

THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Update of actions from April/May 2020

1. **Extraordinary meeting** of Thurgoland Parish Council – resolution to delegate decision making to the Clerk for 3 months or until resolved by the Council. Minutes attached.
2. **Request to Waste & Recycling dept** - to ask if it is possible to resume green bin collection and / or open recycling centres as there has been an increase in fly tipping locally which is felt may be the result of the suspension of those services. **** 6th May - Services at the Recycling Centres have re-opened with restrictions****
3. **Allotments** – all allotments have now been taken. 4 new contracts made.
Provided on-line banking facility for payment if cheques not available.
4. **Smoke nuisance** – 2 complaints regarding smoke issues, both advised of the BMBC web page and where complaint can be made if necessary.
5. **Thurgoland Parish Hub**
 - initial information leaflet produced, printed and distributed in the entire Parish within 4 days of start up meeting – working alongside individuals and groups within the Parish including the Village Welfare, Thurgoland School, Thorpes Village Stores, NextDoor Thurgoland, the Copper Kettle, and Holy Trinity Church , under the umbrella of the Parish Council. The leaflet to guide residents to assistance as needed.
 - worked alongside Thorpes Village Store to recruit volunteers to deliver groceries to those self-isolating etc, and to manage the queue outside and inside allow for social distancing.
 - recruitment of DBS checked volunteers, including holding of DBS certificates, for other roles as required
 - Thurgoland Parish Council DBS policy (copy attached)
 - applied for DBS certificate for Clerk
 - adoption of DBS policy for Thurgoland Parish Council
 - leaflets/posters from BMBC given as needed
 - Parish website updated constantly with information
 - worked alongside NextDoor Thurgoland and the social media platform 'What's on in Thurgoland' to pass on important information
 - work ongoing as needed
6. **3 planning applications:**

2 applications have no comments

APPLICATION NO: 2019/0586
Erection of general purpose agricultural storage building
Hollin Oaks, Bagger Wood Road, Hood Green, Barnsley, S35 7A
Thurgoland Parish Council have no comment to make on this application

APPLICATION NO: 2020/0365

Conversion of vacant barn to dwelling

Hill Top Farm, Eastfield Lane, Hood Green, Barnsley, S35 7AY

Thurgoland Parish Council have no comment to make on this application

APPLICATION NO. 2020/0317

Land off Halifax Road, Thurgoland

Reserved Matters Application for the Residential Development of 25 Dwellings in relation to the matters of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale. Pursuant to Outline Application 2018/0028 (Access Determined at Outline)

These are the comments sent to BMBC Planning dept:

"Ever since this site was approved for housing development in the Local Plan, the Parish Council have wondered what sort of application would come forward. This site, situated adjacent to the major crossroads, the A629 and Smithy Hill/Cote Lane in Thurgoland, is one very much seen by those passing through, and it has always been thought that something was required which would enhance the appearance of this rural village. A Village Green was a feature thought of, so it was very pleasant to see that this application did include a Village Green. However, upon inspection, it is clear that this one is very small, not at all like in some villages where the houses face on to the Green and it all looks very attractive. We do realise that this site limits such opportunities, but we do suggest, without too much adjustment, the open grass and tree area could be extended and look much better.

This requires the deletion of the houses on plots 7 and 8. The Linton type house on plot 7 is extremely close to an old existing cottage on Smithy Hill, only 12.5m away, which would have a side view of a large 3 storey house, so this site seems unsuitable anyway. Maybe they could be transferred to another plot, plot 9 possibly, or to whatever else fits best.

With the dwellings on plots 7 and 8 removed, that area could be grassed over and joined with the existing small Village Green. For people looking up the site from the traffic lights it then would look a very nice open area with the old cottages on Smithy Hill to the left and the new dwellings on the right. If this area could be joined with the Open Space area at the top of the site, by, say, a footpath, it would be even better.

Surely this arrangement would be ticking the boxes required for green and open spaces.

With, what seems to be, 2 parking spaces per dwelling, and currently residents in Thurgoland parish, have more than 2 cars per dwelling themselves, where are visitors supposed to park?

The Parish Council do hope that the suggested amendments can be made and look forward to having detailed discussions with the Borough Council and the developer regarding the Green and Open spaces."

7. Annual Accounts and Audit work

The annual audit is in progress. Arrangements are being made with the Internal Auditor to audit the accounts "remotely".

8. PAYMENT OF CHEQUES

Payment of the following cheques has been made:

EXPENDITURE

Payee of Cheque	Description (inc vat)	Amount
A. Sturdy	Clerk Salary March	as agreed
A. Sturdy	Expenses (inc. Thurgoland Parish Hub expenses)	£ 233.07
YLCA	Membership	£ 568.00

INCOME

5 th March 2020	Interest	£18.27
31 st March 2020	Interest	£ 0.85
3 rd April 2020	Precept	£11,964

Payment due:

A. Sturdy	Clerk Salary April	as agreed
A. Sturdy	Expenses	£ 21.82