



DECEMBER EDITION 2017 THURSFORD

TABLET

Defibrillator re-training event... Report from the November Parish Council Meeting...Garden waste tipping...Food Production Club...Allotment vacancy ...Could we lose our mobile library? Christmas activities insert and dates for the diary.

From our Defibrillator re-training event

In this order consider-

DANGER; RESPONSE; SHOUT;

AIRWAY; BREATHING;

COMPRESSIONS; DEFIBRILATION

Make sure the scene is safe – you could be anywhere, not necessarily in your home. You could also be at a distance from the defibrillator which is in the BT Box.

Check the casualty – speak to them and tap their collar bone. If there is no response then...

Shout for help and Dial 999 – when help arrives ask them to get the defibrillator. Dialing 999 means your call (if it is a suspected heart attack) has priority. Dialing 999 also gives you the code for the Defibrillator.

Ensure the Airway is open and clear – do this by lifting the casualty's chin and tilting their head back.

Breathing, look, listen and feel – Is the chest moving?

Compressions –Using 2 hands (for an adult) 30 compressions followed by 2 breaths. Keep doing this. (It is 1 hand for a child and 2 fingers for an infant).

Defibrillator – when this arrives attach the pads and follow the audio instructions from the machine.

Notes from the November Parish Council Meeting

Works to clear the kerb sides of debris around the Green, in the Street and Balls Lane would be progressed by NCC. This had been programmed to be done within a month.

NNDC Cllr A Green. Cllr Green advised that the Highfield Road Car Park in Fakenham would be re-developed. Part of the site would be for flats with their own car parking and there would also be a public parking area which would become a paying car park. NNDC would retain ownership and management of the site. Cllr Green had now joined the Independent Conservative Party at NNDC. There were 7 members. There had been a complaint regarding the activities of the Thursford Collection. She considered that the site was well managed. This was agreed.

NCC Cllr S Aquerone. Cllr Aquerone advised that he had 22 parishes and he was trying to raise an effective voice for people living in his division. NCC was

responsible for many things, including Childrens' Services and Adult Social Care. The Council meets every so often. Adult Care had seen more cuts than necessary and services now only reached the legal minimum requirement. Central Government intended cutting funding completely by 2022. This required £100 million reduction in spending per year. NCC were investing in property development to help with funding constraints.

Mobile Libraries could face £200,000 of cuts. The next meeting of the council would finalise the budgets. NCC would be commissioning a survey for the mobile phone "not spots". Council buildings and churches would be used for small cell stations. It was hoped to have full broadband by mid 2018. He would confirm that this date was still on target.

Community Housing Fund – to review the presentation made at the September meeting

It was agreed to arrange a working party in the New Year to be made up of Mr Connolly from NNDC, the Chairman and Clerk and Cllr Cushing. There could possibly be an opportunity to develop further along North Lane.

Definitive Footpath Map. It was noted that the Modification Order had now been confirmed and the notice of confirmation would be advertised in the Eastern Daily Press on 17th November. The notice would also be displayed at both ends of the Church Track.

"Linden" The Street. An e mail had been received from the Enforcement

Team Leader Mr W Abe to advise that he had intended to put the matter of the empty property in front of the Council's Enforcement Board but this had not been possible, as the meeting had been cancelled. He would now seek a decision from the Head of Paid Services and would advise the Parish Council of the progress made by next week. In the meantime, the property and the site remained an eyesore.

Planning Application Ref 17/1138 at 22 Station Road. Change of use from storage building to self-contained holiday accommodation. (Revision of application regarding the position of the entrance to the site). It was agreed to raise no objections to this revised application. The Highways Engineer was supporting this revised application. There had been a request to replant trees near to the main road to replace those to be lost at the new entrance area planned. It was noted that NNDC were no longer sending planning notices to Clerks. Planning notices were still being put onto planning sites and they were also advertised on the planning portal.

Agree budget and set precept for 2018/19. On a proposal by Cllr Plumbly the budget as presented was agreed and the precept requested would be £3500. This amounted to a small rise in the precept – the first rise for over 10 years. It was necessary in order to maintain the services required in the parish. The Grounds Contract would need to go out to tender for a further three years and the Clerk would prepare the tender documents for eight cuts in the Cemetery, Church Car Park and Churchyard during the year. Cutting would start in March and continue to October.

Update on St Andrews Re-development project

Cllr Yerby advised that it was hoped to have the faculty by the beginning of December. Existing funds were £16,000

sufficient for the drainage and servery. This would cover all works to be done in the church – installation of servery; installation of drainage for the servery and toilet; installation of a fully accessible toilet in the existing vestry; building a new vestry; creating disability access; moving the Elizabethan glass window into the chancel. The PCC intended to apply for grants for the works other than the kitchen. The Architect would be forwarding quotes for individuals works. Water would come from the water tank at the top of the Church Track, thanks to Ann Green. A Choral Evensong was planned for 19th November with the Recheldis Singers. Double Octave would be returning for a Carol Concert on 7th December. There would be a Christmas Day Service at 11.00 a.m. Fund raising events planned were a Curry Night on 6th January. 25th February there would be a

Snowdrop Walk in Parrs Lane thanks to the Cushings. Dogs welcome too!

