



## JUNE EDITION 2017 THURSFORD TABLET

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### Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Present:** Cllr J Bolam (Chairman), Cllrs N Jenkinson, G Pointer, C Ross and Cllr Yerby. NNDC Cllr A Green. 3 members of the public, Di Dann Parish Clerk and Mr Graham Connolly was in attendance.

**Graham Connolly, Local Housing Enabler, Community Housing Fund.** Mr Connolly was welcomed by the Chairman. He explained about the Community Housing Fund, which was housing developed by and for the community – some other examples were Alms Houses and more recently Community Lead Trusts and Co-operatives. All these projects allowed the local community to make the decisions, allow community ownership or stewardship and provide housing assets for the community in perpetuity. Government had set aside money to support this and specifically, for rural areas which experienced negative impact from the housing market (second and holiday homes and more expensive property prices). NNDC funding received from government totalled £2.4 million. Sites developed would provide 8 / 10 homes or fewer and an ongoing income for communities or a lease back scheme (from ground rent) if provided through a housing association. There was some discussion on possible sites in the parish. The matter would be considered further. The Chairman thanked Mr Connolly.

**Defibrillator retraining event.** This was now confirmed as Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come along at 6.45 for coffee and cake.

**Linden, The Street** The reply from NNDC was read. The Clerk was asked to write again, as 3 months had passed since this letter had been received and nothing had progressed with the site.

**Drain in the Street.** The Clerk would see if Highways had cleared the drain in The Street.

**NNDC Cllr A Green.** Ann advised that she had received complaints about the NNDC proposals to sell off the Highfield Road Car Park in Fakenham. Cllr Jenkinson raised his concerns. A letter of support would be sent to Fakenham Town Council and a letter of objection to NNDC. Cllr Green also gave a report on behalf of NCC Cllr Aquerone. The Liberal Democrats were fighting to make sure there was no cutback with the library services, NCC being £100 million in deficit. Adult Services were under pressure and Children's' Services were in special measures. The Northern NDC was 10% over budget.

### Highway and Footpath matters

The Clerk advised that the new Thursford Green sign had been erected on the Walsingham Road. NCC had made a refund to the Parish Council for the project. Potholes would be reported.

### Correspondence

A letter been received from NCC advising that the Church Track would be included on the definitive footpath map as a Restricted Byway with private vehicular access rights, following a public advertisement, and subject to no objections being received.

Signs at road junctions on A148. Local concerns had been received but it was noted that the signs had been re-sited further away from the highway.

Possible development at the Collection. The Chairman advised that further car parking would be needed for the staff at Christmas Show time. The Collection had used the Mann's site last year, but this was no longer sufficient. Staff could not use the public parking area as this was needed for customers. It would therefore be necessary to expand the car parking in the field behind the old barn off the Street. There were plans to develop this site but the Chairman had been assured by Mr C Cushing that these development plans would not take place for 3 years.

Police priorities. These were noted: continuing with the developing of community speed watch schemes; anti- social behavior at the Millennium play park in Fakenham; vehicles parking and causing obstruction in Fakenham and neighbouring parishes

### **Planning matters**

Planning Application Ref 17/1138 at 22 Station Road, Change of use from storage building to self-contained holiday accommodation. The Parish Council raised objections as it had concerns about the access to the site. Noted that there were local concerns about drainage and the access.

The Clerk would enquire why the sign on the site had only been displayed for 1 day. Cllr Green advised that NNDC were no longer placing planning signs on sites or sending planning notices to clerks for display. This would be queried by the Clerk as neighbours needed to know that planning applications had been lodged.

A reply has been received from NNDC to say that they had placed the notice at the site. It was not known who had removed it. People who may wish to raise comments about the application with the Planning Officer should write to NNDC at Holt Road, Cromer detailing

their concerns. A further 2 weeks would be given for these comments.

Parish Clerks were no longer being sent those bright yellow planning notices – which would have been put by them, onto the local noticeboards.

**General Data Protection Regulations.** The Clerk advised that the Regulations were being expanded and would apply from May 2018 with councils being expected to put the requirements in place ahead of this date. It was noted that the council would be the data controller and the Clerk the Data Protection Officer (DPO). An audit had been completed to identify the documents which were being retained by the council and contained personal information. It was important for all members of the council to understand the responsibilities for data protection

**Exemption from External Audit 2017/18.** It was noted that the council would not exceed the £25,000 threshold of receipts or payments during the financial year 2017/18 and could thus exempt itself from the need for an External Audit. It was agreed to do this and a notice would be placed on the website and the parish noticeboard to this effect.

**Contract for Mowing.** The Clerk advised that this was due for renewal in March 2018. Cllr Jenkinson asked if the area near to the bench (soon to be erected near the church path) could be included in the contract. There was concern about the standard of the recent cut in the car park area. Mr Markham would be thanked for his efforts with the cutting of the footpath linking the Green to the Church.

### **Update on St Andrews Re-development project.**

Cllr Yerby advised that final plans were now completed for the re-development of the church and there would be a Saturday morning event in the Church to explain the proposals. This included the kitchen and toilets (in the vestry) and associated drainage works, creating a new vestry in front of the south porch; re-siting the Elizabethan window from the vestry to the

chapel and repairs to the south facing windows which had bowed. Quantity surveyor figures were awaited. Once these figures were through a costing for various aspects of the project could be obtained.

