



SEPTEMBER 2018 THURSFORD TABLET

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Notes from the September Parish Council Meeting:

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. It was agreed to raise no objections to the application subject to S106 benefits.

Reports from NCC Cllr Aquerone

Cllr Aquerone advised of his concerns in relation to Adult Care (Nursing Homes and Care provided in the home) and the need for dialogue concerning this. It was something which was jointly funded by Government and the County Council. Cllr Drake explained the excellence of the facility at Lloyd Court. He 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 to be Done. He would ask Anglia Water if Thursford was likely to go on mains drainage. Cllr Aquerone was thanked for his generous grant towards the refurbishment of the BT box.

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.

Thursford Collection fireworks The Clerk advised that fireworks were not planned until the New Year and there should be no local concern that it could be a regular activity. The letter written by the Collection to households in August had been appreciated.

Sign on Brick Kiln Road warning of the turning into Station Road On a proposal by Cllr Eckworth it was agreed to ask Highways to install this. It would increase safety for residents turning right out of

Station Road and for those turning left into Station Road from Brick Kiln Road.

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 in the Winter months.

Planning Application Ref PF/18/1190 Parkside Garage. Mobile Home (retrospective). It was agreed to raise no objection subject to it being an annual renewal.

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 was thanked for their support with this matter.

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.

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

Tribute to Mary Lee She was born Mary Jane Moore, on the 12th March 1947, at home, in Thursford, to parents Colin & Gladys, she became a younger sister to

Margery. Mary attended Brinton Primary School. She then cycled the four miles to Astley Secondary Modern in Briston every day. It was here that she met friends that would last her a lifetime and her future husband Derek. At the age of fifteen she went to Kings Lynn College to study accountancy, on leaving college she became secretary to Mr Edmundson, a position she held for twenty one years. (Edmundsons Garage was huge and on the site of the Tesco store in Oak Street, Fakenham). At Edmundson's she was known as "Last Minute Mary" because she was always late! Mary left Edmundsons after having her daughter Alison. Mary loved knitting and most recently won first prize in the knitting craft class at the recent Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club Annual Show.

After leaving school Derek and Mary rekindled their friendship at Sharrington Youth Club, both aged seventeen. Derek and Mary retained their association with Sharrington, marrying in All Saints Church in 1970 and renewing their wedding vows there in 2000. Mary was diagnosed with Chrones Disease at age 21, she became so poorly that she was hospitalised and their wedding had to be postponed. An active member of Holt Flower Club, she travelled all over the country arranging at various churches for flower festivals as well as demonstrations. She was Chairman of Holt Flower Club for a number of years. Mary was awarded prizes at the Royal Norfolk Show. Derek took Mary to the 2018 Show to see the Flower Tent.

She was an active member of an Ovarian Cancer group on Facebook, always offering support and suggestions to those struggling with their treatment. Mary always wanted to make sure other people were doing alright, even though she herself was coping with so much. Her family were the most important thing in her life. Mary worked with Derek on the Farm and with Alison at the Equestrian Centre. Mary was a lady who embraced life to the full, making the most of every moment and opportunity and she will be missed beyond

words. Her funeral service at Sharrington was on 29th August. It was a beautiful day, with over 350 mourners in attendance, a fitting tribute to the life of such a lovely lady.

We also said a sad farewell to two other Thursford residents earlier in August. Clive

Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club Annual Show

Congratulations to Steph and Nigel who won the Sadler Salver, The Jubilee Cup and the Coronation Cup at the Food Production Club's 77th Annual Exhibition. Dave and Stella won the Garden News Shield. Once again, it was a great event, with lots of wonderful entries despite the weeks of dry and hot weather. The Club were pleased to welcome John and Barbara Cushing to the event and John gave the trophies and prizes to winners.

BT Box After much hard work during the hot weeks of the Summer Chris, David, Lance and Nigel completed the refurbishment of the BT Box, the Village Sign plaque and other furniture on the Green. How lovely the tubs had been during the Summer everyone said. The

Tiller, who had lived in the village for five years. John Harrison who had lived in the village for a great number of years, moving here on his retirement.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with loved ones.

Cake and Coffee event held on 8th September on the Green attended by many people including David and Charlie who had undertaken the first refurbishment in 2012. The event was supplemented by the arrival of three cyclists, Chris, Janet and Jeremy who were pedalling away in aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust. The BT box is now a Phone Box Library so everyone is welcome to make use of it.



The **'Men Of Thursford'** have a regular date so it's time for the ladies to get in on the act! The last Thursday of each month is reserved at The Barsham Arms (7pm) so if you'd like to come along, please call the pub directly on 01328 820729 to book your place and also let Sherri know you're coming. (878054 or s.eckworth@btinternet.com). **The Thursford Ladies Club** looks forward to welcoming you and our next get together is Thursday 27th September.

Preparing for the Autumn

While we don't have a hurricane season we can have problems from storms. So here is a reminder from UK Power. www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk 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

UK Power urges the public to stay well clear from power lines and anyone spotting a damaged power line needs to report it to us immediately by calling 105 from a landline or mobile phone. If they see electricity lines that are down or causing significant risk to the public they should call 999. Extra help is provided to customers on the Priority Service Register during a power cut. 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 register.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Days In September and October, the County Council is again holding Hazardous Waste Disposal Days at seven of its Recycling Centres. The date for our nearest Recycling Centre at Hempton is 28 / 29 / 30 September. As well as accepting unwanted hazardous household waste, they will be collecting paint suitable for reuse at several locations.

Cara's Cheese and Wine This lovely event held on a warm Summer's evening in August raised £630 for the combined churches of Thursford and Lt. Snoring. Thank you Cara.

Fakenham Community Car Scheme

This scheme puts patients, without transport means, needing to attend the Fakenham medical Practice or any other medically related appointments. The scheme is operated by volunteers. Charges at .45p per mile to cover basic running costs, with a minimum charge of £3. To book a car call 077992784995 (week days only and not bank holidays)

Note that the service is always looking for more volunteer drivers. If you have a spare hour or two each week that Tel 01328 851555 (Fakenham Connect)

FOR SALE - Folding dog cage (small) to: base 46 x 62 cm., height 54 cm. (Including centre handle folded down). Very slightly rusted. Tel. 01328 878393

A new resting spot

We have a new bench in the parish! Thanks to Lance for his generosity in supplying the bench and its concrete foundation so we can now sit and enjoy the wonderful view at the bottom of the Church Track. Lance was helped by Bill, Nigel and Steve.



Celebrations after installing the bench!

Dates for the Diary:

(Note that we now have a village Facebook page "What's on in Thursford". So, take a look for local events, news and activities.)

Thursday 20th September Harvest Festival at 6.00 p.m. followed by a Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30. This is a bring and share event

Saturday 29th September at 10.30 at Wisteria Cottage, Heath Lane. Macmillan Coffee Morning with Ploughman's Lunch at 12.30.

Jenny Vickers Celtic Connection Sunday 14th October in St Andrews at 5.00 p.m. traditional folk songs £10 including Prosecco and Cake.

Friday 16th November at 7.00 p.m. at the Binham Chequers A Quiz Night Tickets £15 to include delicious supper

Reminder– "Thursford Assist" is there to support all our residents in need. You will find more information on www.thursford.org.uk or contact the Parish Clerk: didann@outlook.com