

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Thursday 30th March 2023– 7:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps (IC) (Chairman) T Black (TB), L Patterson (LP), C Popplewell (CP)

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies
It was agreed to accept apologies from K Calderwood (KC)
2. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations for Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest.
L Patterson - Planning Application 2023/0162
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2023
These were agreed as a true record of proceedings.
4. Public Open Forum including reports from County and district Councillors if in attendance.
No Public in attendance.
District Councillor – Cllr V Thomson
 - Parish Council have been awarded their £200 grant for the Kings Coronation events to be held in the village.
 - Savings have been made by moving out of the offices in Long Stratton.
 - South Norfolk have advised that their portion of the annual council tax has been frozen for this year.
 - Warm Spaces – Marketing of these has been disappointing. However, some people look on it as a form of human socialising.
 - Voter ID – May 2023 elections. 1,000 people a week have applied for postal vote.
 - A146 Thurton Masts – There are two masts one that is managed by Cornerstone for O2 & Vodafone and one by MBNL (EE & Three). The MBNL mast is to be replaced under permitted development. It has been in situ for some time and can no longer provide the technology for two operators.
 - Sceptic drainage change – South Norfolk are exploring a scheme to replace septic tanks with packaged treatment plants. Cllr Thomson asked if council could pass on his details to anyone who has one.
 - TB opened up a discussion around village gateways for Thurton. Village gateways are situated on the approach to built up areas. Speed limit signs and town/village nameplates can be incorporated to warn approaching drivers. Cllr Thomson advised NCC Highways would be the best point of contact along with County Cllr Mason Billig. Cllr Thomson advised he would also forward to the clerk the Norfolk County Speed Strategy which was published earlier this year.
5. Matters arising from minutes.
 - I. Village hall driveway. Clerk advised grant application has been approved. A new contractor had been appointed since submission and clerk has advised NCC accordingly. LP advised drive would be resurfaced possibly as early as April 2023.
 - II. Defibrillator. Council to approve payment and goods will be dispatched within 2 – 4 weeks upon receipt. Training on defibrillator to be carried out if possible, at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - III. Auditor for 2022/23. Lorraine Trueman has been appointed for a second year.

6. Planning

- I. To receive a report on planning applications determined since last meeting.
 - a) 2023/0162 Location: Land East of Hillside Bungalow Cookes Road Thurton
Proposal: Single storey dwelling and detached double garage. Members of the council had no objection to the planning application. Consensus was that the 'right of way' issue should be resolved to the satisfaction of the neighbours before the application proceeds.
- II. Decisions since last meeting
 - a) 2022/2208 App Type: Full Parish: Thurton Location: 1 Prospect Place Norwich Road Thurton. Proposal: Convert cart shed into an annexe to the main dwelling
Decision: Approval with Conditions (Delegated) Date of decision: 8 February 2023

7. Finance

- I. Councils current financial standing:
Community Account £14,217.09
Business Account £3231.83
- II. Council approved the following payments:

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
T Higlett	Salary – February	277.13	101412
T Higlett	Salary – March	276.93	101413
Autela Payroll	Payroll Services	71.58	101414
HMRC	Clerks Taxation	188.20	101415
T Higlett	Computer Security	24.99	101416
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator	2994.00	101417

- III. Payments made since last meeting.
T Higlett – Computer software £79.99
- IV. Income received since last meeting.
HMRC – VAT refund £194.55
- V. Invoice to Ashby St Mary
Council approved the raising of an invoice to Ashby St Mary PC for contribution of £900 towards purchase of defibrillator.

8. Telephone Mast Upgrade

Cllr Thomson had updated councillors on the current situation and was in contact with the resident who had brought this application to the attention of the parish council with their concerns. One particular concern was the noise emitted from the green control box which was reported to be very loud. The green box will remain but refurbished and should eliminate the current sound levels being experienced.

9. Norfolk ALC Payroll Services

Council decided to remain with current payroll provider but monitor feedback on Norfolk ALC service.

10. Kings Coronation

Chairman of Ashby St Mary PC had suggested a meeting to discuss plans for the Big Lunch which is to take place on Sunday 7th May. Council approved and a meeting to be set up w/c 10th April. It was also suggested that perhaps the George and Dragon public house Thurton, could be a suitable venue. Clerk to contact Chairman – Ashby St Mary.

11. Periodic Items

- Asset Register
- Complaints Policy

- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Information Audit
- Retention of Documents Policy

All documents were approved with no changes.

12. Elections 2023

Council reminded deadline for nominations forms was 4pm on the 4th April 2023.
Public Information on the election was also included on the parish website.

13. Correspondence

- I. LGA Code of Conduct – this will be adopted after the election in May 2023.
- II. NALC Newsletters

14. New Items

- CP advised of a pothole on The Street at the junction with Loddon Road. Clerk to report.
- Discussion around fluorescent tape affixed to bus stop. Clerk to contact bus company.
- It has been noted that the hedging approaching the bus stop near to Prospect Place has been cut back and visibility is better. Council still concerned over the speed on the A146 in this area and propose inviting Cllr Mason Billig along to discuss further.
- Council propose to discuss publishing a half yearly newsletter now that the Thunderer has ceased publication.

15. Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting – 27th April 2023

Annual Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2023