



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2022 starting at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church

Present: Cllr S. Yerby (Chair), Cllrs, K. Drake, S. Eckworth, G. Pointer, C. Ross, Parish Clerk – K. Harris.

There were 2 residents present.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were unanimously accepted for absence for Cllrs V Cushing and K Plumbly, and NNDC Cllr Kershaw and NCC Cllr Aquarone.

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

There were none.

3. To discuss and agree a response to planning application PF/22/0489 - Land South West of Brick Kiln Road, Thursford

The Chair asked the residents present if they had any views to express on the Planning Application for the Development on Brick Kiln Road, as this was the primary reason for the meeting.

A resident stated that he had viewed the documents in the planning application and there were changes to what had previously been suggested, but his views had not changed and he had submitted a written objection to the Planning Authority.

A second resident reminded the PC that they had 2 important tools to aid in their objection to the development: they had the opportunity to speak at the Planning Meeting for 3 minutes to give their views in person at the Planning Meeting (about 2½ pages of A4) and should appoint someone to do this because of the impact it has on the Planning Committee, and to send emails to members of the Planning Committee within 3 days of the meeting to remind them of the objections.

The Clerk will send a list of the Planning Committee members to the Parish Councillors.

Cllr Eckworth will put a flier through the door of all parishioners to ensure that they are aware that the plans have now been submitted to NNDC – the Clerk will prepare a draft flier tomorrow.

The Chair asked the Cllrs if they had changed their opinion regarding the development. All said they hadn't. A vote was held to confirm this: that the Parish Council objected to planning application PF/22/0489 - Land South West of Brick Kiln Road, Thursford.- Proposed Cllr Yerby, seconded Cllr Ross; all agreed. The following concerns were noted:

The development is in the countryside and is only allowed as an Exception site
Highways issues include the national speed limit at the entrance to site and on both sides of the development, and the narrowness of Brick Kiln Road
Ecological and environmental effect of the development

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Lack of mains drainage

Lighting issues

Height and design of the issues doesn't fit into the area

NNDC strategic housing have stated that they have withdrawn their support for the issue

The Clerk was asked to prepare a response to the Planning Application and to circulate it to the Cllrs and when agreed to submit it to the Planning portal.

Concern was also expressed about further development and it was noted that land opposite the Crawfish had now been cleared.

4. Open forum for Public Participation

A resident requested that thanks was recorded in the Tablet for the Litter Pick which had taken place in the parish over the weekend. It was noted that the amount of litter collected appears to be reducing.

Highways issues to be reported

Water leak in Gunthorpe Lane – risk of potential damage to cars

Concern about the amount of soil coming off the field next to the cemetery – this would affect visitors to the cemetery and funerals.

Heath Land and Church Lane – footpath is completely inaccessible

Methodist Chapel

A resident expressed concern that, as the Methodist Chapel was not being used much it might be sold. She requested that the PC register it as a Community Asset so that they would have first option to purchase it if it went on the market. This will be added to the agenda for the next full PC meeting

5. To note a grant application for publicity for the Parish and report by the SAV [St Andrew's Venue] Team

A resident informed the PC that this group had been formed to raise awareness of St. Andrews as a community venue and to fund raise for its costs.

Due to the community role of St Andrews, the Team are planning to apply for a grant for equipment from NNDC and look for support from the PC.

6. To receive an update on the repair of the noticeboard for Station Road

The Noticeboard in Station Road is now complete and in use. Parish Councillors gave a small gift to the resident who carried out the repair in thanks .

7. Any Other Business – for information only

Cllr Eckworth suggested that the next meeting should take place at the Methodist Chapel and the Cllrs agreed that both the Methodist Chapel and St Andrews Church could be used to host PC meetings.

Cllr Pointer informed the PC that the bin on the Green had been repaired

The Clerk was asked to investigate the costs for a dog poo bin and to add this to the next agenda.

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Cllr Yerby informed the meeting that he may be moving from the village.
Cllr Ross expressed thanks on behalf of the PC to Cllr Yerby for all his work as a Parish Councillor and as Chairman.

8. Close the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm

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Chairman

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Date