



## THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 7:00pm in Thursford Methodist Church**

**Present:** Cllr S. Eckworth (Chair), Cllrs, V. Cushing, K. Drake, K. Plumbly, G. Pointer, C. Ross, Parish Clerk – K. Harris, 5 Residents

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

Cllr Eckworth welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Cllr Eckworth gave the Annual Report.

I am giving the Chair's Report on the activities over the last year in the place of Chairman Steve Yerby who remained Chair throughout the 2021 – 2022 Council year. He stepped down from the Parish Council at the end of the last meeting as he was about to move from the Village. I would like to thank him for his years of service on the Council.

A Parish Council exists to serve the community in the villages for which they have a responsibility, and to support local organisations and to maintain local facilities.

This last year:

The Memorial Arch, which was started before covid, is now in position on the Village Green;

The Noticeboard in Station Road, which had no cover and was much dilapidated, has been repaired by a resident at no cost to the Parish Council and is now fully functioning and fit for purpose.

The work on St Andrew's Church to make it into a Community Hall for the village is now completed with the addition of a Disabled Toilet and a Kitchen. The path down to the church has also been renovated. The facility is now being used and the St Andrew's Venue Committee has been established to generate ideas for events.

We have reviewed a number of planning applications during the year and are continuing to monitor the Exception Housing Scheme proposed for land adjacent to Station Road. The Council have submitted a formal objection to the Plans and have met with Councillors from North Norfolk District Council to view the site. The Plans are now with the District Council.

I would like to thank all residents who have volunteered their time for the village over the past year – for specific activities mentioned above, but also for more regular activities, such as the annual litter pick and for delivering the printed copies of the Tablet.

I would also like to express thanks to all Councillors for their efforts over the previous year, particularly as covid added additional challenges to village life.

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

There were no other organisations represented.

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

A resident reported on the recurrence on Rave music that has intermittently been affecting his home and business over the last 3 years. This has been reported to police, but as the event is taking place on private property they are unable to help. The resident has contacted the Environment Protection Team at North Norfolk District Council and advises others who have been disturbed by noise from this property to do the same: a minimum of 3 complaints are required for them to take action. Direct Telephone number (office hours) is 01263 516400; Telephone number (Out of Hours) 01223 849782. The Landlord (Albanwise) is also going to contact the Tenant at the property. The Clerk will write to the Environmental Health Department at North Norfolk District Council informing them that the level of noise is affecting Thursford businesses and the mental health of residents. The 'phone numbers will be put into the next Tablet.

Concern was raised about speeding traffic along North Lane and some of the speed limit signs are obscured by hedging. The Clerk will contact Highways. Cllr Eckworth will speak to PC Dawson and request a visit from the Speed Camera team.

Queen's Canopy – donation of oak trees: 29 two-year-old oak trees grown and donated by a resident are to be available for collection at the Jubilee Street Party. The details will be displayed on the website and noticeboards in advance of the party.

Details were given about an application that has been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council to the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund for 3 A-Boards and chains and some Banners to advertise events at St Andrews for the Community.

Details were given of the dates the Union Jack would be flying over the jubilee week.

### **5. Close Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm