



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Yerby (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, K Drake, S Eckworth, K Plumbly
5 members of the public, Parish Clerk

Graham Connolly and Anna Clarke, Community-Led Housing Team, NNDC

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ross (away).

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

Cllr Yerby declared an interest in Item 10 and 11. He advised that he would leave the meeting for Item 10. Cllr Cushing declared an interest in Item 6 as her family was the landowner in this possible project.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2018

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

4.1 Bollards in Balls Lane. The Clerk advised that this work had been satisfactorily completed.

5. Receive and consider results and report from the Community-Led Housing Consultation

(refer attached report – Appendix 1)

A timeline of actions was presented and questions answered. The Chairman thanked the Team for their involvement. The Clerk and Cllr Eckworth would be attending the forthcoming event at Trimmingham to discuss similar projects in the region.

6. Public Participation

The owner of “Linden” advised that he intended demolishing the property and submitting a plan to replace the existing sub-standard dwelling. The new dwelling

would be in keeping with the village. He had encountered delays in various aspects of the project. He was thanked by the Chairman for the update.

A Director from the Thursford Collection advised the detail and objectives of the project (to be known as ICE) which could be completed by the Spring of 2020.

7. Project “Thursford Assist” (TA) – receive an update

The Parish Clerk advised, on behalf of Cllr Pointer, that the project preparation (publicity, data protection, risk assessments and visiting formalities) had been completed and had been launched on 1st July, with volunteers visiting residents and advising them of the service. A “Trusted Traders” List and fridge magnets and flyers with details of the service would be given. The service was aimed to provide short term support to those in need – arising from isolation, ill health or just new to the village.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Refer attached correspondence list. Items were noted.

8.2 Receive correspondence since close of agenda. The Clerk advised that the following had been received:

8.2.1 Highways Rangers. The Highway Rangers would be visiting within the next 3 months and it would be useful to have reports of any highway matters. This was noted.

8.2.2 Training event for new Councillors. There was a two evening Induction Training Event at Aylsham in October, Cllr Eckworth and Drake would consider attending. Cost for the Council to be advised.

8.2.3 North Norfolk Local Plan. A revised Local Plan timeline had been issued with advice that a new draft plan would be available in early 2019.

8.2.4 Parishioner comments on the Community Housing Project. This was noted and a copy forwarded the Housing Enabler.

8.2.5 North Norfolk Local Plan: A new study relating to green spaces would result in a revised policy for the protection of such areas, to be included in the new local plan

8.2.6 NCC Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review. Noted that the consultation period on the Statement of Community Involvement would run from 29th June to 13th August.

9. To discuss any planning matters

9.1 Planning Application Ref 18/0867 18 Station Road Demolition of garage and changes to fenestrations. There were no objections.

9.2 Note correspondence concerning the Potato Plant on the Melton Road. The Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that full reasoning for use of this site would have to be given in a planning application. This should be submitted within 28 days (from 4th June), and was awaited.

9.2 Any other planning matters – The project at the Museum. The Chairman thanked the Director for the hospitality at the recent event which was arranged to explain the project proposals. The planning application was likely to be received at the end of July. This could require a special parish council meeting.

10. Financial and Governance Matters

10.1 Financial Statement for the period 15th May 2018 – 2nd July 2018

The Clerk advised that there had been 2 receipts. NCC Cllr Aquerone had given a grant of £113.75 towards the BT refurbishment project. A £5 donation had been received for an advert in the Tablet. The Clerk advised the following payments: Cheque No 502 D Dann Refund for Paint purchased as agreed at May meeting £69.83; Cheque No 503 D Dann Quarterly salary £140.00; Cheque No 504 HMRC Quarterly ITX payment £35; Cheque No 505 D Dann reimbursement of expenses (April – June) £69.83; Cheque No 506 St Andrews PCC Contribution towards Church project £1093.43; cheque No 507 C Rheinberg Replacement cheque for that issued in December £120.00; In respect of the stationery expenses incurred for the TA project a reimbursement of £129.88 was agreed for C Rheinberg (Cheque No 508); Cheque No 509 £ SLCC Enterprises Training Course for Clerk £45.00. In respect of the Church Project on a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Eckworth it was **AGREED** to make a contribution which equated to half of the insurance costs for the year. The Bank Balance was noted at 14th May £2550.68. On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Eckworth the Financial Statement was **AGREED**

11. Update on St Andrews Re-development project

Cllr Yerby advised that costs were awaited for various aspects of the project, prior to going out for grants. The Purcell School of Music Concert had been a great success and the School had advised that they would be attending in 2019 and a sponsorship had been obtained for that event. A Picnic Concert would be held on 14th July.

12. To agree the date of the next meeting

This was noted as Monday 3rd September, 12th November 2018. An earlier meeting may be necessary for the planning application expected from the Thursford Collection. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Minutes are draft until agreed at meeting following

Appendix 1

Summary of Report from the Community Led Housing Team (Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2018)

Graham Connolly summarized the timeline of events to date. This has started with a visit by himself to a Parish Council Meeting in September 2017 to explain the scheme and its purpose. In November 2017 a suitable site was identified, pre-planning advice obtained indicating its possibility. In January – March 2018 the site was discussed with the relevant parties. In April 2018 Broadland Housing had an informal meeting with the land owners, and this was ongoing. Broadland were keen to see the road side developed, whereas the landowner wanted the site within the field. A consultation with the community took place at the beginning of June of which 11 people supported the project and 11 ticked the community-led box. The responses had been subject to certain additional requirements which included the need for adequate infrastructure, a bus service and a request to see the “pit” included within the scheme as an open space area. Indicative plans were now awaited.

Questions:

Why Broadland. Victory were not Community-Led. Broadland example was at Barney

Size of Development. Smallest scheme was 6 where 1 property was sold on the open market.

Possible objections from the new residents of this site concerning the Thursford Collection activities. Noted.

What was a Community-Led Housing Scheme? This was a project owned and managed by the community – there were different models and the project could be primarily managed by the Housing Association. Income for the community was a possibility. Communities can bid for money. There had been a recent announcement by government of further funding for such projects.

Lettings Policy. This would ensure the homes were for people with Thursford connection.

Alternative site. Meeting considered there were none.

Next stage:

NNDC planned to call a meeting to evaluate the interest in the Community-Led Trust.