

# Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023– 7:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps (IC) (Chairman) T Black (TB), K Calderwood (KC)

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies from L Patterson (LP), C Popplewell (CP) Cllr K Mason Billig

2. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations for Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest.

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November and 5th December 2022

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 spoke of the affect the ambulance service strike was having on the hospital. South Norfolk Council have hardship funds available and details can be found on their website. Norwich will be running electric buses and there will be a maximum fare of £2.00. Advised people to ensure they have equipment in their vehicles for winter driving specifically blankets, spades and drinks. Also advised to check the grit bin is topped up and to contact NCC Highways if low. Forthcoming elections will require Photo ID. Further information can be found on the Electoral Commission website. South Norfolk Council has saved a £1million pounds on heating costs this winter, by vacating their offices in Long Stratton. The budget for South Norfolk will be available online from the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Local Plan – looking at possible Gypsy and Traveller sites. Looking to set up a not for profit company to look at Nutrient Neutrality. This will consist of four organisations. A Warm Space, which was set up late 2022, now has libraries and public houses involved. Looking to set up an web link to advise where there is a warm space in your locality.

Cllr Black spoke of the concerns around Prospect Place and the speed of traffic and how we can get the speed limit reduced in this area. Cllr Thomson advised council that they need to contact the County Councillor with their concerns. Council spoke of whether it is possible to arrange for a traffic survey to be carried out and to compare the figures against the last survey. The new developments in Loddon have seen traffic increase on the A146. Cllr Thomson advised NCC Highways and South Norfolk Enforcement Team are in talks with Green Pastures Plant Centre at Bergh Apton, regarding the reduction of speed on the A146 which was a condition of planning approval relating to the extension of the restaurant. The vegetation has still to be cut back on the approach from Norwich to Prospect Place to aid visibility. Discussed reflective tape to be placed around bus stops to help with identifying them at night.

5. Matters arising from minutes.

I. Village hall driveway. Clerk has submitted grant application form on behalf of both Ashby St Mary and Thurton Parish Councils. Successful applicants will be advised in March 2023.

II. Defibrillator. Clerk updated council on delivery times of 2/3 weeks and cost for training package is £175.00. Course run time is around 90 minutes with the last 30 minutes taken up with question and answers. Advised to leave the annual support for the first year unless we feel the system will be used more than 5 times in the first

year. Council would need to monitor the use. Support package can be taken out at any time.

- III. Information of planning application 2022/2216 Arqiva smart metering. Clerk advised following conversation with South Norfolk Planning that this type of application which is known as 'Prior Notification' when submitted is assessed against planning legislation known as 'General Permitted Development Order' and it must conform to the legislation. Areas of concern by council regarding noise and those living in close proximity are all covered by the legislation.

6. Planning

- I. To receive a report on planning applications determined since last meeting.

**2022/2208** Location: 1 Prospect Place, Norwich Road Thurton Proposal: Convert cart into an annexe to the main dwelling Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Council had no comments to make.

**2022/2216** Applicant:Arqiva Ltd Location: Land at Thurton Pumping Station Vale Road Thurton. Proposal: Proposed Arqiva smart metering.

Council had no objection as applicant would be required to comply with the 'General Permitted Development Order' part 16. Areas of concern whilst viewing the application was noise from the antenna, which could affect wildlife and those living in close proximity. Suitability of the location and the trees growing around the area and the root system.

**2022/2189** Location: 35 Ashby Road Thurton Proposal: Erection of garage

Council had no objection to the application. However, discussion around the size and whether the applicant may look in the future to change to residential use.

7. Finance

- I. Third quarter accounts were presented.
- II. Council approved the following payments:

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
T Higlett	Salary – December	415.66	101405
Autela Payroll	Payroll services	54.00	101406
Ashby & Thurton Village Hall	Hire of venue	60.00	101407
HMRC	Clerks Taxation	214.20	101408
SLCC	Subscription	80.00	101409
T Higlett	Salary – January	276.93	101410

- III. Payments made since last meeting.  
None

8. Draft Budget 2023/24

Members reviewed the budget and agreed on the following amendments.  
£1,000 for Grants and £400 for printing of the Thunderer.  
Budget was unanimously approved.

9. Precept 2023-24

Council set precept at 9147.18.

10. To appoint Internal Auditor for 2022-23

Clerk has approached L Trueman to carry out the audit again this year.

11. Correspondence

- I. Norfolk ALC – proposed new services for councils.  
Council has shown an interest in payroll services.
- II. Norfolk ALC .gov.uk Email Pilot Scheme  
Council has advised NALC of their interest.
- III. Bottle bank emptying  
Clerk contacted South Norfolk to request bank emptied as overflowing.
- IV. Pruning of trees at Three Oaks  
Clerk contacted South Norfolk to advise there was work being carried out on the trees and was advised routine maintenance was being carried out.

12. Thurton Thunderer

Cllr Black advised the Thunderer would no longer be published due to unforeseen circumstances. To be included on March Agenda.

13. Date of next meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023.