



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2016 at the Methodist Chapel

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

NCC Cllr D Ramsbotham, NDC Cllr A Green

5 members of the public, Di Dann Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

There were no apologies.

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

The Chairman declared an interest in Item 8.1.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2016

Cllr Yerby advised that the Open Gardens event had raised £2500. It was **AGREED** to amend this in the Minutes. Following a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Yerby the minutes were **AGREED** and they were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising on the Minutes, detailed on the agenda

4.1 Memorial Oak Tree. It was **AGREED** that the Ross family could plant the oak tree to the left-hand side of the cemetery adjacent to the cherry tree. Cllr Ross advised that the tree would be planted by her son.

4.2 Village Green banner advertising Church services. It was **AGREED** to support the idea to have a banner on the Green for the Church Services.

4.3 Litter Pick and Allotment Bonfire event. The Litter Pick was unfortunately held on a very wet morning. Chairman had kindly provided bacon rolls. Several bags of rubbish had been collected by the end of the day with the weather improving. The Allotment Bonfire had been a most successful event held at the end of October.

5. Close the meeting for Public Participation

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

NCC Cllr D Ramsbotham. Cllr Ramsbotham, advised that the enquiry into the Kings Lynn incinerator and the £35 million compensation had on a vote of 31:36 been

terminated. The deadline for the Parish Partnership funding was 16th December. He wanted to know of problems which were still outstanding from the Dudgeon application. New wind farms were being developed in the North Sea but were coming on shore further to the east. In respect of devolution NCC councilors were debating the matter on Monday. It was noted that NNDC did not want this.

NNDC Cllr Green advised of the internal problems with the CEO, Finance Officer and the HR Manager all leaving NNDC to go to work for Gt Yarmouth Borough Council.

Residents of Brick Kiln Road – 5 accidents along the road had prompted a call to Highways asking if a 30 mph speed limit could be placed on the road.

Residents of Brick Kiln Road – asked if blue badge holders could be given permission to use the Church Track. Clerk to advise NCC.

Resident of Balls Lane – wished to complete an evidence form for use of the Church Track by MPV's during 2001 – 06.

6. Highway and Footpath matters

6.1 Update on the Modification Application. The Chairman read the e mail received from NCC Footpath officer dated 2nd November in which it advised that research and a site visit would be the next stage of the process. He said it was unlikely that anything further would be heard for a year. Cllr Yerby advised that the Diocesan would be responding to NCC concerning the Modification Application. The Clerk explained that NCC had advised that insufficient evidence had been received concerning the use of the track by MPV's (calculated against numbers walking down the track of cycling 2001-06), therefore the Modification Order would not include MPV usage.

6.2 Clarks Lane Drainage. The Chairman advised that a meeting on 5th January at 2.30 p.m. had been arranged with Wm Moorfoot Ltd. Their engineer, Paul Bush and the landowners and himself would meet on site to discuss Moorfoot's proposal for the reduction of water in the Lane. The invitation to the meeting was extended to Henry Cushing.

6.3 Parish Partnership Grant – Thursford Green sign on Walsingham Road. It was noted that NCC had advised that this would be the same cost as the sign in North Lane. On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Jenkinson it was **AGREED** to include £250 in the budget for the sign and the Clerk was asked to apply for a Parish Partnership 50% grant for the sign.

6.4 Note Clarks Lane/North Lane Road Closure 15th November. It was noted that there was a 2 day road closure for works by BT (installing an underground structure). This was thought to be works requested by the Museum for Broadband, although Superfast was not programmed in Thursford until 2018.

6.5 NNDC refusal to reinstate Cemetery Road sign as there are no houses. Cllr Green would ask NNDC if they could install a new sign on the Hindringham end of the road. The old road name sign had been knocked down.

6.6 Brick Kiln Road. It was **AGREED** to write to NCC Highway to ask if a 30 mph limit could be imposed on the road.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Refer attached correspondence list

7.2 Correspondence received since the agenda had closed:

7.2.2 Report from the PCSO. Noted that there had been four calls – 1 Highway obstruction; 3 for Road Traffic Accidents on the A148

7.3 The Clerk advised of her meeting (with other Executive Committee members of the North Norfolk Parish and Town Council Forum) with Norman Lamb MP to discuss the allocations of funds from Second Homes Council Tax. A reply from the CEO of NCC advised that NCC was retaining the money for their own use in projects not connected with North Norfolk while NNDC had advised that they had allocated only 17.4% of their income from Second Homes to community projects. The rest was being put into their own reserve funds.

8. To discuss any planning matters

8.1 Refer attached correspondence list

8.2 Items received since the close of the Correspondence list:

Planning permission for Ref PF/16/0971 Holly Lodge, 1 The Street for Mr J Bolam.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Financial Statement for the period 6th September – 14th November 2016

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Cushing the following payments were **AGREED**:

26th Sept Cheque No 451 £15.43 NNDC for the September Tablet; 14th Nov Cheque No 452 S Jenkinson Plants for the Village Green 12.98; Cheque No 453 ICO Annual Renewal £35.00; Dated 31st Dec D Dann Salary for quarter Oct-Dec £132.10; HMRC ITX for quarter Oct-Dec £32.40.

Receipts were noted £100.00 Interment of Ashes for the Late Frank Oglesby and £100 Re-inscription of memorial (non parishioner) Balance in the bank at 13th October £9835.32

Cllr Jenkinson asked if he could purchase stump killer for a tree in the cemetery This was **AGREED**.

9.2 Budget for the Financial Year 2017/18 (refer attached)

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Pointer the BUDGET as presented was **AGREED** subject to the increase in the Clerk's salary to £800 p.a. On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Plumbly the PRECEPT was **AGREED** at £3000 per annum.

The Clerk explained that a recent interment of ashes and re-inscription of a memorial needed to be included on the Cemetery Fees List. This was **AGREED** at £50 each, double for non parishioners.

9.3 Review of governance documents. The Clerk had reviewed the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. There was a **PROPOSAL** to include that parishioners could not request letters to be read out. Letters were now be on the Council's website.

On a **PROPOSAL** by The Chairman the amendments as presented were **ADOPTED**.

10. Items for inclusion in the December Thursford Tablet (going to print end of November)

Cllr Yerby advised that there was to be a Carol Concert in the Church on 8th December with mince pies and mulled wine and Double Octave. There would be a Christmas Day Service at 11.00 He would be going to see the Church Architect to enable a faculty application to be submitted for drainage work and for the installation of a server and toilet. An Italian evening was planned in January 2017.

11. To note the date of the next meeting

9th Jan 2017; 27th Mar; 15th May; 4th Sept; 13th Nov

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

