

## Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 6:30pm

In Attendance: C Popplewell – Chair, S Bush, L Patterson, I Capps

Minutes: T Higlett (Parish Clerk)

1. To consider apologies for absence

T Black

2. To receive disclosures of interests and dispensations.

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Minutes not approved as members had not received them.

4. To acknowledge resignation of Councillor

C Ellis had advised the council of his resignation due to other commitments that he has responsibility for. He joined the parish council in July 2016 and had enjoyed his time as a councillor. Members were disappointed to hear of the resignation and wished Councillor Ellis well in the future. Cllr Ellis also served as a representative of the council on the village hall committee. Members proposed the next council agenda should contain election of a representative to the village hall committee. The Parish Council now have two vacant seats.

5. Public Open forum

No public in attendance.

6. Audit 2020/21.

The Internal auditor had completed an audit of the council's finances and administration. There were no reported anomalies

I. Council approved exemption from external audit and approved the signing of Certificate of Exemption. All in favour - Chair and Clerk duly signed.

II. Considered the assertions on and compete section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2020-21. All in favour - Chair/Clerk/RFO signed

III. Considered and approved section 2 Accounting Statements 2020 -21. Chair and Clerk duly signed.

IV. End of year bank reconciliation was approved.

7. Planning

I. 2021/1256 Location: 16 The Street Thurton. Proposed single storey rear extension.

Members had reviewed the application and were all in favour of the application.

8. Finance

I. To note the councils current financial standing

Business Current Account - £11963.09

Business Savings Account - £3228.47

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II. To consider issuing cheques for the following

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
• NALC	• Subscription/training	• 196.18	• 101334
• T Higlett	• Clerks June. Salary	• 250.58	• 101335
• HMRC	• Clerks Tax payment	• 168.20	• 101336
• Roberts & Son	• Printing - Thunderer	• 219.00	• 101337
• Ashby & Thurton Village Hall	• Hire of venue for 2021	• 60.00	• 101338

III. To note receipts since last meeting

- a) Income from Advertising in the Thunderer - £100.00

9. Consultations

I. South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocation Plan

Five sites have been put forward and there maybe more. Three of the sites are on Vale Road and the village has very narrow streets leading onto the A146. Members are still of the opinion that access onto the A146 is the biggest problem, along with water/drainage concerns. Details will be placed on the Parish Council website for information along with the councils view that any development, other than infill, should be confined to the Ashby side of the A146. This is a long-standing principle based on the junction alignments, a desire to minimise the amount of queuing caused by turning traffic and the number of pedestrians having to cross the A146. Council agreed to support the recommendations against the development of any of the proposed sites in Ashby and Thurton.

10. Update on the Trees on the Crescent

L Patterson has been in contact with a resident on the Crescent who is in receipt of further correspondence from Norfolk County Council Highways, which states the cutting back of the trees is the residents responsibility. Resident has a copy of the conveyance which states the land was bought by NCC from the seller. County Councillor Kay Mason Billig has been contacted and proposed a meeting should be arranged between all interested parties and proposes this to be arranged in the early part of July. There has also been concerns with the safety of school children cycling the footpath, who to avoid the overhanging branches are cycling to close to the A146. Members passed on thanks to L Patterson for the time she has put in as an intermediary.

Clerk to make contact with County Councillor to arrange a meeting.

12. Commemorative tree in churchyard

C Popplewell proposed a Rowan tree, which would be more suitable to the soil, should be purchased. The cage around what is left of the old tree may require refurbishing. I Capps advised

he would take a look and advise accordingly. Clerk has notified NCC that council would be interested in taking part in the one million trees for Norfolk campaign.

13. Items for the Thunderer

South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocation Plan, planting of new tree in Churchyard, update on the trees on The Crescent, Planning applications, Parish Council vacancies, Thurton village sign, and maintenance of village assets.

14. Members discussed the bus shelters will require some routine maintenance which T Black, S Bush and C Popplewell offered to carry out.

S Bush advised that the village noticeboard and map lectern will be cleaned in the autumn and wood restorer will be applied.

I Capps advised the village sign was in a good condition. The reverse of the sign was better than the front. The brickwork which the post is secured into, could do with re-pointing. The oak post could also do with protecting. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

15. Date of next scheduled meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 unless an earlier meeting is required.

Meeting closed at 20:10