

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Thursday 30th September 2021 – 7:30pm

In Attendance: C Popplewell – Chair, L Patterson, T Black

Minutes: T Higlett (Parish Clerk)

1. To consider apologies for absence

I Capps and S Bush

2. To receive disclosures of interests and dispensations.

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2021.

Minutes were approved and duly signed.

4. Public Open Forum

No public in attendance

- a) County Cllr Kay Mason Billig advised members she had met with Norfolk County Councils Highways engineer to discuss the trees on the Crescent. A copy of the Land registry had been obtained and each property owns a piece of the land where the trees are planted. NCC highways will now ask for advice from an arboriculturist, who can advise on aspects such as maintenance and removal of any dead wood. A quote for this work will also be obtained. A decision will then be made as to who will pick up the cost but going forward the responsibility will be with the owners. T Black asked for the branches which are currently encroaching on the pathways to also be addressed as it is very dangerous for children who are cycling to school.

Loddon roundabout is ongoing. Traffic will be diverted, and speed limit will be reduced to 40mph, whilst construction takes place. Once infrastructure is in place then speed can be reverted. T Black asked if there are any more future developments which will influence the A146. Loddon has earmarked another 180 to 250 houses.

Chair spoke of the correspondence council had received regarding crossing the A146 from Prospect Place to use the footpath on the other side of the road. Cllr Mason Billig advised she will speak to Highway's engineer regarding this. Council have considered village gateway traffic calming, which could be installed at the entrance and exit of the village to aid in speed reduction. Council also discussed contacting South Norfolk Council to see whether we could have a air quality monitoring station installed.

- b) District Cllr V Thomson sent his apologies and emailed report prior to the meeting. (Appendix 1)

5. Co-Option to Parish Council

Chair advised she had corresponded with an interested party, and they would let council know before the next meeting.

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6. Planning

a) 2021/2098 Location: 9 Lion Lane Thurton. Proposal: Erection of a two-storey extension and porch and associated works. Council reviewed the application and felt they had no concerns and therefore no objection.

b) To receive a report on planning applications determined since last meeting.

2021/0921 Amended Location: Dragons Den, The Street Thurton Norfolk New shelter and 2no. camping pods, including additional parking spaces. Council had no comments to make in respect of this amended application and stand by original comments, which is to approve application.

c) To update on recent decisions.

2021/1641 Fiddlers Mead, Low Common Road. Approved with no conditions.

7. Repairs to Bus Shelters

Chair advised members that the woodwork is deteriorating and has woodworm. It was suggested that a carpenter should be contacted to quote on carrying out the remedial work. Council had a survey carried out in 2019 and employed a contractor to repair.

8. Purchase of Rowan tree for Thurton Church graveyard

Chair advised a tree has been purchased and the garden centre will deliver. Discussion was around the dedication service which will take place on the 14th November, Remembrance Sunday. T Black advised she would get the ground prepared and arrange for the tree to be planted mid-October. Council will pay for compost and any other sundries. Chair suggested speaking to the Lay Preacher with regards to the re-dedication which is in memory of those who lost their lives in conflict.

9. Purchase of second defibrillator.

Clerk was in receipt of a quotation from London Hearts who are currently offering a grant of £300 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Members proposed that the unit should be housed in a heated cabinet. Clerk to obtain further information on maintenance of the unit and cost including heated cabinet.

10. Discuss renewal to Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Council approved the annual renewal at £36.00.

11. Finance

a) Councils current financial standing

Community Account - £10,866.55

Business Account – £3,228.55

b) Payments for August/September 2021

Payee	Reference	Amount	Chq. no
• T Higlett	• Clerks Aug. Salary	• 250.58	• 101341
• HMRC	• Clerks Income Tax	• 168.40	• 101342
• Autela Payroll	• Payroll services	• 52.20	• 101343
• T Higlett	• Clerks Sept. Salary	• 250.38	• 101344
• Roberts & Son	• Printing	• 269.00	• 101345

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• T Higlett	Expenses Stamps & Computer Security	• 27.69	• 101346
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c)Community Infrastructure Levy.

Members proposed leaving notification of spend this year till November 2021. Balance used to offset the purchase of Rowan tree and compost. South Norfolk Council require CIL report by the 31st December 2021.

12. Highways

Correspondence received regarding crossing the A146 at Prospect Place. Previously discussed in the Public Open Forum – agenda point four

13. Reports

a) Village hall management committee – L Patterson reported that village hall land currently not registered with the Land Registry and is being addressed. The pre-school is doing well with a lot of interest in the forest school. Most groups are now back using the hall. The community café is not well attended, until after 3pm when busy with mums who have collected children from school. There are plans this year for a Christmas Bazaar. The car park needs repairs, but this is going to be costly, and funding will need to be sourced to enable repairs to go ahead. Risk assessment on play equipment to be carried out.

14. Correspondence.

- a) Barclays Bank
- b) NALC Wellbeing newsletters
- c) NALC Newsletters
- d) Royal British Legion – Chair advised she would arrange for the remembrance wreath to be purchased.

