

THURLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING held on 8th NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllrs. Paul Jackson (Chair), Ange Jones (Vice Chair), Cllrs. Claire Kinzel, Teresa Miller, Ian Ashdown-Nichol, Mick Erskine, and Gill Crossland (Clerk), 3 members of the public were present for the meeting

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED - REF 11/21/01

Councillor Barry Stone (Norfolk County Councillor
Councillor James Knight (Thurlton District Ward)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – REF 11/21/02

Cllr. Ange Jones in respect of Community Shop
Cllr. Jackson Planning item 2021/1759

At this stage in the meeting Cllr. Jackson handed over to Vice Chairperson Cllr. Jones and item 6 ref 2021/1759 under Planning was opened to the public.

Cllr. Jones confirmed that the Parish Council were still following this planning application which had a closure date of 29th October 2021. However, as there appear to be no closure notes on the file, Cllr. Jones has been in touch with Cllr.

Knight who confirms he has emailed Chris Rickman, but no reply has yet been received. Therefore, until further information is received the case appears to be pending but we will be following the updates as and when they appear.

At this stage Cllr. Vice Chairperson Cllr. Jones handed back the meeting to Chairperson Cllr. Jackson and the meeting was closed to members of the public making comments. Meeting resumed to No. 2 on agenda Ref 10/21/03

2. ACTIONS/MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - REF 11/21/03

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – REF 11/21/04

Minutes of the 11th October 2021 were agreed by Council and signed by Chairman

Proposed Cllr. Jones and seconded Cllr. Miller

Item 6 Planning No. 2021/1759 REF 11/21/08

Action: Clerk to carry forward planning item 2021/1759 to the Agenda of Parish Council meeting on the 13th December 2021.

At this stage Cllr. Vice Chairperson Cllr. Jones handed back the meeting to Chairperson Cllr. Jackson and the meeting was closed to members of the public making comments. Meeting resumed to No. 2 on agenda Ref 09/21/03

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COMMUNITY POLICING, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- REPORTS / INFORMATION – REF 11/21/05

Report from Norfolk County Councillor Barry Stone received and circulated.

Cllr. Jones gave feedback on her meeting in the village with PC King. They did

a circuit up the footpath, down Church Road, back up by the pub and over to the car park. Cllr. Jones wanted to bring attention that there have been reports of suspicious behavior/possible dealing going on in the carpark behind the hedge, which he was very grateful for the information

They also went into the old Rectory, and he noted there was no lock on the oil tank or gate which he would report. Cllr. Jones asked Clerk to contact PC King and request he attend one of the open coffee mornings held in the Community Shop on a Tuesday. This would give him a good chance to chat to other members of the community. They met the new owner of the Queens Head. They also went down Lower Thurlton and said that he would keep an eye on the area that had been fenced off to the public which was a right of way. PC King did mention they would try and get some police presence in the village at night-time. He confirmed also that Thurlton email had been put back on the list for the monthly report of noted crimes and we should start to receive these again when the next one goes out.

Cllr. Kinzel was unable to attend the Village Hall meeting as she was away. She had received no questions or communication but was aware that the Committee were still obtaining quotes and looking into the cost of CCTV.

Action: Clerk to contact PC King regarding a visit to the coffee morning.

Planning case 2021/1759 to be put on December agenda.

4. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF P.C. ASSETS – REF 11/21/06

Replacement of missing see-saw handle. Including VAT, the cost to replace the missing handle is £69.00. It was agreed that an order should be placed. Proposed Cllr. Miller Seconded Cllr. Jones.

New small rubber buffers for adult gym have not yet arrived.

Clerk confirmed that cherry tree on playing field had been trimmed to the satisfaction of the complainants.

Clerk advised Council that the Village Hall Committee wished to purchase two new locks for the display board for them to use some space if needed. Council has no objections.

Clerk has made enquiries for backing up information on Parish Council laptop. One-Drive has been suggested which apparently is free.

