MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THRYBERGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 2nd June 2016
at the Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh (6.30 p.m. start)

Present: - Councillors G.Trickett (Chair), D.Bates, S.Docherty, J.Foxton, T.Knapton, G.Marlow, J.Parsons and A.Scholes,

23/16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-

Apologies were accepted from Councillors J.Ashton, A.Martin, P.McCullum and S.Tennant

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Rev. J.Barrett.

24/16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25/16. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Local resident Mr Mitchell attended the meeting and provided a report of his findings following metal detecting activity on parish council land. A number of interesting artefacts had been found.

26/16. MINUTES

Mover: Councillor G.Marlow Seconder: Councillor J.Parsons

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting of Thrybergh Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 4th May 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27/16. MATTERS ARISING

(i) 191/15- Fullerton Arms Fly-Tipping. The RMBC Enforcement Team are now taking legal action to ensure the site is made tidy and secure.
(ii) 194/15 (iii) – VAT on Grounds Maintenance Charges. The Clerk reported that the matter had now been referred to the National Association of Local Councils for advice.
(iii) 15/16 - Relocation of a bus shelter on Vale Road.

The Clerk provided a report of a site meeting which had taken place to discuss this issue. Present were:-
• Local residents,
• Ward Councillors
• Parish Councillors
• Mr S.Gammons –RMBC Highways.

It was agreed that a new bus shelter was not necessary and SYPTE would be advised that the preferred solution was to site a bus stop on a lighting column, adjacent to the existing bus shelter.

(iv) 20/16(iii) The Clerk reported that Thrybergh S&SC F.C had won the Terry Dewick Trophy, played at the New York Stadium.
(v) 21/16(i) Accumulation of rubbish /debris (Allotments, Hollings Lane). The Clerk reported that the matter had been reported to RMBC.No action was proposed.
(vi) 21(16) (ii & iii) – Silverwood. Issues of ‘shooting’ and vehicles in the wood have been reported to the Police.
(vii) 21(16) (v) – Fencing, former Silverwood Colliery site. The matter has been brought to the attention of the landowners.
28/16. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT

Mr W. Padfield, Area Housing Officer attended the meeting to discuss estate management issues. It was hoped that a surveillance camera would soon be available to assist in dealing with anti-social behaviour.

29/16. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2015/16

The Clerk provided a summary of the 2015/16 Internal Audit report. There were no significant matters of concern that the auditor wished to bring to the Council’s attention. Two recommendations had been made which were accepted by the Council.

Mover: Councillor D. Bates  Seconder: G. Marlow

Resolved: - That the council accepts the internal audit report for 2015/16 and agrees the recommendations made.

30/16. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Consideration was given to the ‘Annual Governance Statement’ for the financial year ended 31st March 2016.

Mover: Councillor G. Marlow  Seconder: Councillor J. Foxton

Resolved: - That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

31/16. ANNUAL RETURN 2015/16

The Council considered the annual accounts and ‘Annual Return’ for the period ended 31st March 2016. The Clerk answered queries raised by Councillors and undertook to provide details of the Parish Hall running costs at the next meeting.

Mover: Councillor G. Marlow  Seconder: Councillor J. Foxton

Resolved: - That the contents of the Annual Return for the 2015/2016 financial year, and the Annual Accounts as now reported, be approved for submission to the auditor BDO.

32/16. BULB PLANTING

Councillor Bates outlined his proposal for the Parish Council to invest in bulb planting to enhance the appearance of ‘gateways’ into Thrybergh and in the vicinity of the Parish Hall. The Clerk was asked to obtain costings and funding options in this regard.

33/16. INSURANCE

The Council considered quotations for insurance from two companies, with one/three and five year options.

Mover: Councillor Scholes  Seconder: Councillor Parsons

Resolved: - That the one year option from Zurich Insurance be accepted.

34/16. FENCING (REAR OF PARISH HALL)

The Council considered a quotation for replacement fencing. The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative quotes/funding options.
35/16. FLOODING - THRYBERGH LANE

The landowner had now been identified and some work to clear debris from the stream has now been carried out. The Clerk was asked to clarify who is responsible for the stream.

36/16. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk provided a summary of reported crime in Thrybergh (March 2016). The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council in the autumn.

37/16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The council considered the schedule of accounts for payment.

Resolved: - That the schedule of accounts for payment, as now submitted, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Mover: Councillor J. Foxton  Seconder: Councillor T. Knapton.

38/16. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence had been received since the May meeting:

(i) RMBC – P. Griffiths Resignation.
(ii) RMBC – Former Fullerton Arms.
(iii) YLCA – ‘Is the Planning System working for local communities’.

39/16. ITEMS OF REPORT

(i) Councillor Trickett provided a report of a meeting he had attended organised by Ms. T. Highton (Community Organiser – Rotherfed.) The purpose of the meeting was to identify possible priority areas for community action within Thrybergh.
(ii) The Clerk reported that vandals had caused damage to the Parish Hall roof. (now repaired).
(iii) The Clerk reported that he had been informed Mr. P. Griffiths (Community Organiser) was leaving his position with RMBC.
(iv) The Clerk reported the Parish Hall alarm had become faulty but had now been repaired.
(v) Events to mark ‘Armed Forces day’ would take place in Rotherham on the 25th June 2016.
(vi) An invitation had been received to attend a meeting of the ‘Local Advisory Group’- Willow Tree Children’s Centre. Councillor Parsons to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

40/16. ANY OTHER NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The following items were raised by Councillors and Clerk:

(i) Councillor Marlow wished to record her thanks to the Clerk for his help in dealing with matters raised on Councillor Marlow's behalf.
(ii) A meeting of the Trustees of Hollings Lane Recreation Ground would take place on the 7th July 2016 (6pm start).

41/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th July 2016, (starting at 6.30 p.m.).

Meeting finished at 8.35 pm