

THRIPLow PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday the 9th March 2015 in the Thriplow Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors: Jane Gough, David Easthope, Owen MacKay, Derek Pinner, Barbara Pointon, David Rhodes, Terry Smith

District &
County Cllr Peter Topping (part-time)

Clerk to the
Council Martyn Corbet

1. Apologies for absence

All Parish Councillors were present

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th January 2015

These minutes having been previously distributed, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising

4. Health & Safety

Cllr Easthope produced a report containing a list of various matters he has been dealing with and went through these in detail (this report is replicated together with various comments made at the meeting):

Health and Safety Report to Parish Council Meeting on 9.3.2015

Although nominally I am in charge of Health & Safety, a number of the issues reported are not so much Health & Safety as maintenance and I will deal with these accordingly.

1. I am concerned about the state of the footpaths, particularly the Narrow Lane footpath between Lower St & Middle St. I believe that it is in a dangerous condition and have e-mailed the County Council suggesting a meeting on site to discuss how best the problems can be rectified. *Cllr Easthope has spoken to CCC and a substantive response is awaited.*

2. The Smithy needs constant attention and there are patches on the north and west faces where the lime wash is coming away. This has to be dealt with regularly as rain and frost action on the clunch from which The Smithy is built erodes the clunch very quickly. *The Smithy is constantly in need of attention. Cllr Easthope will arrange for the work to be done.*

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3. The reports all indicate that seats, litter bins and bus shelters are in need of attention, however, I understand that this work is in hand and has started. *The village maintenance is ongoing. Cllr MacKay referred to a problem the bus shelter which poses a difficulty for the disabled.*

4. The barriers that were used by the street lighting contractors when recent works were carried out have not all been taken away. There is one laying in the verge at the corner of Lodge Road and Fowlmere Road and I have reported this to the County Council who say they will get it removed this week. *Cllr Smith is liaising with Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty about this.*

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5. The footpath outside Mary's bungalow has still not been restored – should we be chasing the Highways department on this? *The Parish Clerk will contact Mike Cooper and press him to take over this issue.*

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6. Derek reports that the watercourse adjacent to No. 4 The Green is in need of attention with a considerable amount of dead wood having fallen in. We must organise the clearance of this. *Cllr Pointon said the copse has been cut back but the debris has not been removed. This is on the opposite side of the road from The Green Man. Cllr*

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Pinner said that what is in the watercourse is cut back from some time ago.

7. The Spinney opposite the pub has had the trees cut back thereby improving visibility round this bend, however, Jane reports that there is no improvement of the hedges and verges in Church Street. She believed this should be a priority – should we be contacting Highways on this matter? *Cllr Gough said this needs to be addressed. It is dangerous. The Parish Clerk will check up on who has previously been written to. Mike Cooper previously said that CCC could do the work and charge householders. It was doubted whether the Parish Council could do the work itself and charge. There is a need to engage with Mike Cooper on this issue. The Parish Clerk will arrange a meeting with Mike Cooper.* MC
8. Lights – No 4 (Ringstone) & No. 8 (Kingsway) not working – both are new. Who should report this? *The Parish Clerk will deal with this.* MC
9. The parish notice board at the village hall is generally in good order but the sponge backing has come away from the steel back. I did have a go at this once but unsuccessfully. Does anyone have any good ideas? *Cllr Pinner will see if he can assist.* DP
10. Martyn reports that the notice board opposite the entrance to Kingsway is rickety – is this being dealt with as part of the treatment of seats, etc? *Cllr Smith will investigate.* TS

Cllr Pinner referred to a damaged sign in Brook Road. This has been reported by Cllrs Gough and Smith. Mike Cooper has picked up the sign and CCC is aware. The sign is actually located in the area of Newton Parish and not Thriplow.

Cllr Pointon referred to the sign opposite the pub near to the telephone kiosk. The bus company should put this up. She also said that place dog litter into general litter bins is both unpleasant and a health hazard. Cllr MacKay mentioned the continuing problem with the trees in Church Street. Cllr Smith mentioned the concerns of residents of Ringstone regarding dog litter fouling. He said that following comments received he had checked the situation. There was no evidence of fouling on the open space but plenty in the field beyond it. The re-siting of the existing dog litter bin would prudent. Cllr Smith suggested that a more appropriate site was near to the salt bin. The Parish Clerk will contact Heidi Duffet of SCDC about this.

5. **Update on:**

(a) flooding at Church Street

Cllr Gough said that position seems to satisfactory but that it was very much a case of “wait and see”.

