations as below;

- a) Laughton Common
 - i. Freestanding – (Single A1 size) - Outside The Co-Operative on Highway
 - ii. Freestanding - (Single A1 size) - Hangsman Recreation Ground
- b) Thurcroft
 - i. Freestanding - (Double A1 size) – Near the front of the play area.
 - ii. Freestanding – (Single A1 size) – Outside the new Spar
 - iii. Freestanding – (Single A1 size) – At the entrance of the Hedgerows estate
- c) Brampton
 - i. *No extra noticeboards needed presently.*

Resolved:- That a recommendation be made to the Council with the location and designs for the new noticeboards

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/19 To discuss and consider painting the memorial and cemetery railings and instructing Community Pay Back to carry out the work

Councillors discussed the railings at both Thurcroft Cemetery and Thurcroft Memorial Garden and that they would benefit from painting. Community Payback have completed a lot of work for the cost of the materials.



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Resolved:- That a recommendation be made to the Council to consider Community Payback painting the railings of Thurcroft Cemetery and Thurcroft Memorial Garden and that the Clerk obtains cost of paint as part of the recommendation.

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/20 To discuss and consider a cart for the role of lengthsman for Thurcroft Parish Council

Councillors have raised the need for the Lengthsman to have a street cleaning cart to help him clean the street efficiently and have a place for bags of rubbish and other equipment such as dustpan and brushes. Councillors were shown an image of the potential heavy-duty cart.

Resolved:- That a recommendation be made to the Council for a cart for the lengthsman position

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/21 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To discuss and consider Thurcroft Memorial Garden

The Committee raised concern with the gardens upkeep and issues that need to be directly fed to the contractor. The recent wall being rebuilt has also had a number of issues that need to be highlighted with the contractor that was approved by council.

Resolved:- That the Clerk follow up with contractors of the council to ensure that the issues highlighted are addressed.

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/22 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To discuss and review the requirements for contracted environment works carried out through the parish

The Councillors discussed the current contracts in place for environmental work with the Council, the needs of the parish moving forward and whether the current contracts provided the necessary environment work needed to maintain current assets.



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Resolved:- That the Clerk compiles the environmental work covered currently specifying the areas and maps and that draft contracts be brought back to the committee for further consideration.

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/23 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To discuss and consider a rota of street cleaning specific to the lengthsman

Councillors discussed the job description of the Lengthsman and a working pattern that would enable greater coverage of the parish.

Resolved:- That a recommendation be made to the Council to adopt the new cleaning rota for the Lengthsman

Voting:- 6 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

EN/2023/24 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

- Playground Reports
- Wetpour
- Signs for the Play areas
- Park Training

EN/2023/25 To confirm the date and time of the next environment committee meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 6.30pm

Councillors confirmed that the date and time of the next environment committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October at 6.30pm

Meeting concluded at 8.00pm.