He gave details of the various events taking place in the Church during the Autumn. The Harvest Supper would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September; a concert with the Samphires on 15<sup>th</sup> October; an evensong with the Richeldis Singers on 19<sup>th</sup> November; Double Octave Christmas Concert on 7<sup>th</sup> December. There would be a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Wisteria Cottage on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Date of the next meeting** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

#### **Autumn Litter Pick**

Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m.

Meet at Holly Lodge, The Street for coffee and to collect the equipment needed

#### **Definitive Footpath Modification**

The Parish Council received a letter from Norfolk County Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to advise that the County Council had decided to uphold the Parish Council's application to modify the Map for the Parish of Thursford. Accordingly, this order will modify the Definitive Map by the addition of a Restricted Byway running from Church Road southwards to St Andrews churchyard gate.

The County Council has made this decision as they considered that the route is a public road by virtue of the Inclosure Award and further, a sufficient amount of user evidence was also provided to show that the route is public. As a Restricted Byway, the route can be used by carriage drivers (i.e. horse and cart), horses, cyclists and on foot. However, the public can also use the route by motorbike or car to access the church car park, by virtue of the fact that there is a private right of access. Any other private rights of way held are unaffected.

The County Council will be erecting a sign at the top of Church Lane "Restricted Byway". Any other sign in this area will be removed.

This decision by the County Council comes only a year after the Parish Council had obtained evidence forms for a modification of the Definitive Footpath Map and a request for the modification was submitted to NCC.

#### **Thursford, Barney and Fulmodeston Food Production Club**

Members of the Thursford Allotment Committee scooped all but one cup at the recent 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Event on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The Garden News Shield went to Stella and Dave Andrew. This is the trophy awarded to the household gaining the most points in classes 1 to 30 (vegetables and flowers). The Coronation Cup awarded to the household gaining the most points in the vegetables, fruit, egg and domestic classes (classes 1 – 41) went to Nigel and Steph Jenkinson, as did the Diamond Jubilee Cup (the household with the most outstanding exhibit in classes 12 – 30). Deidre and John Woods also won the Jubilee cup (for the fifth time). The Sadler Salver awarded to the household with the best exhibit of sweet peas went to Steph as well.

#### **ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE TO RENT**

Walsingham Road Allotment site at Thursford

Manure, water on tap

Full or half size plot Membership of the Food Production Club is included in the allotment fee for a Thursford resident. Interested?

please contact 01328 878196

**Cara's Cheese and Wine** at Nortons Farm in early August raised a whopping £650. The profit from the event is shared by the Churches at Little Snoring and Thursford. So this is a very welcome £325.50 for the St Andrews refurbishment project.

## **630 miles along the South West Coastal Path**

Looking back, I'm not entirely sure why I decided to walk the South West Coastal Path. With retirement looming, I think it was because I needed both an excuse to pack up work and a challenge to prove that I could still achieve something different, a short term goal so when people asked "What are you going to do with yourself?", I had a ready answer.

As it turned out, the challenge was a lot bigger than I had imagined. The path is entirely dedicated to following every nook and cranny of the coastline from Minehead to Poole. As a result, where other paths might follow along a ridge or valley, the coast path ignores all sense and soars up the side of high cliffs by means of straight steep climbs or endless steps, only to plunge right down again to meet the sea. Then, at the bottom the process starts all over again.

I'd focused on the ability to walk a long distance, what I hadn't prepared myself for was the fact that day after day, for seven weeks I had to live out in the elements, and for the most part spend the night under canvass. On some days when the weather was foul and long wet grass had soaked my socks and trousers, and the inside of my rain gear was as wet with sweat as the outside was with rain, I really did wonder why I was still walking. But on plenty of other days the scenery of soaring cliffs, turquoise sea and stunning little fishing villages took over, making walking a fabulous way of experiencing an incredible coastline.

It's good to be back home in Thursford and to be able to thank everyone in the village who helped raise £1,690 for Thera East Anglia, supporting people with learning disabilities.  
Chris Rheinberg

## **A message from NNDC re the Household Canvass**

Please return your form as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. [www.householdresponse.com/north-norfolk](http://www.householdresponse.com/north-norfolk)\* or call 0800 197 9871 (freephone) or text NOCHANGE to 80212 (standard charges apply)\* •or return your form in the pre-paid envelope.

## **Surplus of Autumn Raspberries ?**

Try steeping them in white wine vinegar for a few days. (use an earthenware crock for this). Strain and add sugar, boil for 15 minutes. 4 lb raspberries to 2 pints of vinegar; 1lb sugar to 1 pt. of strained juice. Three tablespoons in a tumbler of cold or hot water makes a delicious drink.

## **Dates for the Diary**

September 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30 p.m. Thursford Methodist Harvest Festival

Thursday 21st September at 6.00 p.m. in St Andrews Church Harvest Festival followed by Supper

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 Macmillan Coffee Morning at Wisteria Cottage Heath Lane, Thursford

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 5.00 p.m. Samphires Concert in St Andrews Church. A ladies vocal group who sang with great acclaim at both the 2016 and 2017 Holt Festivals

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m. in St Andrews Church. Tradition Carol Concert with Double Octave

## **Next Tablet will be published by early December.**

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