



THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 at the Methodist Chapel at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Yerby (Chairman), Cllrs, K Drake, S Eckworth, K Plumbly, G Pointer, C Ross.

NCC Cllr S Aquerone, 1 member of the public, Parish Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr V Cushing (family).

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2018

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

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

There were none.

5. Close the meeting for Public Participation

Mr Harry Ramsey representing Bidwells and the Thursford Collection planning application was keen to answer any queries concerning the planning application. Members were supportive of the application although there were some concerns about additional traffic. Mr Ramsey noted the request for a local s106 agreement for a flashing VAS sign and s106 agreement with NCC for a pavement along the road leading to the properties in North Lane and possible improvements to a pinch point adjacent to these properties. There was also a request for a bunded earth wall near to the properties while work was being carried out.

6. Receive reports from NNDC Cllr Green and NCC Cllr Aquerone and Police if attending

Cllr Aquerone advised of his concerns in relation to Adult Care (Nursing Homes and Care provided in the home) and the need for dialogue. It was a service which was jointly funded by Government and the County Council. Cllr Drake explained the

excellence of the facility at Lloyd Court. Cllr Aquerone was pleased to advise that mobile libraries had been well supported in letters received from the public. Norfolk County Council was keen to see the Fire Service retained in the Portfolio of the County Council rather than the Police and Crime Commissioner. He was pleased to advise that he hoped he was near to resolving the flooding in Clarks Lane with rodding being done by landowner and the County Council. He would ask Anglia Water if Thursford was likely to go on mains drainage.

6. Receive an update on the Community Housing Led Project

The Chairman advised that Cllr Cushing did not think that the project would progress. It was **AGREED** that the matter should be left in abeyance although it was noted that the opportunity for funding the project would diminish in time. The Clerk would advise NNDC and the meeting planned for 3rd October would need to be cancelled.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Refer attached correspondence list

8.1.1. Thursford Collection fireworks. The Clerk advised that fireworks were not planned until the New Year and this would put at rest local concern that it was to be a regular activity.

8.1.2. Request from Cllr Eckworth for a sign on Brick Kiln Road warning of the turning into Station Road. On a **PROPOSAL** by the Chairman it was **AGREED** to ask Highways to install this. This would increase safety for residents turning right out of Station Road and for those turning left into Station Road from Brick Kiln Road.

8.2 Receive correspondence since close of agenda.

8.2.1 The Police had advised their current objectives. The next SNAP meeting would take place at 7.00 p.m. on 7th November at Fakenham Police Station.

8.2.2 BT Box and the Defibrillator. Holt First Responders had advised that their supervisory support would now end and Cllr Drake would liaise with Community Heartbeat Trust. The Defibrillator (installed in early 2014) had an expected life of 10/12 years. Councillors noted the relaunch of the newly refurbished BT Box on Saturday and the dual use of the Box would be monitored. There was some concern that the books now on the newly installed book shelves could get damp on the Winter months. Cllr Aquerone was thanked for his grant for the refurbishment.

9. To discuss any planning matters

9.1 Planning Application Ref PF/18/1521 Thursford Collection Erection of new two storey building etc.

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Drake it was **AGREED** to raise no objections, subject to s103 benefits relating to highways.

9.2 Planning Application Ref PF/18/1190 Parkside Garage. Mobile Home (retrospective). On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Eckworth it was **AGREED** to raise no objections subject to an annual renewal.

9.3 Receive an update on the Potato Plant on the Melton Road. Noted that the site should be cleared and cleaned up by the end of September. Fulmodeston, Barney Parish Council were to be thanked for their support with this matter.

9.4 Any other planning matters. The Clerk would be attending the forthcoming meeting at NNDC on the new North Norfolk Local plan.

10. Financial and Governance Matters

10.1 Financial Statement for the period 3rd July – 10th September 2018

Payments: 15th Aug Cheque No 510 NNDC Tablet printing £16.49; 10th September Cheque No 511 Ladywell Accountancy Payroll 2018/19 £35.00; Cheque No 512 Clerk Salary July-September £140.00; Cheque No 513 HMRC quarterly ITX payment £35.00; Cheque No 514 NPTS Training (for 2 councillors) £76.80

Receipts: £120.00 Burial

Bank at 16th August: £741.83 (Community Account) £7172.12 (NSI Account)

Total £7913.95

10.2 Grass cutting contract and cemetery. Councillors were advised of the additional cuts in the cemetery and would pay for these when the invoice was submitted. Councillors were very happy with the standard if the work at the Church and the Cemetery.

11. Update on St Andrews Re-development project

Cllr Yerby advised that the grant applications now had a new lead. Quotations were being awaited for works in the Church and they were expected to be in the region of £80,000. There would be a harvest support the Church had remained open and had considerably more visitors with no reported problems. A 2019 programme of concerts had been arranged.

12. Items for inclusion in the next Thursford Tablet

It was noted that the next Tablet would come out in the middle of September.

12. Date of the next meeting and meeting dates for 2019

Monday 12th November 2018

2019: Jan 28th; Mar 25th; May 13th; Sept 9th; Nov 11th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

