



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Yerby (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, K Drake, S Eckworth, K Plumbly, G Pointer, C Ross. 2 members of the public, Retiring Parish Clerk., New Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from NNDC Cllr Kershaw who had sent a report. NCC Cllr Aquerone had sent apologies at the September meeting for the remainder of 2019.

2. Declarations of interest, requests for dispensations by Councillors

Cllr Yerby wanted it noted that he is Church Warden as the Budget is to be discussed later in the meeting (Item 10.2)

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2019 be approved
On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Drake, seconded by Cllr Pointer these were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman

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

4.1 Cllr Drake had been informed by two parishioners that the sign had been reinstalled the opposite way round to that shown in historic photographs. The PC decided that this was not a material change.

4.2 Cllr Yerby has contacted Steve White, Highways Officer and a meeting has been arranged for 10am on 19th November at Station Road to discuss mitigation of the dangers at the junctions. Mr. Wright has informed Cllr Yerby that there are currently no funds available.

5. Public Participation

6.1 NNDC Cllr Kershaw sent the following report as he had four meetings booked for the evening: Apologies sent if I can't make it.

The Council's Corporate plan has passed Overview & Scrutiny and will pass before Full Council this month. If successful it will be communicated to Parish Councils and copies will be on the Council website and copies will also be put in public buildings.

There has been a very positive response to the Climate Forum and Greenbuild event from an environmental point of view and we are working towards involving communities to help with the programmes. More details to follow.

Consultations regarding new division boundaries for the County: more details they can be found at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18494>
Consultation closes on December 2nd.

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DRAFT until AGREED at following meeting.

6.2 The retiring Clerk informed the meeting that an email had been received from NNDC Accountancy requesting that the PC establish a fund to pay for the 2020/21 police and crime commissioner election in 2021, however this should remain the responsibility of the District Council. The Clerk will inform NNDC of this decision.

Postscript – a message from the NNDC Accountancy Team on 12.11.19 stated that parishes will not be charged for any election, other than the four yearly or a by-election.

7. Receive an Update on the Village Arch project.

The Arch is finished and a time needs to be arranged for it to be erected. Cllr Plumbly to liaise with the PC regarding an appropriate time.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A correspondence list has been circulated and noted. A discussion took place regarding the request for a donation to the CAB. The PC agreed that the organization was not sufficiently local for a donation to be given but decided to put information in the Tablet if residents would like to make a donation themselves.

8.2 The Wind Farm proposals do not impact on the Parish, so no further action is required at this stage.

8.3 Cllr Eckworth is hoping to attend the police meeting in Hindolveston.

8.4 No correspondence has been received since the close of the agenda.

9. To discuss any planning matters

There are none.

10. Financial and Governance matters

10.1 Financial Statement for the period 14th September – 14th October: Receipts second payment of precept + grant £1,787. Payments cheque no: 541 SJ (Green Tub planting) £16.97; 542 GJ Bolam (Grass Cutting) £1,000; 543 Tablet £22.14; 544 Sign installation £273.50; 545 £Domain name £21.07

Bank at 15th October £923.16, NSI Account £7,224.13

10.2 Agree Budget and set Precept for 2020/21 Budget presented detailed receipts and payments for 2020/21 based on current and previous year figures. On a Proposal by Cllr Drake and seconded by Cllr Pointer the Budget and Precept was AGREED as presented.

10.3 The Bank now requires contacted by 'phone by a signatory to change the mandate – to arrange for Bank statements to be addressed to the new Clerk. It was also agreed to request viewing access to the Bank account by the Clerk. Cllr Pointer to contact the Bank.

11. Operation Tower Bridge

The PC agreed to follow the timeline as set out in the Proposals from NNDC contained in the Correspondence List. The PC also agreed to the purchase of a flagpole and flag to the cost of £100: On a Proposal by Cllr Ross, seconded by Cllr Eckworth.

Thanks were offered to the retiring Clerk for her work in putting the Report together.

12. Update on St Andrews Redevelopment Project

Water supplies are now complete but not connected: Anglian Water need to close Heath Lane to finish the connection, so this will probably not take place until January.

The money is available, and the plan is for the WC to be installed and the vestry converted in February. Once finished the WC will remain locked aside from concerts or village events.

A bid has been made with the Heritage Lottery Fund to install a kitchen and renovate the stained-glass windows to prevent them from falling out.

13. Update on Thursford Assist

The annual Christmas card containing community information will be produced and paid for by TA: this was included in the Grant application. The Fridge Magnets are also going to be improved and re-issued. A report will be given to the Norfolk Big Society Fund for their December meeting.

14. Items for Inclusion in the Thursford Tablet

The next Tablet will be produced at the end of November. The retiring Clerk has agreed to produce it, so items should be sent to her.

15. To note the date of the next meeting

January 27th

Any Other Business

The Allotment Bonfire was cancelled.

The finger post near the Church that guides walkers has rotted and needs replacing. The Clerk to contact Footpath's Officer at NCC.

Heath Lane has no allocated speed limit – Cllr Yerby will include this in his discussion with the Highways Officer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman

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Date