

THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Bolam (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, N Jenkinson, K Plumbly, G Pointer, C Ross and Cllr Yerby.

NCC Cllr S Aquerone (to item 6) NNDC Cllr A Green (to item 7)

1 member 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 and requests for dispensations by Councillors

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2017 to be approved

Cllr Cushing asked that her name should be included as attending the meeting. This was

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

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

It was noted that the Defibrillator re-training event had taken place.

Works to clear the debris from the kerb sides would be progressed by NCC.

5. Close the meeting for Public Participation

Receive reports from NNDC Cllr Green and NCC Cllr Aquerone and Police if attending *An opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or concerns*

NNDC Cllr A Green. Cllr Green advised that the Highfield Road Car Park would be re-developed. Part of the site would be for flats with car parking and there would also be a public parking area which would become a paying car park. NNDC would retain ownership and management of the site. Cllr Green had now joined the Independent Conservative Party at NNDC. There were 7 members. There had been a complaint regarding the activities of the Thursford Collection. She considered that the site was well managed. This was agreed.

NCC Cllr S Aquerone. Cllr Aquerone advised that he had 22 parishes and he was trying to raise an effective voice for people living in his division. NCC was responsible for many

things, including Childrens' Services and Adult Social Care. The Council meets every so often. Adult Care had seen more cuts than necessary and services now only reached the legal minimum requirement. Central Government intended cutting funding to NCC completely by 2022. This required £100 million reduction in spending per year. NCC were investing in property development to help with funding constraints.

Mobile Libraries could face £200,000 of cuts. The next meeting of the council would finalise the Budgets. NCC would be commissioning a survey for the mobile phone "not spots".

Council buildings and churches would be used for small cell stations. It was hoped to have full broadband by Mid 2018. He would confirm that this date was still on target.

6. Community Housing Fund – to review the presentation made at the September meeting

It was **AGREED** to arrange a working party in the New Year to be made up of Mr Connolly, Housing Enabler from NNDC, the Chairman and Clerk and Cllr Cushing. There could possibly be an opportunity to develop further along North Lane.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Refer attached correspondence list

7.1.1 Definitive Footpath Map. Noted that the Order had now been confirmed and a notice of confirmation would be advertised in the Eastern Daily Press on 17th November.

7.1.2 "Linden" The Street. An e mail had been received from the Enforcement Team Leader Mr W Abe to advise that he had intended to put the matter of the empty property in front of the Council's Enforcement Board but this had not been possible. He would now seek a decision from the Head of Paid Services and would advise the Parish Council of the progress made by next week.

7.2 Receive correspondence since close of agenda. There was none.

8. To discuss any planning matters

8.1 Planning Application Ref 17/1138 at 22 Station Road, Change of use from storage building to self contained holiday accommodation. (Revision of application regarding the position of the entrance to the site)

It was **AGREED** to raise no objections to this revised application. The Highways Engineer was supporting this revised application. There had been a request to replant trees near to the main road to replace those to be lost at the new entrance area planned.

8.2 Any other planning matters

It was noted that NNDC were no longer sending planning notices to Clerks. Planning notices were still being put onto planning sites and they were also advertised on the planning portal.

9. Financial and Governance Matters

9.1 On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Cushing the Financial Statement for the period 5th September 2017 – 13th November 2017 was **AGREED**.

Receipts NNDC £1500 Precept for the second half of the year, parish grant £44

Payments 18th September Cheque No 478 NNDC September Tablet £15.43; 13th Nov Cheque No 479 Mazars LLP £35.00 External Audit fee; Cheque No 480 Steph Jenkinson Autumn Tub Planting £9.00; Cheque No 481 ICO Registration renewal £35.00; 31st December Cheque No 482 D Dann Clerk salary (Oct – Dec) £140.00; Cheque No 483 HMRC ITX payment (Oct – Dec) £35.00

Bank Reconciliaton at 30th September 2017 Community Account £2560.45 NSI Account £7138.48 Total £9698.93

9.2 Agree budget and set precept for 2018/19 (attached). On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Plumbly the budget as presented was **AGREED** and the precept requested would be £3500.

9.3 Agree terms in new Grounds Contract (April 2018 – 21)

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Yerby it was **AGREED** to request 8 cuts on each site (Cemetery; Church yard and Church car park).

10. Update on St Andrews Re-development project

Cllr Yerby advised that it was hoped to have the faculty at the beginning of December. Existing funds were £16,000 sufficient for the drainage and servery. This would cover all works to be done in the church – installation of servery; installation of drainage for the servery and toilet; installation of a fully accessible toilet in the now vestry; building a new vestry; creating disability access; moving the Elizabethan glass window into the chancel. The PCC intended to apply for grants for the works other than the kitchen. The Architect would be forwarding quotes for individuals works. Water would come from the water tank at the top of the Church Track. There was a Choral Evensong this Sunday with the Recheldis Singers. Double Octave would be returning for a Carol Concert on 7th December. There would be a Christmas Day Service at 11.00 a.m. There would be a Curry Night on 6th January. 25th February there would be a Snowdrop Walk in Parris Lane – thank to the Cushings. Dogs welcome too!

11. Items for inclusion in December Thursford Tablet

Cllr Jenkinson would forward a report from the Fuel Allotment Trustees.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as January 29th 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date