

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Thursday 28th September 2023– 7:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps (IC), L Patterson (LP), K Calderwood (KC), C Popplewell (CP), T Black (TB), Jan Whitehouse (JW).

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies from District Councillor V Thomson
2. To receive declarations of Interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
None
3. Public Forum including County and District Councillors
No public in attendance
No reports from County or District Councillors.
4. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 27th July 2023.
These were approved.
5. Matters arising from minutes.
No comments
6. Administrative Issues
 - I. Clerks' attendance to Data Protection Course.
This will be carried out by Norfolk Parish Training and Support – all in favour.
 - II. Attendance of the Norfolk PTS Autumn seminar.
It was agreed that the clerk will attend and report back at the next meeting.
 - III. Microsoft Word Training for clerks and website accessibility.
The council is all in favour of the clerk's attendance.
7. Finance
 - I. To note the council's current financial standing.
Business Community Account - £10,930.46
Savings Account – £3,242.59
 - II. To note payments made since last meeting.
None
 - III. To note receipts since last meeting
None.
 - IV. To approve payments

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq. No
T Higlett	August Salary	276.93	101435
T Higlett	September Salary	276.93	101436
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Electrodes	55.20	101437
T Higlett	Postage stamps	8.80	101438
South Norfolk Council	Dog waste emptying service 2023-24	£300.60	101439
HMRC	Clerks' taxation	188.20	101440

V. New Banking arrangements

The clerk advised councillors that although she has spoken with Nat West regarding opening an account, to date she has not received the call back she was promised from their business team. The council stated that as no further correspondence from Barclays regarding updating account details has been received, council will remain with current banking arrangements. The clerk advised that Barclays have been corresponding with parish councils who bank with them and the consensus amongst clerks is the correspondence is not applicable to parish councils but more aimed at charities.

VI. Adoption of recycling centre.

The clerk has completed the agreement between South Norfolk and TPC and forwarded it onto the relevant department.

VII. Community Infrastructure Levy Report 2022-23.

The clerk advised the council that the parish council currently have £1072.50 of which £103.01 must be spent soon.

8. Village Gateways – Parish Partnership Scheme.

The council in receipt of correspondence from NCC Highways Engineer advising councillors that it would not be appropriate to install village gateways on the A146 near Prospect Place. The location is far too remote from the village and the concept of gateways is they are installed as you enter the core of the village.

The council have previously asked about village gateway signs at the 40-mph terminals and were advised that as Thurton already has large yellow back illuminated signs these are far more effective than a standard village gateway. Prospect Place is within the 50mph speed limit and is some distance from the core of the village. Highways advised the council they are unable to assist further on this occasion.

The council will look to see the installation of village gateways around Norfolk and their proximity to the village. The council will also look at the accident rate in the village and propose including within parish meetings minutes.

9. Installation of Dog waste bin

Clerk has received approval from both Norfolk County Council Highways and South Norfolk Council for the installation of dog waste bin on Vale Road and junction of Low Common.

10. Purchase of Kings Coronation Commemorative bench.

Quotes for benches had been obtained and these were more than the £200 grant. The grant was given to the parish council from South Norfolk District Council to spend on celebrating the King's Coronation. One suggestion was a wood carving for the forest school. LP proposed speaking to the village hall committee. The forest school is used by the village pre-school.

11. Tree planting around the village.

Trees will be supplied by the South Norfolk Tree Warden Network. All in agreement that these could be planted on the Fuel Charity Land. The clerk advised to contact SNTWN and request Rowan and Ornamental Cherry trees, 3 of each along with weed suppressant, pegs and spiral tree guards.

12. Neighbouring councils meeting

Councillors had met with representatives from both Ashby St Mary and Bergh Apton Parish Councils to discuss concerns around diversions which are put in place when there is an

incident on the A146. Other areas of discussion; the speed of vehicles travelling along the A146, reduction in speed limit and safety of pedestrians crossing the road. Campaign proposals to be finalised at a joint meeting of the parish councils in December with campaign commencing January 2024. TPC proposed designing a petition which can be displayed in prominent places around the village and inclusion on the parish website.

13. Remembrance Wreath

Council approved contribution towards a wreath. Chairman advised he would attend the service to represent the parish council.

14. Highways

I. Footpath Signage

a) Lion Lane needs reinstating again.

b) Cookes road signage is in the hedge.

Clerk to contact highways.

15. Consultations:

I. Formal Consultation South Norfolk: Public Spaces Protection Order - Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour – Council noted.

16. Items for the Next Agenda

Highways campaign, Kings coronation purchase, Budget, Clerks training, Dog bin installation, Vacancy.

17. Date of next meeting

Thursday 30th November 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 21:00