(b) signage and traffic problem in Hurdles Way

Cllr Smith confirmed that the new sign is in place. Since that time the lorry drivers seem to have taken notice. One or two vehicles park regularly in the road.

(c) footpath at 7 The Green

The Parish Clerk has written to the householder and a response is awaited.

(d) verge at Peggs Close

Cllr Smith stated that the work has still to be done the weather has not been conducive.

(e) watercourses in the village

Councillor Pinner reported that he was unable to meet with the representative from the Environment Agency. Cllr Smith stood in for him. Cllr Smith reported that 2 people from the Environment Agency had attended to view the water meadow and flooding. It was arranged that some of the damming would be removed. The level of water in the water meadows is 13 inches. Some of the water will be drained off. Natural England could not attend. They want the level of water increased. In the end everyone is happy with the outcome of the meeting. Oliver Walston is reluctant to dig out the ditches because they are too wet to use machines. Cllr Pinner has spoken to Messrs Hurst and Webber who have both cleared their parts of the watercourses. All that remains is to do from the Hurst's to the entrance of the Webber's property. Cllr Pinner suggested that up to £500.00 be allocated for this work to be done and the hiring of a skip. Cllr Pinner will arrange for someone to do the work. The allocation of the money was proposed by Cllr Gough and seconded by Cllr Rhodes. It was agreed.

Cllr Pinner will pursue Thriplow Farms to clear out the watercourse opposite the pub which is still full of rubbish. Cllr Pointon mentioned a rusty grid which needs to be replaced. Cllr

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Easthope mentioned that the frogs are spawning in the area. The works needs to be done after they have finished.

6. Parish Recreation Grounds and Village Maintenance

(a) Traffic Damage at Hurdles Way

The Parish Clerk said he has a quote from Messrs Lilley of Sawston regarding placing bollards around the parking space at Hurdles Way which adjoins the Public Open Space. The plan is to prevent drivers from churning up the grass between that space and the road which runs alongside Icen. It was agreed that instead of 8 there will be 4 bollards placed at the front of the space. It was proposed by Cllr Easthope and seconded by Cllr Gough that £300 plus VAT be allocated to this expenditure. This was agreed.

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(b) public footpaths on Heathfield

Cllr Rhodes said situation was still not good. This time of year the footpath at the ponds is waterlogged. Cllr Easthope said that this is a persuasive path and nothing could be done about the situation. Cllr Easthope said this path is prone to flooding. Cllr Pinner suggested writing to the farmer. It was also suggested that SCDC should be contacted for advice. Cllr Rhodes said the pathway between Heathfield (ponds) and Whittlesford should be kept open. Cllr Gough said the path near her is also waterlogged. It was agreed that there is not a lot to be done about waterlogging this time of year.

(c) Parking and Playground at Ringstone

Cllr Smith has one quote so far a further one is awaited. People are parking on the grass of the Public Open Space. This needs to be dealt. Cllr Pinner suggested signs Cllr Smith will investigate this. Two residents wish to have a meeting to discuss the playground.

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(d) Village Maintenance

Cllr Smith said both bus shelters are done. The telephone box is being painted. The seats need to be done. Cllr Smith will clean them up for Daffodil Weekend. The Parish Clerk suggested that one it might be appropriate to place a plaque on one of the benches on The Greenway in memory of the late Cllr Chew. It was agreed that he should investigate this.

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(e) Drains at the Village Hall

Cllr Gough said there is another blockage. Anglian Water will not deal with it. The drains have been jetted and cleared. Cllr Pinner read an email he has received in respect of carrying out the work required to move the drains. The problem being that in their present position the drains are subject to tree root incursion. Jetting does not take place with enough frequency. Work will cost approximately £15,000.00. It was decided that competitive quotes are needed. Cllr Pinner will prepare a specification and obtain quotes for the work

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7. Tree Planting, Tree Work and POS Maintenance

Tree Work applications and trees in general

Tree Work 8 Lower Street – no objections

Tree Work at Farm Lane. The Parish Clerk explained that he had not returned the original consultation document to SCDC because this had been superseded as a result of concerns raised by Cllrs Easthope and Pointon. A suitable compromise in respect of the work has been negotiated between SCDC and the property owner.