Action – Clerk to order new handle.

Clerk to check refund of returned larger buffers appears on next bank statement and to chase order for smaller ones.

Clerk to arrange backup onto One-Drive.

5. HIGHWAY/TRAFFIC CALMING/FOOTPATH MATTERS – REF 11/21/07

It was noted that the yellow grit bin purchased earlier in the year remains within the school premises. This needs to be moved onto the highway and filled by Highways Department of the Council.

Cllr. Ashdown-Nichol arranged a litter pick in the village on 10th November. This was a great success and Council thanks everyone who gave their time and made this a success. 11 bags in total but thankfully nothing other than general rubbish.

Action – Clerk to contact Highways for a date for filling up the grit bins in the village.

6. PLANNING - REF 11/21/08

Please see above for case number 2021/1759.

Cllr. Kinzel had now received the Welcome pack from training on Planning.

ACTION CHEQUES/FINANCE – REF 11/21/09

£239.20 Clerks wages.

£17.50 50% Clerks broadband.

£36.00 Norfolk Assoc of Local Council Cllr. Kinzel Planning Training.

£275.00 Griffin Horse Logging (Cherry tree trimming).

£43.00 C. Stevens Planters opposite shop.

£200.00 G. S. Tractor Services Grass Cutting.

Clerk apologised for the £30.00 for Cllr. Kinzel training being put on agenda in error.

It was also agreed to re-imburse Cllr. Ashdown-Nichol for the sum of £25.00 for purchasing a lockable filing cabinet for the Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr. Kinzel and seconded by Cllr. Miller

ACCOUNTS – REF 11/21/10

Clerk presented proposed budget for 2022/2023 based on predicted final figures being spent in 2021/2022 plus a 2% cost of living increase. Then a forecast of 2%, 3% and 5% increase for the following year was included. It was noted that the predicted budget for 22/23 would increase by £1500.00. Our general reserve was now £7800.00 following a recent precept payment being received and excluding CIL and Chris Cook`s Fund.

Cllr. Miller advised Council that, unfortunately the general reserve would gradually be decreased if a careful eye was not kept on increasing the precept. It was noted that the predicted budget for insurance included a large increase. The Clerk informed Council that this was in case our Liability Insurance would have to include Mill Lane. Council agreed that liability for Mill Lane needed to be persevered, but in the meantime, the Clerk would continue to obtain quotes to make this safe and accessible to disabled people and emergency services. The Clerk presented an increase on the precept for next year based on the number of Band D properties of last year. This years Band D properties have not yet been received but it gave a realistic view on the increase per household which was minimal. It was noted that the precept was last increased the year before last and not for a great number of years prior to that. No increase was made last year due to the pandemic.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the budget which justified a 5% increase in the precept for 2022/2023.

7. COMMUNICATIONS – REF 11/21/11

The vacancy for another Councillor needs to be advertised throughout the village by posters and flyers wherever possible. Anyone interested and living

within a three-mile radius of the village needs to contact the Clerk for further information.

It was agreed the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons in June 2022 should be made up of a committee including all groups and activities throughout the village. It needs to be a big celebration for the whole village to come together and what better way to do this than to include all key groups in the village.

Action: Clerk to add Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 to December agenda. Also, to invite all groups of the community to nominate a committee member to gather ideas and generate a real community effort to make this a monumental event for the village.

Clerk to arrange posters and flyers for Councillor vacancy

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION – REF 11/21/12

Cllr. Knight still has a grant of £1000 for his ward of seven Councils. A 20 mile an hour solar speed sign was discussed outside the school.

Action – Clerk to speak with Cllr. Knight to see if this is acceptable for this funding.

Cllr. Jones to speak with Cllr. Stone to see if further funds would be available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Monday 13th December 2021 7.30 pm Thurlton Village Hall

Meeting finished at 9pm

Signed..... Date.....

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