



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Yerby (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, K Drake, S Eckworth, K Plumbly, NNDC Cllr A Green (from 5), 2 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

There were apologies from Cllr Pointer (family) and Cllr Ross (family), which were accepted. NCC Cllr S Aquerone had also sent his apologies, together with a report.

2. Declarations of Interests and request for dispensations

Cllr Eckworth declared an interest in Item 7.1 (lives near the property).

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2019

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Eckworth the Minutes were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

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

7.1 Chairman advised there had been no noise from the Equestrian Centre.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Receive reports from NNDC Cllr Green and NCC Cllr Aquerone and Police if attending

5.1.1 NNDC Cllr Green advised of the 3.4% increase in District Council tax. Money was being spent on refurbishing public toilets.

5.1.2 NCC Cllr Aquerone's report was summarized by the Clerk. He had made enquiries to NNDC concerning election protocol. He had concerns about the County Council budget cuts to Adult and Children's Services.

5.2 An opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or concerns.

Two members of the public raised various concerns about the planning application Ref PF/19/1040.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Referring to the correspondence list:

6.1.1 The Clerk explained about the letter concerning the flying of light aircraft over properties in the Thursford Green area.

6.2 Receive correspondence since close of agenda.

6.2.1 NNDC Big Society Fund – next round deadline would be May 5th

6.2.2 NNDC Arts and Crafts Prospectus – applications by 28th June (maximum £2500)

7. To discuss any planning matters

7.1 Planning Application Ref PF/19/1040 Station Road

Councillors raised concerns about this proposal which was in the “open countryside” and considered that it breached the Core Policies detailed in the NNDC Local Plan and also in the National Planning Policy Framework of 2018. It was AGREED to raise unanimous objections to the plan for these reasons and request that the Enforcement Officer should investigate the destruction of the hedge adjacent to the open farmland.

7.2 Other planning matters. The Clerk advised about the dates of events for the new Local Plan and the consultation period.

8. Financial and Governance Matters

8.1 Financial Statement for the period 29th January – 26th March 2019

Payments: 19th Feb Cheque No 525 Community Heartbeat Trust Electrodes £45.60; 31st March Cheque No 526 Clerk Salary (Jan-March) £140.00; Cheque No 527 Clerk's expenses for 2018/19 £111.71; Cheque No 528 HMRC ITX (Jan-March) £35.00

Total in Bank on 25th March £8023.06

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Cushing the Financial Statement was accepted.

8.2 Update on Internal Auditor. Noted that the Internal Auditor would be examining the Council's books at the beginning of April.

8.3 BIG Society Grant – Thursford Assist (TA) had asked the Parish Council to submit an application for their project for the year 2019/20. This was **AGREED**.

9. Election 2nd May 2019

The Clerk advised that posters would be displayed on 26th March. There was District Council and Parish Council elections. The former was known as the Priory ward while the latter would only take place should there be more than seven applicants. The Clerk would be taking completed nomination forms in to the District Council on 29th March for checking. Currently there were 7 completed forms.

10. Consider WW1 Commemoration event

The Clerk had obtained a quotation for the archway. Cllr Plumbly would ask his Engineers to submit a quote. The bench might need to be replaced – the Clerk would make further enquiries and report back to the May meeting.

11. Feedback from Spring Litter Pick and Cemetery Working Party

11. 1 The Litter Pick had been well attended total of 19 bags of litter and 3 tyres collected. A considerable amount of the litter collected had come from McDonalds. Noted that there was as a bus sign near to the Village Green which was dirty. Clerk to ask NCC if this could be removed. Noted that the Public footpath sign on Church Lane was hidden by brambles and hedging. The farmer had been advised. Noted that some ash die back was showing on trees in Church Lane.

11.2 Cemetery Working Party – considered that more work might be needed in the Autumn. A letter had been received from a resident concerning the blocked downpipe on the Lychgate. This was not considered to be a cause for concern but the matter would be revisited. Three residents were thanked for their efforts in taking down the branch of the cherry tree which was rubbing against the lychgate.

12. To note date of next meeting and meeting dates for 2019

May13th (Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council); Sept 9th; Nov 11th (Budget meeting).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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