8. Planning Matters:

a) Responses to applications

S/2055/15/FL – Demolition of existing conservatory and addition of a part one storey and part two storey extension to rear of the property at 73 Kingsway – approval recommended

b) Planning decisions received

S/1687/14/FL – Solar Farm on land to the east of Church Street, Thriplow – permission refused

c) Planning appeals

None

9. Financial Matters

a) Authority was granted to pay the following

	Amount	VAT	Total
M Corbet – Parish Clerk's Salary- 11 th November 2014 – 11 th January 2015	496.36		496.36
Parish Clerk's Expenses	30.05		30.05
HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's Salary	124.20		124.20

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CGM Landscapes – spraying Hurdles Way – 20/11/14 – Invoice 6063	80.00	16.00	96.00
G Sheldrick & Son – Village Maintenance	1245.00	249.00	1494.00
Ryecroft Data – Printing APM Leaflets	370.00		370.00

Items received too late for the agenda but approved for payment:

T Smith – reimbursement re posts for Hurdles Way sign	91.92	18.38	110.30
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b) Credits received

Interest of £235.93 has been received in respect of the NS&I account. £269.06 has been received from SCDC. This represents S106 monies payable in respect of These monies will be invested with Cambridge BS.

c) S106 monies

The monies held in respect of Hurdles Way are invested on a 1 year fixed term with Saffron BS. The monies held in respect of Ringstone continue to be invested on a 2 year fixed term with Cambridge Building Society

The remaining S106 monies are invested with Cambridge BS.

d) Release of accounts records to the Internal Auditor

Permission was given for the Parish Clerk to release the accounts records to the Internal Auditor for audit purposes.

Payment for PAYE services provided

Investigations in relation to this proposal have yet to be completed. It was agreed that it should be re-listed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

10. New Financial Regulations produced by NALC

The Parish Clerk will convene a meeting between Cllrs Gough, Rhodes, Easthope, Mrs Pat Easthope and himself to consider whether any changes to the existing financial regulations are necessary.

11. Attendance on Planning Course

The Parish Clerk reminded Cllr Mackay and Rhodes that the other part of the planning course is coming up and that they should attend.

12. Accident of the A505

This was discussed during the presentation of his report by Cllr Topping.

Reports (if any):-

13. a) Neighbourhood Forum (ex IWM liaison committee)

This was covered in discussions on the report of Cllr Topping

14. b) Thriplow and Heathfield Recreation Grounds

These had been dealt with previously.

c) Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Pointon said that the Village Hall was decorated at Christmas and it is a lot brighter. The new bench will soon be in place. It was viewed by those at the Parish Council meeting and admired. It is carved thereby alleviating the need for a separate plaque. The bench will be fixed to a wall. There is some problem with bookings and steps are being taken to get more of these. The present excess of income over payments is £385.94. At the AGM Sean Mc and Amber Gough were re-elected. A wide number of organisations were represented. Cllr Pointon feels that a member of the Daffodil Weekend Committee should join the committee. The hall is 15 years old and is undergoing a period of refurbishment. Cllr Gough stressed that everyone on the committee is doing their bit. There is now a handyman for the village hall. He does outside work. There is a T.A.D.S. show on Saturday.

d) Thriplow Village School

No report was received from the Head Teacher, Mrs Penty on this occasion. Cllr MacKay referred to the lights at the school. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Cllrs Gough and MacKay. Cllr Gough will talk to Mrs Penty.

e) Police and Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Gough said she would like people to provide her with their email addresses. Information is being circulated.

f) Village Maintenance

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This had been dealt with previously.

g) District Council Information & h) County Council Information

1. Council Finances and Council taxes - Both the County and District councils have to find big savings: £600k by the district and a whopping £30m by the County, out of its total budget of £550m. In order to balance their budgets both councils voted to increase council tax by 1.99%, which is the maximum without triggering a referendum.

The county's road repair, potholes and gritting budgets are not affected for this winter. But there have been cuts to a number of services, such as the rights of way team and education, and **libraries services are now under review**.

The District Council has committed to preserve its ability to offer grants of up to £1,000 for community based applications, known as the **Community Chest Grant scheme**. This is the scheme by which the cricket club accessed funding for some nets a few years back.

2. City Deal (and cycleways) - the City Deal is going to be – more and more – an important element in the planning for big transport and infrastructure developments that will be needed in and around Cambridge to cope with the growing economy.

