



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S. Eckworth (Vice Chair), Cllrs K Drake, G Pointer, C Ross. NNDC Cllr Kershaw, 2 members of the public, Parish Clerk. – K Harris

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Yerby, Plumbly and Cushing. NCC Cllr Aquerone had sent a report

2. Declarations of interest, requests for dispensations by Councillors

There were none

3. Receive reports from NNDC Cllr Kershaw, NCC Cllr Aquerone and Police if attending

Cllr Kershaw reported on the NNDC Tree Planting scheme in conjunction with the Woodlands Trust, aiming to plant 110 000 trees – the same number as the population of North Norfolk.; the rolling out of electric charging points, to be charged at 30p per k/watt and reported on the North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum. He is on the Development Committee and invited the PC to get in touch if they wanted to discuss anything. Cllr Aquerone sent a report, attached. The Police did not attend.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2020 be approved
On a proposal by Cllr Ross, seconded by Cllr Drake these were agreed and signed by the Vice Chair.

5. Matters arising on the Minutes (for information only), not included on the agenda:
The Clerk reported that the Fingerpost had been reported and would be replaced in due course.

6. Public Participation

6.1 A resident expressed her concern about dog waste being placed in the litter bin on the Green. The bin is emptied by a resident and she requested permission to put a sign on the bin asking people to take their dog waste home and put it in their household bin. This was agreed.

6.2. A resident informed the PC that Clarks Lane is now impassable. The ditch needs to be dug out at the top and a drainage track needs to be put in. The Clerk will investigate what was done a couple of years ago to resolve the issue. The flooding is impacting on other residents and the ditch needs to be cleared regularly.

7. Correspondence

7.1 The Tree Planting scheme was described by Cllr Kershaw (above). Cllr Eckworth volunteered to write an article for the Tablet.

7.2. The Parish Council agreed to support the Biennial Farmers Meeting, if needed, to a maximum limit of £50.

7.3. A resident mentioned that a Vintage Tea had been prepared for the Queen's Jubilee and the Cllrs agreed that this would be appropriate to commemorate VE Day. An article will be written for the Tablet and a separate committee will meet to discuss the details. Cllr Yerby

had suggested an event on the Green. The Tablet will also invite residents to contact the PC with suggestions and if they would like a Bonfire to commemorate VE Day. Commemoration of VJ Day and the Battle of Britain will be discussed at a forthcoming PC meeting. The Clerk will meet with Mr. Jenkinson who holds the village Archive to see if there is any information to pass onto NNDC that would be useful for their map to commemorate the 2nd WW.

7.4 Correspondence since the close of the Agenda:

Plug-n-go: the PC have no public car parks where an electric vehicle charging station could be installed;

The Clerk will respond to Wells Community Hospital: there are no regular clubs that could provide a short forum for feedback, but a concern from Cllr Ross was the lack of respite care in the area and this would be fed back.

North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum: The Clerk attended and reported back: This is to be an enabling forum to encourage sharing of information and issues between parish, town councils and NNDC. Areas currently under review are parking, dog wardens and planning. The PC was asked to pass a resolution saying that they want to be part of the Forum and to accept the terms of reference: This was proposed by Cllr Drake and seconded by Cllr Ross. The date of the next meeting is 23rd April, 10.30am

8. Highways

Cllr Eckworth reported on the Highways visit regarding the junctions on the A148 near the Crawfish: NCC Highways have agreed to repaint the lines. There have not been enough incidents at the junction to warrant reducing the speed limit and the cost of flashing speed limit signs is currently too expensive for the PC to consider, in addition to which, as the signs don't have planning permission they have to be moved regularly so would not always be located at the junction.

There was concern that the light from the Crawfish at the junction was too bright and might be a distraction to motorists.

9. Dog Fouling

Covered under item 6.1. No further action is considered at this stage, but dog fouling will be kept under review.

10. Police Meeting in Hindolveston

Cllr Eckworth attended the meeting – all parishes were represented and it was useful to understand the role of the police in the local community. The biggest issue brought out by the parish representatives was that of police visibility. The police are interested in finding out about village issues and were interested in Thursford Assist – Cllr Eckworth will respond. Cllr Eckworth reported that it was a very positive meeting and she will send a report to the PC in due course

11. To discuss any planning matters

Primrose Pyghtle – The improvements were welcomed

S15A – Albanwise – was noted

12. Flagpole

The base is now prepared in the Green. Cllr Eckworth thanked all those who helped. Once the pole is in situ, the pulley system will be tested. A Union Flag was purchased with the Flagpole.

A resident had offered to fly the flag at appropriate times, and dates agreed by council, and to make a village flag - the design linking to the new village sign. The council thanked the resident and agreed the design.

13. Financial and Governance matters

13.1 Financial Statement for the period 14th October – 14th January 2020: Payments: cheque nos: 546, 547 and 548 replaced cheque nos. 542, 540 and 538 which were either lost or damaged. 549 (Hall hire) £60, 550 (Green tubs) £18.49, 551 (Election fees) £35, 552 (Thursford Assist.) £154.54, 553 (Tablet) £15.54, 554 (web hosting) £120, 555 (Arch) £360, DD to ICO £35.

Bank at 15th January £278.87, NSI Account £7,224.13

13.2 The Chair had been consulted regarding the low balance in the Bank Account in between meetings and the meeting was informed that the process of transferring £1,000 from reserves to the current account was in progress. Agreed by all present.

13.3 Cllr Pointer had passed the mandate for change of bank statement address to Cllr Plumbly.
It was agreed to add Cllr Drake as a signatory – proposed Cllr Eckworth, seconded Cllr Pointer.

14. Items for Inclusion in the Thursford Tablet

The next Tablet will be produced at the beginning of March. Items to include: Ladies night, Men’s night; Tree Planting deadline, Vintage Tea, Dog fouling, Flagpole

15. Any Other Business

Open Gardens: The previous Open Gardens took place in 2016. It was organized by Cllr Yerby – Cllr Eckworth will speak to him regarding the details. It would raise money for the village.

Litter Pick – Date agreed is 1st March. The Clerk to put posters up in the village and for it to go on the website.

Tidying Public cemetery
To be considered at the next meeting.

15. To note the date of the next meeting

March 30th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

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Chairman

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Date