



## THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

**Attending:** Cllr Bolam (Chairman), Cllrs Jenkinson, Plumbly, Pointer, Ross and Yerby. NNDC Cllr A Green, 1 member of the public  
 Parish Clerk

#### 1. Welcome and to consider apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Cushing (illness) which were accepted, and NCC Cllr S Aquerone.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors

There were none.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Yerby the minutes were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

#### 4. Receive the Chairman's Report for 2016/17

The Chairman advised the following:

##### **Defibrillator**

A report had been given by Karen Drake on the Defibrillator. A new battery, pads and an electrical inspection would need to take place within a year. It was **AGREED** to arrange further Defibrillator training sessions in the parish. The Parish Clerk would approach First Communities Responders or St John.

##### **Transparency Grant**

The Parish Council had received a grant from the DCLG Transparency Fund of £620. It had now bought a laptop, and the grant had also funded uploading to the website of transparency information.

##### **Application for Modification of the Definitive Footpath Map**

The Parish Council had obtained evidence forms for a modification of the Definitive Footpath Map and a request had been submitted to NCC. A report would be written by the Community and Environmental Services Case Officer and then forwarded to the Chief Legal Officer. It was expected to take many more months.

### **Church Events**

The Parish Council had supported various events, including Open Gardens

#### **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

A Royal Tea had been arranged by the Clerk and Steph Jenkinson. Over thirty people had attended from across the generations. A Beacon Bonfire event had been arranged by the Allotment Committee, with Nigel making an impressive bonfire.

#### **Clarks Lane**

He had met Wm Moorfoot's Engineer on site with local landowners to discuss the possibilities for drainage improvements. A decision had been made not to progress any improvements. It was noted that the lane had recently been levelled.

#### **NCC Highways**

The Parish Council had secured a Parish Partnership 50% grant for Thursford Green sign on North Lane. It had also secured a similar grant for a sign to be installed on the Walsingham Road.

#### **Litter Picks**

Two litter picks had taken place in October and March. Both had been well supported events.

#### **Brick Kiln Road**

The Parish Council had encouraged NCC Highways to make improvements to the signage either end of this road.

#### **Tablets**

Four, quarterly Tablets had been printed and had been delivered by volunteers in the village.

#### **Cemetery**

A very successful working party had taken place in early March and a great deal of the growth in brambles and shrub had been removed. Further work would be needed.

## **4. Parish Council Accounts for the y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The Clerk summarised the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. These would be signed off at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## **5. Receive other Reports**

### **5.1 District and County Councillor if attending**

Cllr Green advised that NNDC would be rebuilding the Splash at Sheringham

Members were sorry to learn that David Ramsbotham had not been re-elected and a letter of thanks would be sent.

### **5.2 Other Reports**

5.2.1 Parish Fuel Charity. It was noted that the Charity had donated £1228.50 in cash donations and £546 in coal purchases. Bank Balance at 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was £1344.87

5.2.2 Allotment Committee The Allotment plots were all taken up, but room could always be found for a further allotment holder. The bank balance carried forward at

1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 had been £189.84. The balance on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was £194.84 A second hand mower had been purchased during the year. Donations had been given from allotment holders for this.

### 5.2.3 St Andrews Church project

Cllr Yerby advised that the PCC was responsible for services in the church and the general management of the building. Chris Rheinberg, Bill Carter, himself and his wife and Rev James Muggleton were on the PCC. The PCC had to give £1800 per annum to the Diocesan House. In the year 2016 income for the Church had been £4055 with expenses at £4025. There was a separate Fabric Fund which benefited from the efforts of the Friends. It was hoped to raise £1700 from events in the Church during this year. A faculty was currently awaited for improvements in the Church to include the kitchen installation, toilet installation in the vestry, repairs to the windows in the south side of the church and moving the medieval window in the vestry into the chapel.

## 6. Public Opportunity for Questions to Councillors

There were no questions

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date