15. Consultations

- a) Transport for Norwich Strategy – Online survey which will help shape the strategy and action plan for Norwich’s transport network over years to come. Council acknowledged.

16. Refurbishment of Councils laptop.

Clerk advised that the council’s laptop had become slow, battery required charging more frequently than in the past, and sometimes nonresponsive. Proposed that it could do with being checked over by a computer engineer. Chair commented that the computer was over 10 years old and should be replaced. Members agreed. Clerk to obtain costs and report to council.

17. Thurton Thunderer

- a) Update on editorial meeting - L Patterson advised that S Kings had joined the editorial team and represents Ashby St Mary Parish Council. Innovative ideas and articles had been discussed and a competition to rename the magazine will go out with the next edition. People have come forward to deliver the magazine in Ashby and the Parish Council will contribute £100 a year towards the printing of the extra one hundred copies required to cover both parishes.
- b) Items for the Thunderer.
Planning, Co-option to the council, traffic calming, trees on the Crescent, Remembrance wreath and defibrillator.

Date of next meeting 25th November 2021

Meeting closed at 21.35.

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Appendix 1 District Councillors report Covid

Norfolk is still experiencing increases in [#COVID](#) infection rates. Let's continue to make choices that help keep ourselves and others safe.

Our Help Hub phone lines are available from 8.15am to 10pm Monday to Friday so you can get advice and support when you need it



You can make a real difference to children's lives as a school governor.

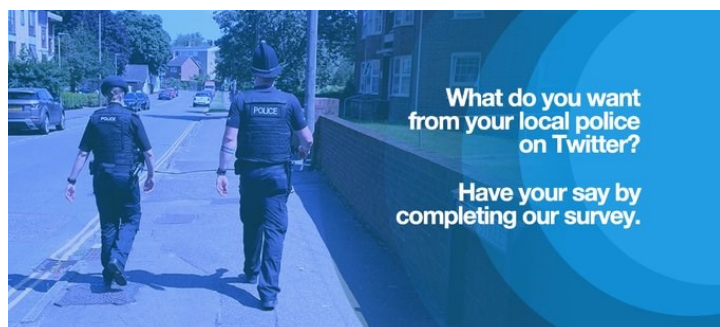
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What do you want to see from us on Twitter? Please fill in this national survey to help shape the way we use social media - https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Norfolk_Twitter/

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service: The service is joining a national [#KnowExactlyWhere](#) campaign next week to highlight the benefits of using the app What3Words - which helps them to locate emergency incidents quickly and easily. What3Words divides the world up into 3m x 3m squares and if emergency callers are able to give such a location, rescue teams can target resources to the exact spot quickly- particularly helpful with rural incidents. You can watch a short video here about it <https://youtu.be/NHEjeUj-IXE> Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service would encourage you to download the app and spread the word.

Please don't put batteries in your recycling bin; we have heard of several fires recently caused by batteries! Batteries can be recycled at any of Norfolk's Recycling Centres and many supermarkets or other retailers who sell batteries.

[#RediscoverNorfolk](#) with Norfolk Trails tried & tested circular walks to explore your local patch - you'll be amazed at the hidden places you can find on foot

Getting out in nature is one of the most powerful ways to good health and well-being. Start with a small walk or try a longer hike, either way lots of children are totally ready to release their inner wild child! And perhaps you are too?

Highway Code

New changes to the Highway Code will create a "hierarchy of road users" in a bid to boost the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps announced the updates, to be included in a new version of the Highway Code being published in the autumn, as part of a £338m package to boost cycling and walking.

In an effort to capitalise on the walking and cycling boom during the COVID pandemic, the government will also boost funding for the construction of hundreds of miles of new cycle lanes, improvements to the National Cycle Network, and the delivery of new schemes to encourage walking.



A new version of the Highway Code will be published in the autumn

The planned changes to the Highway Code include:

- A hierarchy of road users that ensures road users who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger they may pose to others
 - Strengthened pedestrian priority on pavements and at zebra crossings
 - Guidance on safe passing distances and speeds and ensuring that cyclists have priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead.

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It is understood the "Dutch reach" method for opening vehicle doors will also be included among the changes, as has been proposed by cycling campaigners to prevent cyclists being hit by opened doors.

This will see vehicle drivers and passengers urged to use their far hand to open a door, rather than the hand closest to the door, thereby requiring them to swivel and encouraging them to look behind for any oncoming traffic.

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Hazardous Waste

We don't normally take these items at our recycling centres, however we hold annual free household hazardous waste days (amnesties) when we do accept certain hazardous waste items.

These are for residents disposing of household hazardous waste only and not for any business, group or other organisation.

The next household hazardous waste days will take place in September and October 2021:

- 15, 16 and 17 October - [Ketteringham](#)
- 23 and 24 October - Norwich North (New recycling centre, due to open later this year.)

Hazardous waste List

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/types-of-waste-we-accept>