

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Thursday 30th November 2023– 7:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps (IC), L Patterson (LP), K Calderwood (KC), Jan Whitehouse (JW).

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies from C Popplewell, T Black and District Councillor V Thomson
2. Co-option to parish council
Member of public advised he would be interested in assisting council with A146 campaign but at present did not want to co-opt to council.
3. To receive declarations of Interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

None.
4. Public Forum including County and District Councillors.
Public in attendance to hear about council's speed awareness campaign.
Chairman asked for agenda point 12 to be discussed next to enable public to either remain or leave full meeting.

Cllr V Thomson had submitted a report prior to meeting. This was circulated to members.

Agenda point 12.

Update on speed awareness campaign on A146.

Member of the public asked if council could include within its campaign the illumination of bus stops in particular the Manor Farm bus stop. This would also assist drivers identifying the stop. It has been known for buses to accidentally drive past. Better illumination would also assist in Crossing the A146. Solar Power lighting was suggested. It was also made known that vehicles park in the vicinity of the bus stop which also blocks visibility. It was felt that the speed limits should be reduced by 10 miles along the A146 which would see Thurton reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

5. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 28th September 2023.
These were approved.
6. Matters arising from minutes.
No comments.
7. Planning
7.1 2023/3420 Location: Kingsley 18 The Street Thurton.
Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory & erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension, insertion of windows to side, alterations to side extension including replacing and raising roof and all associated alterations.
Council unanimously agreed they had no objection to the application.
8. Finance
8.1 Update on banking arrangements
Clerk advised that all suppliers have been advised of new bank account details.
8.2 To note the council's current financial standing.
Treasurers' Account - £18,196.14

8.3 To note receipts since last meeting.

None.

8.4 To approve payments.

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq. No
T Higlett	October Salary	276.93	000001
T Higlett	November Salary	276.93	000002
South Norfolk Council	Dog waste emptying service 2023-24	£300.60	000003
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Electrodes	55.20	000004
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll service	57.98	000005
Ashby & Thurton Playing Field Fund	Hire of venue	20.00	000006
Thurton Church Fund	Remembrance Wreath	10.00	000007
Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Clerks Training	31.50	000008
T Higlett	Reimbursement of Training Course	48.00	000009
T Higlett	Reimbursement of Clerks taxation paid on behalf of PC	188.20	000010

8.5 To note increase in clerks salary.

Clerks salary to be increased as per NJC terms and conditions from 1st April 2023.

Members acknowledged.

8.6 SLCC renewal

Clerk advised renewal is due in January 2024. Clerk to review membership benefit and report back to council.

9. Draft budget 2024-25

Clerk presented a draft budget for council to consider. LP advised Village Hall committee are applying for a grant from South Norfolk to carry out remedial works on the hall. If successful they will have to match fund. LP proposed council might like to assist them financially with some of the works. All in agreement. Propose waiting to see if they are successful with the grant application and to offer assistance with additional funds.

10. Installation of Dog waste bin

Clerk advised an order has been placed and this will be delivered to the foundry. Clerk to arrange installation once delivered.

11. Purchase of Kings Coronation Commemorative bench.

Council approved the purchase of a Kings Charles III Coronation bench at just over £387.78. This will include a free engraved brass plaque.

12. Update on speed awareness campaign.

Previously discussed.

13. Administrative Issues

13.1 Biodiversity Policy

Draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting. This was approved by members. Council will discuss action plan objectives at the next full council meeting.

13.2 Clerks attendance to Norfolk PTS Autumn seminar.
Chairman asked clerk if she could forward meeting notes to members.

14. Correspondence

14.1 Barclays Bank – A letter acknowledging complaint has been received. The complaint covers the service the parish council have received, in particular the closure of account.

14.2 South Norfolk Council – Premises Licence application for Dragons Den, The Street, Thurton.

Council acknowledge receipt.

LP advised owners envisage the field becoming independent of the George and Dragon.

Currently fund raising to install a drive way to the field.

15. Items for next agenda.

Precept 2024-25

16. Date of next meeting 8th January 2024

Meeting closed at 21:25