The first list of projects to be tackled has been agreed: much of it is happening within Cambridge: such as bus priority lanes along, Madingley Road, an A428 to M11 segregated bus route / A428 corridor Park and Ride, /cross-city cycle improvements. It was disappointing that no rural **cycleways** made their way through the first selection. But at the meeting of the City Deal Assembly last Friday the proposal was agreed that:

infrastructure schemes not funded from the Cycling City Ambition Fund or any other external source should be treated as reserve projects within tranche 1 of the City Deal programme, due to the acknowledged high risk of many of the bigger prioritised schemes, the cycling projects' attractive value for money in terms of enabling economic growth, their deliverability and 'spade ready' status and the role they can play in connecting people with jobs within the specific demographic of the Cambridge technology cluster.

I want to make sure that if there are cycleway plans for south Cambridgeshire, they include the A505 near Heathfield and the IWM, not just the proposal to build a £7m cycleway along the A10 to Cambridge. I have emailed the county cycling team asking for a meeting.

3. Roads I am being kept informed of the investigation into the terrible fatal accident along the A505 at Thriplow Heath. It appears that neither vehicle was turning in or out of a side road prior to the accident. At the moment the County has no plans to do a lot of improvement along the A505, such as dualling it. But it is increasingly busy and blocked at all times of the day, and I have written to the transport head at the county council pointing out how many people, not just residents, use the A505 each day and do they have any plans.

4. Planning - The Planning Inspector is continuing her review of the District's long-term plans for housing. The developers are attending in large numbers to try to persuade her to allow lots more housing to be built. I supported the district's argument that the Green Belt needed to be protected. These issues (and locally the bid put forward by Savills to build in Duxford) means that Thriplow might do well to consider working with other villages to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to control (but not to stop) development.

5. Neighbours and trees - I met with the South Cambs Neighbourhood Services officer regarding recent issues raised by the Parish Council and he reports the situation is calmer. I also liaised with Ian Lorman, the district tree officer, and with parish cllr. Barbara Pointin regarding the tree work application that was put in for Farm Lane. The issue was covered in the Royston Crow newspaper. The scale of tree removal appears much reduced.

6. Flintcross Fire - The owner of the site that went up in flames at Flintcross in November last year was fined for the Dottrell Hall breaches brought against him by the County Council. The Environment Agency have given him until April to clear the Flintcross site. I am continuing to press for answers about the long term future of the site, and the risk of

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contamination to the water supply if the ash and waste is left on site for much longer. Various items referred to in Cllr Topping's report were discussed at this point. Some of those items were also listed in the agenda.

Cllr Pinner referred to the fact that he has tabled a question for the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting about the museum's policy on parking at Heathfield and Pepperslade on air show days. He is suggesting that the IWM should provide personnel to ask whether persons seeking to enter those areas are residents etc on air show days. This would be at the cost of the IWM.

Cllr Pinner also mentioned the quality of white lining on the A505. Some are worn out. These are not helping the traffic situation on the road. Cllr Gough said that something needs to be done about the junction at the bottom of Gravel Pit Hill. She asked Cllr Topping to go back to CCC about this. Cllr Topping said that the outcome of the police investigation is imminent. Cllr Topping advised that representations need to be made to the area manager about the junction. Some villages fund the work themselves. It is important to know what needs to be done. Cllr Topping will find out once the police report has been completed. A meeting will be arranged.

Correspondence and information received

Correspondence Received

Ian Thomas - Parish Council Vacancy

15. HMRC - Letter re PAYE dated 06/02/15

Emails received

13.01 - Peter Topping - Thriplow January 15 reports county and district

Amanda Davies - South Cambridgeshire Diary Dates

Grant Swain - Please find attached BACS remittance advice

David Walston - Re Pat Matthews

14.01 - Trish Brett - S/1687/14/FL - Decision Notice

Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 14th January

15.01 - Trish Brett - Decision Notice - S/2527/14/AD

Tess Campbell - Severe Winter Weather - Level 3

16.01 - Engagement (NHS) - Extension to Closing Date - Consultation on future model for NHS

