

Minutes to Thurton Annual Parish Meeting

26th May 2022 at 7.00 pm

In Attendance: Chris Popplewell (CP) Chair, I Capps (IC), Karen Calderwood (KC), Lynn Paterson (LP),

Apologies from T Black

1. The Annual Report for 2021/22 by Thurton Parish Council

Attached

CP thanked members for their support and for being a very proactive council.

2. County and District councillors were not in attendance.

County Cllr K Mason Billig report attached.

3. Village Organisations

- a) Thurton Thunderer

CP and LP have worked on the editorial for the Thunder, which receives positive comments from residents of both Ashby St Mary and Thurton. TB has recently joined the editorial team. Grateful for the support from the council otherwise magazine could not be produced.

- b) Tree Warden

Report Attached

- c) Footpath Warden

LP advised she walks the footpaths quite a lot especially during Covid. Where signposts have been vandalised, it has been noted that highways are not so quick in reinstalling them as in the past.

- d) South Yare Wildlife Group

Report Attached

- e) Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee

Carol Powell Chairman advised that during Covid the hall had remained closed till June 21, 2021, when it was then used solely by the playschool. Thanks to Thurton Parish Council for a grant of a £1,000 to assist with the loss of income whilst the hall was closed. A grant was also received from the Sand & Gravel Charity. The village hall was also successful in obtaining a grant from South Norfolk Council of £10,000 to assist with loss revenue. In total the hall has received grants of £20,000 all of which will assist with remedial maintenance. Some of repairs have already been carried out, which includes replacing the flat roof above the kitchen. A new kitchen door and fire exit door are due to be replaced soon. A Health and Safety survey was conducted free of charge, whilst the hall was closed. Fire horns will now be installed, and a double and single emergency door will be replaced at a cost of £4,000. Committee has refurbished the chair store after rainwater damage. Next project is to replace current loft insulation.

Pre-school have extended their garden and Forest School. Committee had to have a survey carried out on the trees in the forest school and this cost £400. 30+ trees require attention and have been quoted £7,000. Removal of one tree is around £400. CP advised they could apply for free trees in the Autumn through the Tree warden Scheme.

Car park needs attention along with the driveway. This could cost anything from £55,000 to £85,000. Driveway on its own around £14,000.

Committee have increased the hire rates for the hall to assist with the rising costs and work which needs to be carried out. Pre-school is £18.00 a session other hirer £20.00.

100 club is still running, with lots of people taking part.

Tesco token scheme raised £500 over 3 months.

Three new clubs have recently started hiring the hall. These are Fencing, Pilates and Circuit Training. By using Facebook to publicise the hall, has brought in extra business.

- f) Thurton Church
Report Attached
- g) Byrus – no report
- h) Friends of Thurton Church
Report Attached
- i) Thurton Foundries
Report Attached
- j) Thurton WI -no report
- k) Thurton & Ashby Pre School
Report Attached
- l) Litter Pickers
Report Attached

CP also advised each person has clear adopted roles and the equipment is kept on CP's premises.

Meeting closed 20:15