



## THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:00pm in St Andrews's Church.**

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

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Cllr Yerby welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for wearing masks. Apologies were received from Cllr Aquerone (NCC).

### **2. Receive the Annual Report**

Cllr Yerby gave the Annual Report. There had been limitations on all activity due to Covid, but all required meetings had taken place, although those undertaken by Zoom had not been without technical issues.

The precept had been increased for the 2021-22 Financial Year as it had not been for some years and no longer funded what was in the Council's budget. Money was needed to pay the Clerk and for training. Money had been spent on tree-felling, grass cutting, the flagpole and the Village Sign. The increase amounted to approximately £6 per household per year.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the resident who had regularly produced a copy of the Tablet which could be viewed online during the pandemic, but it was now returning to its hard copy format so that all residents could receive it.

The website had been updated and now met the Accessibility criteria legislation.

There had been a problem with disease attacking the trees on the Green. One of them had needed to be taken down completely and it had been possible to remove the diseased parts of the second. The tree surgeon had recommended waiting before replanting in the same area.

The flagpole had been in use quite a lot over the year.

The grass cutting contract had come up for renewal. Three quotes had been requested but only 2 had been submitted and the most competitive was continuing with the current contractor.

The allotments had also begun a new 5-year contract with the pc and the landowner.

The latest information on Clarks Lane was that the drains had been rodded and were clear to a certain extent. Cllr Yerby will find out if anything has happened where the building works are underway. Cllr Plumbly informed the council that legally water must be allowed to flow. Cllr Cushing said that John Cushing will pipe the water when there is an outlet. This is an ongoing problem and has been for over 20 years.

The Spring litter pick had been very successful and all were thanked.

There was concern about the number of accidents at the Crawfish junction. The lines had been repainted. Highways had informed the Council that there were not enough houses to justify a lower speed limit. The main problem appeared to be speeding.

Cllr Yerby mentioned the Exception Housing Scheme and informed the meeting that there was no further information but that the developer was going to let the Council know later in the year what their next action would be. NNDC Cllr Kershaw informed the meeting that NNDC were not supporting the development.

**3. Receive Reports from other organisations represented**

There were no other organisations represented.

**4. Public Opportunity for Questions to Councillors**

No members of the public were present.

**5. Close Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

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