

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Monday 8th January 2024 – 7:30pm

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

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies from C Popplewell (CP), K Calderwood (KC), T Black (TB) and District Councillor V Thomson
2. Co-option to parish council
No Interest.
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.
No public in attendance.
No County or District Councillors in attendance.
5. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 30th November 2023.
These were approved.
6. Matters arising from minutes.
No comments.
7. Finance
 - 7.1 To note the council's current financial standing.
Treasurers' Account - £16,950.60
 - 7.2 To note receipts since last meeting.
None.
 - 7.3 To approve payments.

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq. No
T Higlett	December Salary	432.96	000011
HMRC	Clerks Taxation	227.20	000012
Ashby & Thurton Playing Field Fund	Hire of Venue	£60.00	000013
Glasdon	Dog Waste Bin	218.26	000014
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll service	57.98	000015
SLCC	Subscription	80.00	000016
T Higlett	Computer Software purchase	59.99	000017

HMRC	Bill due date interest	57.19	000018
T Higlett	Postage Stamps	10.00	000019

The clerk advised January payroll was not available at the time of meeting.

7.4 HMRC Overdue payment charge

The clerk advised HMRC Q2 payment of £188.20 posted in September 23, had not been cleared through the banking system. HMRC have made a charge for late payment. Autela Payroll have advised council to pay £57.19 as soon as possible to avoid further daily interest charges. This was due to Barclays inadvertently closing councils bank account.

8. Draft Budget 2024-25.

Clerk advised of an overall increase of just under £250.00 on the 2023-24 budget. Budget was approved by all.

9. Precept 2024-25

Council agreed to keep the band D charge the same as last year £44.62. Total parish precept request will be £9147.

10. To appoint internal auditor for 2023-24

Clerk advised L Trueman had stated she would carry out the 2023-24 audit for the council.

11. Biodiversity Action Plan

Chairman proposed that as the action plan should have input from all councillors this should be carried over to the next meeting.

12. Village Issues

The Chairman proposed that the discussion of this item was deferred until the next meeting, to ensure all councillors were able to comment.

13. Commemorative Item for Kings Coronation.

Chairman of the village hall committee had advised a bench would be acceptable for the playing field. This would replace one that has been damaged.

14. Update on speed awareness campaign.

Meeting had taken place in December with members of neighbouring councils. Agenda had been set by KC which included speed limits, crossing points, village refuge, bus stops and diversion routes when the A146 is closed due to contractual maintenance or an incident. A petition will be put together and placed on the NCC website, later in January. Next meeting will take place on the 16th January 2024. FOI request for accidents between Birch way and Yelverton Garage has been requested by KC. Both County and District councillors have been advised of the A146 safety campaign.

Members wondered if the flashing lights on the school signs are on a timer. LP advised she would speak to the school.

15. Correspondence

15.1 Barclays Bank. They are still investigating the complaint which council has lodged regarding closure of account. Clerk recently advised Barclays that council have received a fine from HMRC regarding late payment and would seek compensation from Barclays.

16. Consultations.

16.1 South Norfolk's Consultation on alternative sites and focused changes for the draft village clusters housing allocation.

As this does not directly affect Thurton, it was proposed that there would be no response.

17. General parish issues

The redundant telephone box which houses the defibrillator has sustained damage. The glass door has been smashed but the glass is still intact. Clerk to contact a local glazier to quote for repairs.

Date of next meeting 28th March 2024

Meeting closed at 20:23