



FEBRUARY 2019 THURSFORD TABLET

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Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th January

Reports from NNDC and NCC. DC Cllr

Green advised there was little to report from NNDC because of the seasonal recess. The Clerk read a report from Cllr Aquerone in which he said he would be writing to property owners concerning their drainage responsibilities along Clarks Lane.

A reduction in funding for Adult Social Care was a great concern and the proposed closures of Children's Centres. He would be asking for contacts concerning possible sites for transmitters in the parish. The Equestrian Centre (where there was already a tall transmitter) would be suggested. **Highways** North Lane would be closed from 4th February for BT duct work. Gritting of North Lane 2019/20 Winter – Clerk to write to NCC asking for gritting in 2019/20.

Planning matters Matters relating to the Equestrian Centre – concerns regarding noise. The Chairman advised that he had contacted the Centre who were most apologetic and asked to be advised should any future problems arise. Matters relating to 18 Station Road, Thursford – note owner's intention to develop site. There was concern at the clearance of the site in

the back garden, and the proposed development (known to be a complex of 2 storey holiday lets in the back garden of No 18). No planning application had yet been received. Local objections had been raised and the clerk advised of the opportunity to speak at a Planning Meeting should the matter go to Planning Committee. It was noted that the developer had clear intentions of progressing in advance of formal approval.

Note planning decisions:

Ref PF/18/1900 Aveline Land of North Lane condition removal. Refused – Area designated as countryside; no justification for the removal of the condition.

Re PF/18/1190 Parkside Garage Mobile Home. Permission – subject to being removed if business ever closed.

Financial and Governance Matters

Total in Bank on 14th January 2019 £8068.67. The Clerk advised that the projected balance at 31st March was £8055.

Update on St Andrews Re-development project

The Chairman advised that grant applications were being submitted and he thought the project might take 5 years to completed. Quotations would shortly be received. A Lottery application had been drafted by the Fabric Officer of the PCC and the Clerk.

Election date 2nd May 2019. The Clerk advised of the date of the Ordinary Election. All current Councillors would

need to submit nomination forms. She would forward nomination packs when available. An article would be written in the Tablet. Elections would also take place for the DC.

WW1 Commemoration event. It was agreed to investigate a possible archway with rose over the bench on the Village Green. Bench to be repaired. Clerk to report back to the Council.

Spring Litter Pick and Cemetery Working Party Litter Pick Sunday – Sunday 17th March 2019; Cemetery

Working Party – Clerk to ask when work was planned on the cherry tree which was overhanging the Lychgate.

Items for inclusion in the next Thursford Tablet. The Clerk would include an article about dog fouling which was particularly bad along Heath Lane. Clerk to obtain a notice from NNDC.

To note date of next meeting and meeting dates for 2019: Mar 25th; May 13th; Sept 9th; Nov 11th

Delighted to announce a new arrival in Thursford!



James Edward Sands, baby son of Ben and Emily Sands born 30th November 2018. Best wishes to all the family. Ben is the Grounds Manager at the Thursford Collection.

Our Libraries in Thursford!

Our BT Box “Bring and Borrow Book Library” is being well used. Don’t forget we also have the mobile library which comes to Thursford every four weeks on a Wednesday. Next visit is Wednesday 27th February - Clover Cottage Heath Lane 15.20 then on to the Methodist Chapel at 15.40. All change in April though, as two of the mobile library buses are being taken out. So **let’s use it or lose it!**

“Paw and Order” - Dog Fouling

The Parish Council have received reports of dog fouling and indiscriminate disposal of dog poo. It is an offence not to clean up dog mess or to “tip out” dog mess. A person who doesn’t clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fixed penalty fine of up to £80. If a person refuses to pay they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000. Note also that dog walkers who do not carry poo bags can be fined. It is worth noting that as a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. Dog poo can be scooped into dog bags and disposed of in dog bins. Where a dog bin can not be found, then the best idea is to double wrap the dog

bag and place it in a normal litter bin. For dog owners who empty out their dog mess from their own property and leave it in a public area – this is fly-tipping. There is a unlimited fine for this offence. Norfolk Constabulary and NCC are currently running a county wide campaign against fly tipping. Please be a responsible dog owner – **would you like to put your foot in it!**

Parish Council Elections

Do you care about where you live? Are you passionate about your community? If so, you could make a great local councillor. Elections are being held on 2nd May 2019 for both the Parish and District Council. A Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is a statutory body. It serves the community and is elected by residents. Our Parish Council has a responsibility for the well-being of our community and its main ambitions are the delivery of services and improving the quality of life for residents. We need seven councillors. Local councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the residents. If you would like to know more about the work undertaken by the Council...reading your Thursford Tablet will give you a good idea! If you want to know more about the role then

please contact the Parish Clerk didann@outlook.com

What a great night the Caribbean Evening was!

