



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 at the Methodist Chapel

Present: Cllr J Bolam (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, N Jenkinson, Plumbly, Pointer, Ross and Cllr Yerby.

NNDC Cllr A Green

3 members of the public, Di Dann Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

There were no member apologies. NCC Cllr D Ramsbotham had sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors in any of the agenda items

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2016

Following a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Pointer the minutes were **AGREED** and they were signed by the Chairman.

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

4.1 Memorial Oak Tree. Cllr Ross confirmed that the tree had been planted by her family at Christmas.

4.2 Cemetery Road sign. There was no information on the reinstatement of the sign.

5. Close the meeting for Public Participation

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

A question was raised on whether or not the Church had made a submission regarding the Modification Application.

NNDC Cllr a Green advised that the Boundary Commission review had been completed and was open to a further consultation. Her ward could be changed.

Residents wished to thank the Parish Council for their efforts with the new road signs on either end of Brick Kiln Road.

6. Highway and Footpath matters

6.1 Update on the Modification Application. Members had received a copy of the e mail from NCC dated 4th January in which a more detailed response had been given relating to the accessibility, road maintenance and the progress of the application. It was not expected to have any further progress to report on the matter for several months. Cllr Yerby confirmed that the Diocese were expected to submit evidence regarding the track, and that they were known to have heavy involvement if access was denied.

6.2 Clarks Lane Drainage – report following meeting with Wm Moorfoot

The Chairman explained that a recent site meeting had taken place with Paul Bush Contracts Manager for William Moorfoot, Henry and Charlie Cushing, himself and the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk. A quotation had now been received for work in the lane Total £1125 (for a day of work). Cllr Cushing was able to report that Henry, having arranged and paid for similar work 10 years ago, would only be willing to supply a bowser. She would obtain clarification on ownership of the land. There was concern that the problem near the last property on the lane might require a new pipe to be installed.

The Chairman would speak to householders to see if they would be willing to contribute and also to advise of the disruption which could arise when the work was done. The Clerk was asked to contact NCC to see if a drain jet could be arranged as water was not able to escape from the fields down the drain in the Street.

6.3 Parish Partnership Grant – Thursford Green sign on Walsingham Road. The grant application had been submitted and a response should be received by the end of February.

6.4 Brick Kiln Road. It was noted that the “No Lorry” signs had been erected. Cllr Ramsbotham would be thanked for his efforts with this matter.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Members had received a correspondence list, which was noted

8. To discuss any planning matters

8.1 The correspondence list advised that the planning application for the Snoring Barn at Hindringham had been returned without objections.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Financial Statement for the period 15th November – 9th January 2017

The Parish Clerk advised that two payments had been made since the last meeting:
Cheque No 456 £15.43 Dated 1st December NNDC for the December Tablet;
Cheque No 457 £50.00 dated 15th December Methodist Chapel for use of the Chapel during 2016. Cheque No 458 ££120.00 dated 9th January 2017 Chris Rheinberg Associates for hosting the Parish website.

Total in Bank at 13th December 2016 £9824.84. The Financial Statement was **APPROVED**, following a proposal by Cllr Ross.

9.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor. Members **AGREED** to the proposal made by the Chairman that Stella Andrew should be asked to be the Council's Internal Auditor for the fee of £40.

10. Update on St Andrews Re-development project.

Cllr Yerby advised that there had been a meeting with the Church Architect. His help would be needed in applying for the faculty needed for the servery, toilet and also glazing improvements in the Church. £16,000 had been raised for the project. The Church metal gates had recently been stolen. He had obtained a price for replacement. The idea of the banner advertising church services would not now be progressed. The Friends of St Andrews had organized a very successful Italian Evening at Hindringham Village Hall which has raised enough money to pay for the annual maintenance of the church. A full programme of concerts had been arranged for 2017. This would include the Sam Smith singers, Marham Military Wives Choir, The Purcell School, Double Octave and the Samphires.

11. To note the date of the next meeting

The Parish Council would arrange a litter pick in March and also a Working Party in the cemetery

The Clerk was asked to include in the next Tablet the problem of dog poo disposal on Heath Lane

Monday 27th Mar; 15th May; 4th Sept; 13th Nov

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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Chairman

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