



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Yerby (Chairman), Cllrs V Cushing, K Drake, S Eckworth, K Plumbly, Pointer. NNDC Cllr R Kershaw (until 7.15pm), 3 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 NCC Cllr Aquerone who had sent a report.

2. Declarations of interest, requests for dispensations by Councillors

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2019 be approved

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Drake, seconded by Cllr Pointer these were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman

4. Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2019 be approved

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Ross, seconded by Cllr Drake these were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman

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

There were none.

6. Public Participation

6.1 NCC Cllr Aquerone had sent a report in which he informed the PC that the extra money allocated by the government for Social Care could amount to £18m for Norfolk which NCC could increase by a further £8m through the Council Tax. He stated that he was keen to have PC views in the NCC budget process. He informed the PCC that he was unlikely to be able to attend evening meetings until January due to the imminent arrival of his second child.

6.2 NNDC Cllr Kershaw informed the PC that NNDC was now made up of 30 Lib Dems, 4 Independents and 6 Conservatives. £17k has been allocated to prepare N Norfolk for Brexit. NNDC are taking account that 50% of NN population are retired and that only 40% of the population are actively working and that the current NNDC TPC DRAFT Minutes September 2019

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aims to be an enabler, not a block and he would aim to respond to any queries from residents or cllrs.

The Chair thanked Cllr Kershaw for coming.

6.3 An opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or concerns
Information given about the preparation for the Allotment Group's bonfire on 9th November and that there were 2 other bonfires planned: Collection on 2nd November and Heath Lane.

6.4 Police report. There was no police attending.

7. To agree appointment of new clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Yerby, seconded by Cllr Plumbly

The PC was informed that the Parish Clerks would run in parallel for this month

8. Highway matters – note closure of The Street

8.1 The Street will be closed from 9th September for 3 days for water connections.

8.2. There is continued concern about access to Station Road from Brick Kiln Road. Cllr Yerby is to contact Steve White, Highways Officer at NCC to request a meeting with the PC.

9. Receive an update on WWI and Village Sign Projects

9.1 The Village Sign is going to be unveiled on Friday at 12.30. All are welcome to attend. *Addendum – unveiling is rescheduled to Saturday 14th September at 2pm.*

9.2 Praise was given regarding the Bench and the Cllr Yerby will write a letter of thanks to Mr. Rheinberg

9.3. Cllr Plumbly is waiting to hear about the Arch

10. Correspondence

10.1 A correspondence list had been circulated and was noted.

10.2 Other matters received since close of agenda:

10.2.1 Disability Network Norfolk Group requesting cllrs to request their County cllrs to attend the DNNG meeting on 17th September

11. To discuss any planning matters

There have been no applications.

12. Financial and Governance Matters

12.1. Financial Statement 1st April – 14th August 2019 (as attached)

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Payments noted: £35.00 Cheque 537 Ladywell Accountancy Services – Payroll for 2019; £140.00 Cheque 538 Clerk salary July to September; £35.00 Cheque 539 NICS July to September and £88.36 Cheque 540 Clerk expenses March to September

Bal at 14th August £923.16 Community Account and NSI Account £7,224.13

12.2. Invoices received since close of agenda

Invoice from GL Bolam for grass cutting, 2019 - £1,000

Bill for plants for tubs: £16.97

12.3. Cllr Plumbly suggested that the Church hedge should be cut. On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Eckworth, seconded by Cllr Pointer

13. Receive and consider report from the retiring Clerk on “Operation Tower Bridge” (attached to agenda)

The Clerk summarised the content of the report and the PC agreed to review the suggestions and to discuss proposals at the next meeting.

14. Update on St Andrews re-development project

Work is about to start on installing the water and drainage for the disabled toilet, to be installed in the vestry. Half the required amount of money has been raised. Mr Rheinberg is in charge of the project, and the same contractor is being used who repaired the roof. Cllr Eckworth will take photos to chart progress.

15. Items for inclusion in the next Thursford Tablet

Cllr Yerby to provide diary dates. The Clerk stated that the Tablet should be produced within the next 2 weeks

16. To note the date of the next meeting (Budget Meeting) 11th November and meeting dates for 2020

Jan 27th, Mar 30th, Sept 7th, Nov 9th

Any Other Business

The Retiring Clerk informed the PC that a number of trees have been cut down along Gunthorpe Road, a wildlife site over which TPC has no jurisdiction. The Retiring Clerk will investigate long term plans for the area with NCC and report back to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman

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