

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Virtual Meeting Thursday March 25th 2021 – 6:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps – Chairman, S Bush, L Patterson, T Black.

Minutes: T Higlett (Parish Clerk)

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To consider apologies for absence

C Popplewell and C Ellis

3. To receive disclosures of interests and dispensations.

None.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021.

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments.

5. Public Forum.

No public in attendance.

Report from Cllr B Stone. Parish partnership is going ahead. Norfolk County Council has launched a project to plant 1 Million Trees for Norfolk. Working alongside landowners and communities, NCC aim to plant one million trees across the county over 5 years. Lord Dannatt, chair of the Norfolk Flooding Alliance, advised the alliance will re-shape the way the county prepares itself for future instances of flooding and look to make improvements to infrastructure to limit the impact it has on communities. Highways are carrying out a lot of work in the area, either cutting hedges, repairing roads or clearing ditches. Local elections will take place on the 6th May and Cllr Stone advised he will not be standing for this area. Members passed on thanks to Cllr Stone for his assistance whilst representing the Loddon area, and wished him good luck for the future.

6. Planning.

- a) 2021/0487 Location: 2A St Georges Close Thurton, Proposal: Single storey extension and alterations to dwelling. Members had no objection – all in favour
- b) 2021/0198 4 Mill Close Thurton Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension. Members had no objection – all in favour.
- c) 2021/0106 Meadow View Hall Road Thurton. Single storey flat roof extension to the rear. Members had no objection – all in favour.
- d) Planning application decisions.
2021/0198 4 Mill Close single storey side and rear extensions. Approved with conditions.

7. Matters arising from Minutes.

- a) Mileage post refurbishment – S Bush advised that the post may require painting along with another post on the A146 towards Norwich. These will be looked at when the weather improves.
- b) War memorial – C Ellis advised that quotes had been obtained from a stone mason to include the soldiers name on the memorial. The cheapest was £367.02. He also advised a conversation would be had with the family of the soldier to see if they would consider making a contribution towards the cost and if the parish council were also in a position to

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contribute. C Ellis felt that it would be appropriate that the village contribute towards honouring the memory of the one of their sons. Members felt that perhaps it could be a three way split and perhaps the Friends of Thurton Church could be approached. L Patterson advised she would have a conversation with the Friends on behalf of the parish council.

- c) Cleaning of village sign – S Bush felt that professional advise should be sought as the sign is cast iron. T Black will ask advise from previous artist to see what cleaning materials should be used. I Capps advised sign would require shot blasting, primed and then hand painted.
- d) Village gateways – clerk confirmed the cost as £2500 a pair. Members not able to see where these could be placed in the village. Perhaps the planting of trees as previously mentioned by Cllr Stone, from the Loke up the A146 would be more beneficial.

Cllr Thomson joined the meeting
District Cllr report.

Planning meetings – risk analysis up to 20 members of the public are now able to attend. South Norfolk Council (SNC)Scrutiny committee has looked at what we do as a district in respect of flooding and how did we respond, to the recent issues. Work has commenced on the new recycling centre at Harford Bridge. Opening is planned for October 2021. Bergh Apton recycling centre has received lots of good feedback notably of the staff. Update regarding GNLP-Regulation 19 (period for making representations) - closed on the 22nd March. Now goes to the Inspectors. South Norfolk Planning are still looking at village clusters. Information should come out to parish councils in April.

8. Co-Option to the Parish Council

So far there has been no interest. T Black advised she may know of someone who may be like to join and will update members accordingly.

9. Finance

- a) Councils current financial standing on 26th February 2021:

Business Community account balance £8850.87

Savings account balance £3228.39

- b) Payments for February/March 2021

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
T Higlett	Clerks Feb. Salary	250.38	101324
Nalc	Preparing for AGAR course	30.00	101321
Roberts & Son	Printing - Thunderer	196.00	101322
HMRC	Clerks Income tax	168.40	101323
T Higlett	Clerks March Salary	250.38	101325
L Patterson	Postage for Invoices – Thurton Thunderer	15.72	101326
T Higlett	Expenses- Condolence Book	14.99	101327
Autela Payroll	Payroll Services	61.45	101328

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10. Periodic Items

Council reviewed the following council documentation:

- a) Complaints policy
- b) General Risk Register
- c) Lone working Policy

11. Highways Issues

Outstanding highways issues including the repair of footpath signs have now been carried out.

12. Tree Protection Order on Three Oaks, Thurton

Council acknowledge receipt of Order from SNC.

13. Correspondence:

SNC Armed Forces Covenant

NCC – One million trees (this opens in May 2021)

14. Items for the Thunderer

NCC – One million Trees, refurbishment of village sign.

15. Date of next scheduled meeting 6th May 2021 unless an earlier meeting is required.

16. Items to be included on next agenda

Emergency Plan, Million Trees and Village sign

Meeting closed at 20:20