

THURLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING held on 17th April at 7.30pm Norton Chapel

PRESENT

Cllrs. Paul Jackson (Chair) Ange Jones (Vice Chair), Teresa Miller, Mick Erskine, Andy Whiting, Cllr. Stone (Norfolk County Council) and Gill Crossland (Clerk).

Three members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED - REF 04/23/01

Cllr. Kinzel, Cllr. Knight (Thurlton District Ward)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – REF 04/23/02

Cllr. Jones – Community Shop.

3. ACTIONS/MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Ref 04/23/03

It was unanimously agreed to purchase yellow grit bins when Lloyds Bank Account was up and running.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – REF 04/23/04

Minutes for 13th March 2023 agreed and signed by Chairman.

Minutes for 31st March 2023 (one agenda meeting) signed by Chairman.

Proposed Cllr. Jones seconded Cllr. Erskine

5. COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COMMUNITY POLICING, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES – REPORTS / INFORMATION – REF 04/23/05

Cllr. Stone advised there was still time to have your say on a proposed £600 million+ development deal, to give Norfolk more powers and funding to create jobs, improve transport and boost skills.

Consultation is open until March 20th on the in-principal country deal, which was signed with the Government in December. It would mean decisions made in Norfolk, for Norfolk, with a county council leader directly elected by the public, instead of one picked by other councillors.

If the deal is agreed, it would mean that from May 2024 onwards Norfolk can:

- Target funding and resources to Norfolk's own priorities, with a new investment fund of £20m per year for 30 years.
- Unlock housing and employment sites with an injection of £12.9m capital funding in the spending review period and new powers to drive regeneration, housing, and development priorities

- Invest in skills we know we need, with devolution of the adult education budget and input into the new Local Skills Improvement Plans
- Invest in local transport planning and consolidate transport budgets to direct funding to better meet our local needs and priorities
- Strengthen the local business voice to inform local decision making and strategic economic planning through the future integration of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
- Have a council leader who is directly elected by the public, with the first election in May 2024
- Raise our influence regionally and nationally, enabling our voice to be better heard by Government to shape future policies and funding decisions for the benefit of our County

Village Hall minutes for February 2023 circulated to Councillors

It was unanimously agreed to continue using the Village Hall for our meetings although they had advised that charges for regular hire would increase from 1st June 2023

6. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF P.C. ASSETS – REF 04/23/06

The Village Project Group had completed its research into disability access to the village hall and reported back to the Parish Council. An agreement was reached at a Parish Council one agenda meeting held on 31st March 2023. It was agreed to go forward with the option of replacing all pathways to DDA standard to be completed in time for the King`s Coronation. Quotations were discussed and it was unanimously agreed to go forward with GB Driveways quote.

It was unanimously agreed to renew our Microsoft Account

NALC membership renewal for 2023 was unanimously agreed

It was unanimously agreed to renew contract with GS Tractors to cut playing field, top of village hall, and bottom of Hampton Avenue grass

Action – Cllr. Jones to confirm contract with GB Driveways.

Clerk to arrange for letters to be distributed to all households bordering the playing field advising them of removal of brambles along Links Way entrance and potential noise due to heavy machinery. Also notices to be put up around the village.

HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC CALMING/FOOTPATH MATTERS - REF 04/23/07

Nothing to report

PLANNING - REF 04/23/08

2023/0173 - Mr. R. Blayney, Horseshoe Barn, Beccles Road Thurlton NR14 6RJ

Application for front porch - No objections from all Councillors

2023/0078 - Crossways Farm, Loddon Road, Thurlton NR14 6NZ

Confirmation of approval with conditions received

Action – Clerk to register no objections for case 2023/0173

CHEQUES/FINANCE – REF 04/23/09

Clerk advised Council that there was an error on the Gateway system and was unable to put through wages correctly. It was agreed to put in a separate Authorisation of Payment for Clerks wages, expenses and HMRC when the error on the system was rectified. This would be agreed by email and authorised by Chairman and Cllr. Miller prior to payment.

A new authorisation was agreed by Council for:

£33.50 VH hire 9.1.23-31.3.23

£51.60 Heartbeat Community for Defib electrodes

£19.50 VH hire 11.3.23 Police meeting

£132.00 VH hire 10.1.22-12.12.22

£42.00 VH hire 10.4.23-12.6.23

Clerks P60 had been processed and received by Clerk

Clerk had received notification that a penalty received from HMRC had been withdrawn

Lloyds Bank Account – Clerk had completed all paperwork and necessary signatures to be obtained at the end of the meeting

Accounts to end of February 2023 were circulated and bank balance as of 3rd March 2023 was £23403.50

Clerk confirmed NCC 2023/24 grant application had been successful for the sum of £6,065. This grant

must be matched 50/50

King`s Coronation grant of £200 had been agreed and would be paid directly into our account

Clerk informed Council that Thurlton Bowls Club had not been invoiced for allotment rental of car park for 2022 and 2023

ACTION – Clerk to produce two separate Authorisations of Payment and obtain signatures before payments made

Clerk to deliver Lloyds signed paperwork to Beccles Branch so closure of Barclays Bank could be actioned asap

Clerk to invoice Thurlton Bowls Club for 2022 and 2023

7. COMMUNICATIONS – REF 04/2/10

Complaint regarding hedge encroaching onto road opposite Blacksmiths Gardens to be investigated and postponed onto June 2023 agenda

Community Awards 2023 would be emailed to schools and on Facebook to promote awareness for people to submit applications

King`s Coronation celebrations. Due to weather uncertainty it was decided not to arrange a street party or field event but to partner with the Village Hall Committee with an open day on Monday 8th May. The Parish Council would organise events and combine the official opening of the DDA pathways. Council unanimously agreed to pay for the Village Hall to be decorated out with a coronation theme from the grant received for this occasion.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange for Chairman and Clerk to meet with Derek and Linda to agree timetable for events.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION – REF 04/23/11

Ball Court and purchase of 2nd defibrillator for village to be carried forward to June 2023 agenda.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th May 2023 at Chapel. 7pm Thurlton Annual Parish Meeting and 7.30pm Annual Meeting of the Parish of Thurlton

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

Gill Crossland

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