A Caribbean evening was held at Hindringham Village Hall in mid-January. We had delicious food of all flavours – mains and puddings. Deserts were served with a small tippie of warming dark rum. Thankyou to everyone who cooked or helped with the event. Thanks to everyone for coming along it was great to many other parishes represented. It was also good to see the effort which went in to dressing up for the occasion – flower garlands, hippy hairstyles, colourful and stunning outfits. The evening made an incredible £900. This money will be spent on essential maintenance at St Andrews.

Village Litter Pick

Sunday 17th March 2019 from 10.00 – 11.00

Meet afterwards at Fern Hollow, 5 Balls Lane for cake and coffee

If you require any equipment please contact the Parish Clerk

Wear strong shoes and protective gloves

Collection points for rubbish will be advertised

Thursford Allotment Site, Walsingham Road

We have a spare allotment going in to our growing season of 2019. If you would like to join a band of happy gardeners and grow some fruit, veggies and flowers then please contact the Parish Clerk. Full Plot costs £30 pa, with half size at £15. The site benefits from water, and a communal shed. You will benefit from fresh air, exercise and some really tasty crops

Note as well, that as a Thursford Allotment Holder you are automatically a member of the Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club.



Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club

This organisation has been going strong for over 70 years now. Set up at the beginning of World War II its original aim was to encourage cultivation and food production in each community. The Club features an annual plant sale and an annual exhibition of produce. The 78th Annual Show will take place on Saturday 20th July 2019. The Club also arranges visits and events which are largely foody related. Membership of the Club costs only £6.

There are some interesting classes in the 2019 Schedule for the Show. For example, category 24 is a vegetable or fruit shaped most like an animal. Category 3 is new, and this is a display of floating flower heads in a shallow container – no foliage. The number of flowerheads to be displayed is at the discretion of the exhibitor. For category 50 – a homemade item upcycling – creating or adapting an existing product into something that prevents it becoming waste. (£1 entry for non-members) Category 30 – four hens eggs. Thank you Food Production Club Committee members for all your efforts with the Club's activities.

Ed's note - This is the category which each year I attempt to win. My girls (rescued in June 2018) have laid every day (including the dullest days) for me since their arrival. I am hoping that their large and lovely brown eggs will scoop the prize this year!



A Thursford Tablet feature for 2019



“Lest we forget”

Private George W Caley
10th Battalion Yorkshire Regt. Died
1/4/1918. Buried St. Sever Cemetery
Extension, Rouen, France.

George was born in Thursford but lived
in Walsingham. There is a family
connection to a “Little Barney Cottage”
and the family were from Barney and
Thursford and were all involved in
agricultural labouring.

Thanks to Grahame for researching. If
you know any more about the Caley
family then please let us know.

Thursford Assist

Don't forget if you want a helping hand or just a chat give us a ring. We are now in the time of the year which is challenging for everyone. Call any of these numbers 01328 878476; 07826 067935; 01328 878933.

Thursford Assist has also provided for the Thursford website an A – Z list of services provided in and around the village and a list of “Trusted Traders”.

Dates for the Diary:

Snowdrop Walk and Pop Up Café in St Andrews - Saturday 16th February £4 walk; £6 brunch – soup, rolls, coffee and cake. The walk is in Parris Wood which is at the bottom of Heath Lane not far from the Church Track. Dogs on leads are welcome for this event.

Village Litter Pick - Sunday 17th March 10.00 Coffee and Cake afterwards (Fern Hollow)

Cantilena Choir - Saturday 30th March in St Andrews Church. Tickets £10 includes refreshments.

4 Gardens Spring Walk at Pensthorpe – Tea and cake at 2.00 p.m. followed by a walk with the Head Gardener from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. £9.95. Visit www.pensthorpe.com for more information.

Coffee Morning - 6th April 10 -12 midday Methodist Chapel. The usual stalls and games with all proceeds going to the Chapel.

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