

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Monday 28th March 2022 – 7:30pm

In Attendance: C Popplewell – Chair, I Capps, L Patterson, T Black. Cllr K Mason Billig

Minutes: T Higlett (Parish Clerk)

1. To consider apologies for absence.
K Calderwood
2. To receive declarations of interests for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
None.
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022.
These were agreed with the word “just “deleted.
4. Public Open Forum
Member of the public spoke to council regarding concerns around Prospect Place. Issues trying to cross the A146 to get to the footpath on the opposite side of the road. Vehicle speed from both directions. It was felt that once a driver had passed the speed camera, they were unnecessarily accelerating their speed. Cllr Mason Billig proposed a site meeting with NCC Highways to discuss what can be done to alleviate the issues. Installation of village gateways is one possibility. Discussions also followed around the monitoring of air quality. South Norfolk Council are the point of contact regarding the installation of a monitoring system. Cllr Mason Billig spoke of the Governments Levelling Up agenda and how this could affect Norfolk should Norfolk County Council sign up to it. There are plans to install more electric charging points for electric vehicles. The Norwich Bike Share – Beryl is extremely popular with the increased cycle ways around Norwich. Electric bus Funding of £3.2 million has been secured for Norwich. This will enable fifteen buses to be purchased and could be in operation by March 2024. South Norfolk will see the homing of families who have fled the war in Ukraine. The Crescent in Thurton has now had the trees cut back. However, there are still concerns over the ownership from residents and further maintenance. The fence and bank are not highways responsibility as they sit on landowner’s land. Resident had thanked Cllr Mason Billig for her assistance in negotiating with highways over the maintenance.
5. Matters arising from previous minutes.
 - a) Bus shelter repairs. Clerk updated members that permission will need to be obtained to close the bus stops from South Area Street works Team and will be able to advise on the Traffic Management requirements. Contractor had been advised of the current situation. T Black wondered if council should consider replacing pillars with brick rather than wood to save on future maintenance costs. Propose meeting with contractor to discuss further. Meeting was also proposed to discuss closure with Highway’s engineer.
 - b) Telephone Kiosk. C Popplewell had supplied council with picture of defibrillator housed in a similar kiosk in a Norfolk village and suggested contacting parish council to obtain further information on their refurbishment and installation of defibrillator. Members are still waiting on correspondence from Ashby St Mary PC as to whether they are prepared to joint fund a defibrillator.
6. Planning
 - a) 2022/0228 Location: 2 Ashby Road Thurton, Proposal: Altered roof to main part of dwelling. Members reviewed the application and stated they have no objection. However, it had been noted that there has been significant work already carried out on the property and have assumed this work has been allowed to go ahead with approval from South Norfolk Planning. The property is set back from the pavement and members would like to see the path extended. The fencing or wall as shown in the plans is also disproportionate to the house.

Vote – No objection

Proposed by C Popplewell – seconded by I Capps – all in favour

- b) 2022/0409 Location: Heathers, Vale Road Thurton Proposal: Garage conversion with new porch, side extension and rear garden shed.

Vote – No objection

All in favour

Clerk to advise South Norfolk Planning of council's decisions.

7. Finance

T Black advised council she had spoken with Barclays with regarding online banking. Council felt at present there was no requirement to change current banking arrangements.

- a) To note the councils current financial standing

Business Current Account - £11591.45

Business Savings Account - £3228.71

- b) Council approved the following payments:

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
T Higlett	Salary - February	250.38	101364
Ashby & Thurton Village Hall	Venue Hire	75.00	101365
T Higlett	Salary – March	250.58	101366
HMRC	Clerks Income Tax	168.20	101367
South Norfolk Council	Dog waste emptying service	398.16	101368
L Patterson	Postage stamps for Thunderer invoices	7.92	101369
T Higlett	Ink Cartridge	39.35	101370
Roberts & Son	Printing of Thunderer	286.00	101371
Autela Payroll Service	Payroll services	52.20	101372

- c) To note payments received

Thunderer Advertisers - £200.00

- d) Council appointed Lorraine Trueman to carry out internal audit for 2021-22

8. To receive reports

- a) Village Hall Management Committee representative – L Patterson advised that bookings were good. Still looking for funding for a new driveway. The new floor has sustained damage and will need to be revarnished. Forest area has been tidied up with the addition of some new wood carvings which were carried out by a local craftsman.
- b) Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – K Calderwood had sent in a report. The George and Dragon will be organising a barbecue along with the beacon lighting which will take place on the Thursday evening. Fireworks are also planned. Sunday afternoon there will be a picnic/fete with games and craft stalls on the Ashby and Thurton playing field. This will follow on from the family service at Thurton Church at 12:30. WI are doing refreshments in the hall and there will be an ice cream van. Other entertainment includes children's races tug of war between Thurton and Ashby and folk music. Friends of Thurton Church/WI/Pre-school are using this as a fund-raising opportunity. Posters will be produced advertising the event. A £200 grant has been applied for by both parishes to help with expenditure. The parish council was asked for a donation towards fireworks. T Black conveyed that at a conference, which she attended with the clerk, for those that subscribe to the Society of Local Council Clerks, they advised councils to take out insurance to cover costs should the planned celebrations have to be cancelled.

9. Emergency Plan

Proposed to carry over to next meeting. But to invite South Norfolk Emergency co-ordinator to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting to give an overview as to what needs to be put in place.

10. Date of Annual Parish Meeting
26th May was agreed. Invites to go out to Tony Davey and other village club/societies representatives.
Clerk to produce Chairs report.
11. Update and consider any necessary action with regards to the following:
 - a) Trees on the Crescent - previously discussed
 - b) Crossing of the A146 near Prospect Place – previously discussed.
12. Correspondence:
Correspondence received from the Editor of Eleven Says. Request for a donation towards the production of the publication due to loss of income from advertising. The parish council decided not to donate. The Thurton Thunderer is also experiencing a loss of revenue from Advertisers.
13. Editorial for the Thurton Thunderer.
Cutting of the trees on The Crescent; Bus shelter repairs; Prospect Place crossing A146; Village gateways; Air pollution monitoring; Speed awareness and possible joint working with Ashby St Mary; Planning; Speakers at annual parish meeting.
14. Items for next meeting
Emergency Plan.
15. Date of next meeting – 26th May 2022
16. Any other business.
Members had agreed to replace parish council laptop in September 2021. Clerk advised council that to replace laptop, it would cost in the region of £480. Council approved cost and advised clerk to purchase.
Meeting closed at 9:30