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Date of the next Parish Council meeting is January 29th 2018

The Thursford Christmas Show is the most exciting Christmas Show in the country. A big thank you to the Thursford Management Team for their invitation to the full-dress rehearsal of the Christmas Spectacular Show on Monday 6th November. It was very special, and unique. No sound tracking - so every note was live. A truly multi-talented cast, wonderfully colourful costumes and all very sleekly performed. Difficult to say which was my most favourite part of the evening, as it was all good, but probably the 1950's music, singing and dance scored full marks and more! Stepping outside to see the lights was magical. Thankyou once again to the management team, staff and cast. *Editor*

New A1270 opens

The first section of the new Norwich Northern Distributor Road opened on 11th November. This is the route between the Fakenham Road (A1067) and the Cromer Road (A140).

Fly tipping of waste is a growing problem. Various types of waste are fly tipped, including; general household waste; white goods (fridges, freezers and washing machines); construction rubbish (demolition and home improvement rubbish); and garden waste. Instances of fly tipping of garden waste are on the increase, with more reports being received both on highway verges and on private land. Although garden waste is biodegradable, it is still classed as waste, and it is still an offence to illegally deposit it. There are a variety of ways to dispose of garden waste legally:

- You can take it to any of Norfolk's Recycling Centres where it will be taken away for composting. For more information on Recycling Centre go to www.norfolk.gov.uk
- North Norfolk District Council offers a good garden waste collection service, for a small annual fee: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-services/apply-for-a-brown-garden-bin/>

- You can compost your garden waste on your own land. Home composting provides an excellent opportunity to use your garden waste in a resourceful manner and put nutrients straight back into your garden.

If you should see any incidents of fly tipping or witness the offence occurring please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Protection Team at ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

Food Production Club

A recent Committee meeting had been held and plans were made for the 2018 events. Here are some of the events planned next year, and well worth putting in your diary:

Friday 12th January Winter Social and Seed Swap to be held at the Old School Hall in Fulmodeston 7.30 p.m. Free to Club members or £1 for nonmembers.

Thursday 1st March a talk by Baroness Shepherd. Gillian Shepherd was the Conservative member of Parliament for South West Norfolk for a number of years. Her topic will be Agriculture.

Tuesday 17th April Talk by Julia Stafford Allen from the National Garden Scheme.

Saturday 12th May The Annual Plant Sale. A chance to buy new plants and seedlings.

Saturday 21st July The 77th Annual Show. Start planning your exhibits now! It is great fun.

The Club is always looking for ideas and also new members to come and share their ideas with the Committee.

Thursford Allotment Committee
We have a vacant allotment.
Water, a communal shed, and manure are all on site.
As an allotment holder you would have membership of the Food Production Club.
Interested – call the Parish Clerk on 01328 878196

Mobile library under threat

Here are the dates the library van visits the village parking on The Green: December 6th. at 15.50 (3.30 p.m.) January 3rd, January 31st, February 28th, March 28th. There is also a stop in Heath Lane. The County Council is currently planning significant cuts to its mobile library service. Our County Councillor writes "In Melton Constable division (and many others) there are no bricks and mortar libraries and in many cases the mobile library is the only NCC service that users access. The proposed cut of £200k from next year onwards is more than 40% of the total budget of the mobile libraries service and will radically reduce its ability to deliver. It's almost certain to mean fewer vehicles making fewer trips." NCC Cllr Aquerone believes there is huge opportunity "to innovate and fundamentally upgrade the role of mobile libraries to being mobile service points, able to provide access to a wide range of County Council services and even save money elsewhere. In particular around tackling loneliness, and digital inclusion." Please let your councillors have your views on this matter.

Dates for the Diary (see separate insert)

Festive Fair at The Forum, Norwich: November 24-November 27. Live music from musicians and singers plus indoor and outdoor stalls offering East Anglian arts, crafts, produce and plants.

Candlelit Christmas Concert with Double Octave. Thursday 7th December 7.00 p.m. Mulled wine and mince pies.

Methodist Carol Service Sunday 17th December at 6.30 p.m. Mince pies and mulled wine at Holly Lodge afterwards.

Carols in the Barn Thursday 21st December at 4.30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service St Andrews 11.00 a.m. Mince pies and mulled wine

Cromer Firework Display Monday 1st January 2018 5.00 p.m. A truly unique way to celebrate the New Year.

It's Curry Night! Hindringham Village Hall Saturday 6th January 2018 7.00 p.m. £10

Please book in advance Tel 878465

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