



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th March 2021 by Zoom Video Call at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S. Yerby (Chair), Cllrs, S. Eckworth, , G. Pointer, , NNDC Cllr R. Kershaw, Parish Clerk – K. Harris.

There were 4 residents present at all or part of the meeting.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted by all for Cllrs K. Drake (technology), K. Plumbly (work), C. Ross (Religious) and NCC Cllr S. Aquerone

2. Declarations of Interest, requests for dispensation by Councillors.

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2021 to be approved.

All councillors agreed that the minutes were a fair representation of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising on the Minutes (for information only), not included on the agenda.

The Chair informed the meeting that the required work had been undertaken to the trees on the Village Green and that the grass had been cut. The councillors agreed to follow the advice of the tree surgeon and not replant in the immediate area of the felled tree and to consider this at a later meeting.

5. Financial and Governance Matters

5.1 To approve the Financial Statement and Payments of Account list

The Clerk reported that payment had been made to HB Tree and Garden Services £520.00 and the following payments were due: Clerk's salary (January to March) £307.90; HMRC (Clerk's Tax) £18.40; Clerk's Expenses (January to March) £37.82; Norfolk Parish Training and Support (Annual Subscription) £42.00; S. Jenkinson (Pots on the Green) £11.49. The Bank Balance in the Community Account on 14th March was £83902 and in the Investment Account: £6,281. The Cashbook was agreed by all councillors present.

5.2 The Clerk informed the meeting that NS&I had now changed their contact address to the current Clerk.

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DRAFT until AGREED at following meeting.

5.3. The Clerk informed the meeting that their current Payroll provider was ceasing trading and that Payroll would be undertaken using HMRC PAYE Tools, saving the Council £35.00 per year.

6. Open Forum for Public Consultation

6.1 Cllr Kershaw (NNDC) informed the meeting about the significant reduction in covid figures in Norfolk, both in the community and the hospitals, but that a slight wave is expected at the end of summer. Tourist Bookings were high and an additional 6 wardens are to be employed for the summer to ensure distancing and there were plans to get wi-fi to the coast to inform visitors where there was space. Testing is planned to be offered to younger staff who have not been vaccinated.

The Clerk summarised Cllr Aquarone's latest report which talked about the covid response in the county and the recent response to the severe flooding.

Cllr Yerby summarised the situation regarding the **Exception Housing Scheme** and emails received from officers at the NNDC. The Parish Council's views had not changed and were primarily against the scheme as being in the wrong place and inappropriate for social housing due to the lack of facilities. Cllr Kershaw reported that he had seen objections particularly relating to flooding and transport and volunteered to follow up the understanding given to the Parish Council by the Developer that they had already received agreement for the scheme from Highways and Pre-Planning.

A resident commented that they were waiting for clarification about whether the scheme was progressing or not.

7. Correspondence

The Clerk summarised the correspondence received since the last meeting and brought to the meeting's attention the Update to Holt Hall – becoming an Asset of Community Value and NCC's 1 Million Trees for Norfolk Update (received since the close of the agenda).

There were no questions.

8. To discuss any Highways Matters

The Clerk will inform Highways of the flooding issues at the Heath Road end of Church Lane, and that the Fingerpost is still not replaced leading to the footpath off Church Path.

9. To Arrange a Litter Pick in the Village

The Chair advised the meeting that the Litter Pick should take place soon due to the vegetation beginning to grow and the weekend of 10th – 11th April was agreed. Clerk to let Cleansing know of the dates and locations for depositing of rubbish.

10. To note the re-introduction of the Printed Tablet

Not everyone in the Village has found the website or is able to access it, so a printed Tablet will be re-introduced as soon as possible. The Clerk has asked for any articles to be sent to her by the beginning of April.

11. Any Other Business – for information only

The Clerk informed the meeting that there would be a funeral taking place in the cemetery on 15th April at 12.00.

12. To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting is May 17th. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It is noted that this is the date of the next roadmap relaxation so the date and location will be confirmed at the end of April.

Dates for future meetings are September 6th and November 15th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman

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Date