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THURSFORD TABLET

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Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th January. The property "Linden", The Street. An e mail had been received on 5th December from the Enforcement Team Leader Mr Abe, to advise that the owner had been given until mid-January to submit a relevant planning application otherwise NNDC would commence compulsory purchase action. There was no further update, owing to Mr Abe's incapacity. It was noted that some work had been done on site to remove tree roots to enable hedge planting between the property "Linden" and its neighbouring property.

NNDC Report Cllr Green advised that the NNDC Budget meeting was on 5th February. NNDC was aware that NCC had put up their council tax charges by 6% and an increase was likely by NNDC. She had recently had one request for a Food Waste Bin and was looking into the matter. **NCC Report. Cllr Aquerone** had forwarded a report in which he said that NCC had recently made the decision to increase members' allowances and at the same time cut mobile libraries, bus subsidies and road gritting. He would be returning his additional allowance into a community fund to benefit projects in his electoral division.

Community Housing Fund Project for local homes The Clerk advised that there had been a working party meeting at the beginning of January with the NNDC Housing Enabling Officer and colleague, the Parish Council Chairman, landowner and the Clerk to discuss the possibility of progressing a community led building project for housing local people on land along North Lane. The matter had then been taken back to the landowner's family for

consideration, and more time was required by the landowners for consideration of the project.

The project could have benefits in that it would provide homes for local people and a small source of income for the parish.

Highway matters

NCC Thursford Restricted Byway 10 Modification Order. A letter had been received advising that the Public Rights of Way had now been added to the Map. The Parish Council would receive this as a hard copy. Complaint regarding gritting routes. The Clerk was asked to investigate the lack of road gritting along North Lane and Walsingham Road. It appeared to have stopped. It was considered vital particularly during Show time. It was noted that there was a proposed additional car park for the Collection adjacent to the Museum. The Clerk was asked to look into the matter of the road collapsing from the bridge near Wallgate Lane up towards the airfield.

Planning Application Ref PF/18/0118 8 Clarks Lane. Pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to part of the dwelling. There were no objections.

Update on St Andrews Re-development project.

Cllr Yerby advised that the Architect had now passed the matter to Quantity Surveyors who were expected to report back shortly on costings for the various aspects of the project.

Parish Council vacancy

Cllr Bolam had resigned as he was leaving the village. The vacancy would need to be advertised for a period of 14 days. If 10

parishioners requested an election this would take place in April, otherwise the vacancy would be advertised as a co-option. The co-option would be an item on the March agenda and people interested in being co-opted could attend the March meeting. Once co-opted and declaration forms were completed they could commence immediately. Cllr Yerby advised that he knew of one person who was interested in standing.

Members thanked Cllr Bolam for his work as Chairman over the last 10 years. He would be greatly missed.

Financial Matters The Clerk advised name of the person willing to be the Internal Auditor. The payment would be £40. This was agreed.

Grounds Contract (April 2018 – 21)

Cllr Yerby advised of his interest in this matter as a member of the PCC. There were 2 quotations. The contracts were discussed and the tender award agreed.

BT Box. Clerk was asked to look into the matter of its refurbishment

Note the date of the next meeting as March 26th 2018

The Spring Village Litter Pick

Will be held during a week – commencing 3rd February. So you can pick and choose your day depending on the weather and your commitments. Bags of rubbish can be left on the Hindringham Road / North Lane crossroads or the junction of North Lane and Church Road. If you would like to borrow a Litter Pick please contact the Parish Clerk 878196

**Barney & Fulmodeston Local History Group
are arranging an evening talk
About “Thursford Station”**

**Thursday 8th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Old School, Fulmodeston**

Adrian Vaughan will give the talk. Adrian is a local railway author. £2.50 incl. refreshments. Any proceeds will go to the Group’s Memorial Project

Hasta Luego to Thursford

I am off to Chile in February for a couple of weeks' trekking in Patagonia but when I get back there will only be ten days left before Gill and I leave Thursford for the flesh pots of Sheringham.

It will be very sad to have to abandon the village that has become much more than a home to us. When we moved here 12 years ago we thought Thursford was a bit of a dead duck. With most people either second home owners, or living down long driveways, or both, we hadn't really met anyone to talk to until we ran into Maurice and Jill Perry.

Maurice almost immediately asked me if I wanted to stand for the Parish Council. I told him that I wasn't nearly old enough for that sort of thing and besides, I knew nothing of village affairs and their history. He told me that that was exactly why I should be on the PC, gave me another beer and I was somehow persuaded.

