

## THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr S Yerby (Chairman) to Item 12.2, Cllrs G Pointer, and C Ross. Cllr Eckworth from Item 5.

NCC Cllr S Aquerone (to Item 7), NNDC Cllr A Green

1 member of the public (to Item 5), Di Dann Parish Clerk.

#### 1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted by Cllr Plumbly (work).

#### 2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors and dispensations requests

Cllr Yerby advised his interest in the St Andrews project Item 11. Members were happy that he could take part in discussion on the matter.

#### 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to be approved

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

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

Item 7.2.3 (Jan 2018) Information was awaited from NCC, the Parish Council having asked that North Lane should be gritted. Cllr Aquerone was supportive.

Item 6 (Jan 2018) Further information was awaited from the landowner.

Item 7.1.2 (Dec 2017) Linden Cllr Green would pursue the matter with Mr Abe.

#### 5. Co-Option of Councillor - Clerk to advise procedure

It was noted that no election had been called and a co-option vacancy had been advertised. Sherri Eckworth had expressed an interest and on a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Ross it was **AGREED** that she should be co-opted.

#### 6. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Co-opted Councillor

Cllr Eckworth signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was asked by the Clerk to complete the Interests Form within 28 days.

## **7. Close the meeting for Public Participation**

### 7.1 Receive reports

7.1.1 NNDC. Cllr Green advised that NNDC had raised their council tax by 3.4%.

7.1.2 Cllr Aquerone would look into the matter of the blocked drain in the Street.

The Chairman asked if he could consider funding the refurbishment of the BT box approximate cost £100 This would be paid for through his "Slush Fund" The Clerk would advise actual costs to Cllr Aquerone, who was thanked. The NCC Budget had been impacted by the reduction on Government grant of £100,000,000 by 2021. The proposed cut of £500,000 to bus subsidies had been postponed and a £400,0000 cut on the gritting budget had been stopped.

7.1.3 There was no police attending.

7.2 Receive Public Participation. There was none.

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1 The resignation of Nigel Jenkinson was noted. The Clerk advised that the vacancy had been advertised and if no request was made for an election, a further co-option could take place at the May meeting. Cllr Green expressed an interest in being co-opted.

8.2 Receive correspondence since close of agenda. There was none other than the planning application for Thursford Old Hall.

## **9. To discuss and agree any planning matters**

9.1 Ref PF/18/0443 The Old Hall, Church Lane, Thursford. Tennis Court and fencing. There were no objections.

## **10. To receive a report on the "In good company" NCC event on 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

The Clerk reported the proposed Village Support Group to help and advise as required in the village. This idea had arisen following the attendance by Nigel Jenkinson and Chris Rheinberg at a meeting held in Norwich, hosted by NCC. It was agreed to support the proposal through a Committee of the Parish Council and Cllr Pointer was happy to be part of that. The Clerk would make enquiries to see if the Parish Council's insurance would cover the Committee. Risk assessments would need to be done, and the project would need to be managed.

**11. Update on St Andrews Re-development project**

The Chairman advised that a soil test was being undertaken to assess drainage requirements, ahead of the next phase of refurbishment work. Estimated cost of work for this final phase was £80,000. The concert held on Saturday had been a great success with £640 being raised for the works in the church.

**12. Receive any items for the Thursford Tablet (April edition)**

Clerk to include information given by Police concerning burglaries.

**13. Financial and Governance Matters**

13.1 Financial Statement for the period 30<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (attached)

The Clerk advised that the following payment had taken place; 9<sup>th</sup> March Cheque No 490 £31.93 NNDC Printing February Tablet and inserts

26<sup>th</sup> March Cheque No 491 £39.60 for electrodes for the Defibrillator; No 492 £140.00 Clerk’s salary (Jan – March); No 493 £35.00 HMRC ITX (Jan-March); No 494 £52.85 Clerk’s expenses for the year (Mileage and photocopying); No 495 £24.58 Clerks stationery expenses for the year

In Community Account at 14<sup>th</sup> March at 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 £1216.16; In NSI Account £7172.12 Total in Bank £8388.28.

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Ross the Financial Statement was **APPROVED**.

13.3 Members agreed to Pointer taking Cllr Jenkinson’s place as a cheque signatory.

13.2 The Clerk as DPO, advised that the website had been updated to include DP information. Members signed the Privacy Statement. The Clerk advised that an Information Audit was being compiled.

**14. Next meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018** (Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting). Dates for meetings in 2018: Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