21.01 - Bridget Foley - Reminder

Gabriel Fox - Parish Accounts

Sally Smart - Thriplow Parish Council Precept 2015-16

22.01 - Gareth Bell - Bridgefoot Quarry Fire

23.01 - Grant Swain - Thriplow Parish Council Precept

Jo Dawson-Smith - Decision S/2831/14/FL-72 Kingsway

24.01 - ccnews - Charity Commission News - Winter 2015

25.01 - onlineservices - Annual return 2014 - confirmation of receipt

26.01 - Jay Patel - Tree Works App 10838 Thriplow House

Peter Edwards - Neighbourhood Development Plans

Ellie Gibbs - Channel 4 series

27.01 - Chris Stromberg - Contacting Highway Teams

Communities - Parish e bulletin

28.01 - John Rimmer - Re Reports for APM Leaflet

Gabriel Fox - Parish Accounts

29.01 - Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 29th January

Mike Cooper - Salt Bins

John Rimmer - Re Reports for APM Leaflets

30.01 - Head Thriplow Primary School - Report for Annual Parish Meeting Leaflet

Trish Brett - Prior Notification of Application - S/0055/15/FL

Ian Lorman - Tree Works Application 10838

02.02 - Ian Lorman - Tree Works Application 10838

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- Nick Swarfega - Minutes for the 12th January
- 04.02 - Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 4th February
Cambridgeshire Future Transport - Area G
- 05.01 - Lisa Davey Programme for next weeks Parish Planning Training event
- 08.02 - Peter Topping - Re Minutes for 12th January
- 09.02 - Nick Swarfega - re email addresses
Peter Topping - Re Minuted for the 12th January
- 10.02 - Editor - Deadline for March issue
Nick Swarfega - re email addresses
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- 11.02 - Ruth Bonner - Police Visit
Ian Lorman - Re UPDATE INFORMATION - Tree Application 10838
Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 11th February
- 12.02 - Peter Topping - Your report
J Swinn - Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre 2015
- 13.02 - Kieron Taylor -
- 14.02 - Peter Topping - County & District Council reports
- 16.02 - Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest 16th February
LDF - Local Plan Hearings Programme
Head at Thriplow Primary School - Reports APM Leaflet
Philip Dondi - Entrance to Pepperslade
- 17.02 - Meghane Bonner - Re Ringstone
- 18.02 - Meghane Bonner - re Ringstone
aedwards - Notification of play area inspection for TPC
Gareth Bell - Bridgefoot Quarry - new website set up for information during
clear up
Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 18th February
- 19.02 - Melissa Tayabali - Wheelchair access at Daffodil Weekend
- 20.02 - Shirley Simpson - Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme
- 22.02 - Mark Finbow - Community Show this Christmas from The Keeper's Daughter
- 23.02 - Tina Webb - Chairman's B Training 11th March
- 24.02 - Ian Thomas - Parish Council Vacancy
- 25.02 - Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 25th February
- 25.02 - Matt Dean - Application Consultation Notice S/0418/15/FL - 29 Church Street
Matt Dean - Application Consultation Notice S/0294/15/FL - 6 Fowlmere Road
- 26.02 - Gemma Barron - Parish Liaison Meeting with SCDC Cabinet 11th March
Janine Savage - Invitation to Benjamin Britten's Noyes Flude Performance
Ann Edwards - Notification of Inspection
Ann Edwards - Inspection at Thriplow Recreation Ground
- 27.02 - Keiron Taylor - RoSPA Playsafety Ground Inspection Training Scheme
- 01.03 - David Wilson - Thriplow Parish Council Vacancy
- 02.03 - Gareth Bell - Pre-election guidelines
- 03.03 - Andrew Lansley - Parish Council details
Trish Brett - S/2272/14/LD
Peter Topping - S/2272/14/LD
Matt Dean - Planning Application Notification
- 04.03 - Keith Parker - Play Areas
Patrick Adams - Agenda for Weekly Bulletin Wednesday 4th March
David Wilson - Thriplow Parish Council Vacancy
Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin

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Engagement (NHS) - Using Care Bulletin - 26th February

Engagement (NHS) - Cambridge and Peterborough

05.03 - LDF - Monthly Planning Policy Update

LDF - Monthly Planning Policy Update Error

06.03 - Georganna Simpson - Online Planning Seminar

Periodical and Magazines

Parish Clerks & Councils Direct - January, February, March 2015

Various Advertising Sundries

Reports for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Clerk asked that reports be completed and sent to him as soon as possible and in any event by the 8th February. Reports prepared will be:

Cllr Gough - Chairman and Police & Neighbourhood Watch;

Cllr Pointon – Thriplow Village Hall Management Committee;

Cllr Pinner – IWM, Drains and Watercourses;

Cllr Easthope – Health & Safety;

Cllr Rhodes – Heathfield;

Cllr Smith – Heathfield & Thriplow Recreation Grounds and Village Maintenance;

Victoria Penty – Village School;

Sharon McGinty – Ladybird Play Group;

John Rimmer – St George's Church

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Clerk reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 19th March.

16. Date of the next meeting

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 11th May 2015

Annual Parish Meeting - 19th March 2015

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There was no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm

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