It was the best thing I could have done. In no time at all we were getting involved in all sorts of things and meeting people from all over our spread out little community; Open Gardens, Book Club, Litter Picks, Quiz Nights. Supper Nights, cemetery clearance, concerts and work to keep our two churches afloat. Okay, to some people it all sounds a bit like The Archers but it has been wonderful to feel involved in keeping things going and making friends with so many great people, many of whom had moved to Thursford at about the same time as us.

And it has been a great privilege to sit on the Parish Council for most of that time, ten years of it as Chairman (that was another hospital pass that Maurice threw me!). In that time the PC has been able to get a great deal done, perhaps to make the village a better place, though some issues, such as the Clarks Lane winter

marsh have proved to be irritatingly intractable!

It hasn't always been easy and some of the problems that I have been asked to get involved with have proved quite difficult and at times, confrontational. Only four people in the village have given me abuse, at least to my face, which is perhaps an achievement in itself! I have always tried to be mindful of the fact that many of us who have been active in the village in the last ten years have only been here a relatively short time. Things got done perfectly well in Thursford before we all moved here and they will carry on after we have been replaced by another bunch of enthusiastic incomers.

For most of my ten years as Chairman I have been exceptionally lucky to have Di Dann as my Parish Clerk. For a year with Di's predecessor as Clerk, I did almost everything. Since then I have had to do practically nothing except to chair meetings and act as a sort of figurehead. For the sake of my successor, I do hope that Di will carry on as Parish Clerk and continue to do a brilliant job for the village.

So, we will be very sad to go, but it is time to downsize. Charlie and George Cushing are taking on Holly Lodge and will continue to run it as a guesthouse. Gill will carry on working in Wells for Norfolk Hideaways and Jeremy is setting up as a gardener. Nothing fancy, just lawns, hedges and general garden tidying - I shall leave the landscaping to those who really know what they are doing. And with luck, there will be a bit more time for some big walks.

Don't think for a moment that you have seen the last of us though. We will be back in Thursford for whatever is going on and will be delighted to help out if we are needed. So, in the spirit of my Chilean trip, it is *Hasta Luego*, See You Later.

Editor's Note – Please make sure you return the reply slip to Jeremy and Gill's Fond Farewell event at Hindringham Village Hall on Friday 9th March

Police contact information

Our Homewatch Scheme Co-ordinator, Nigel, has kindly provided the following information:

Local Wildlife Crime Tel 101 or
WildlifeCrime@norfolk.pnn.police.uk
Urgent 999

Farm / Agricultural Crime / Metal Theft Tel
101 or 07900407106
OperationRandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk
Urgent 999

Dog walkers and owners

An appeal – when you go walkies could you take a plastic bag with you. While we don't have pavements in Thursford we have banks and verges where we have to scramble up or walk. If you pick up you can then always pop the bag into your black wheelie bin.

Message from UK Power Networks

Our electricity network is built to be resilient but extreme weather can damage overhead power lines resulting in some customers losing their electricity supply. Where this happens, we work to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. Find regular updates on our website www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk and social media @UKPowerNetworks throughout this period.

Anyone experiencing a power cut should: Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power)

Visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk for the latest updates

Tweet @ukpowernetworks to report a power cuts or to receive updates
Households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well

as other reasons can join the Priority Register. ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority.

Preparing for a power cut

Below is some additional advice:

- ✓ Add 105 to the contacts on your mobile phone and keep Freephone 0800 3163 105 number handy
- ✓ www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut for useful videos and advice during a power cut.
- ✓ Keep a torch
- ✓ Charge up your mobile phone
- ✓ Use a phone with a cord if you have one, cordless phones don't work in a power cut
- ✓ Keep fridges and freezers closed, with a blanket over as they will stay cold for many hours
- ✓ Switch off all your electrical equipment other than one light

For Sale

"Chicco" folding highchair. Clean, good condition has straps and a tray removable for cleaning £10 Tel Nigel on 878376

New Year's Resolutions

If you made a list – how are you getting on with them? Here is an excellent resolution – walk 2018 miles in the year!

Dates for the Diary:

Thursford Station – Fulmodeston

History Group have arranged this talk at the Old School on Thursday 8th February. It starts at 7.30 p.m. £2.50

Snowdrop Walk and Pop Up Café at St Andrews Sunday 25th February

Fond Farewell to Jeremy and Gill
Hindringham Village Hall Friday 9th March
6.30 p.m. (see insert)

Coffee Morning at the Methodist Chapel
Saturday 7th April 10 – 12.00

Please see our insert for events and services at St Andrews Parish Church

Concert with the Cantalena Choir
Saturday 24th March

Services in St Andrews Note that Rev James Muggleton will be away from 13th February to 2nd April. He is taking a short

sabbatical. However there will be services
on the following dates:

Eucharist 11th February 11.00

Eucharist 8th April 9.30

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