

Minutes of Thurton Parish Council (TPC)

Monday 21st March 2024 – 7:30pm

In Attendance: I Capps (IC), K Calderwood (KC), Jan Whitehouse (JW), C Popplewell (CP).

Minutes: T Higlett (TH) (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies from L Patterson (LP), T Black (TB) and District Councillor V Thomson
2. To receive declarations of Interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
K Calderwood Agenda item 7.1
3. Public Forum including County and District Councillors.
No public in attendance.
No County or District Councillors in attendance.
County Councillor report can be found on the website.
4. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 8th January 2024.
These were approved.
5. Matters arising from minutes – councillors only.
No comments.
6. Finance
 - 6.1 To note the council's current financial standing.
Treasurers' Account - £15,393.10
 - 6.2 To note receipts since last meeting.
The clerk advised the council they were still awaiting the recycling centre adoption payment of £200.00. South Norfolk Council Environmental Services has been contacted.
 - 6.3 To approve payments.

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq. No
T Higlett	February salary	294.40	000022
A Rudd	Bench installation	20.00	000023
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator pads	163.80	000024
TDP Limited	Bench	469.28	000025
Norfolk PTS	Subscription	91.47	000027
Ashby & Thurton Playing Field fund	Hire of hall - 2023	100.00	000028
T Higlett	March salary	294.40	000029
HMRC	Clerks' taxation	201.20	000030

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6.4 Payments made between meetings.

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq No.
A Rudd	Installation of Dog waste bin	39.00	000021

6.5 Online Banking

Lloyds Bank advised two people would need to be nominated to become authorisers. It was proposed that IC and KC as current signatories would become authorisers. Clerk to obtain relevant paperwork.

6.7 Savings account

The council previously had a savings account with Barclays, but this has now closed. The consensus was that the council should investigate a savings account with Lloyds rather than hold money for future projects in a non interest paying account. Clerk to make enquiries with Lloyds about savings account with unlimited accessibility.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning applications

2024/0509 Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use and associated building works of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellinghouses (QA and QB)
Location: Agricultural Buildings South of Hall Road Thurton. Application Type: Prior Notification - Agricultural to Residential

Members reviewed the application and felt that the proposed development would be an improvement to the area. One area of concern was parking but after reviewing the applicants' design further, it was felt that there would be sufficient parking for visitors. The right of way would see environmental improvements and the concerns over the footpath becoming waterlogged would be alleviated.

Members voted to support the application.

KC had previously expressed an interest therefore abstained from voting.

7.2 To receive a report on plans accepted/refused by South Norfolk Council

2023/3420 Kingsley 18 The Street. Demolish existing conservatory & erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension, insertion of window to side, alterations to side extension including replacing and raising roof and all associated alterations
Decision: Approval with Conditions (Delegated). Date of decision: 10 January 2024.

The clerk advised that all future planning applications decisions/conditions would be forwarded to members for information only.

8. Biodiversity Action Plan

The council agreed that all future planning responses should include concerns over light pollution and installation of bat/swift boxes were possible. Other areas for inclusion, mowing regime in the village, hedge cutting, maintenance of ponds by landowners, forest school and wildlife area at village hall. It was proposed that CP would oversee and consult with various parties in the village including the churchyard maintenance gang.

9. Village Issues

9.1 Highways

- a) Damaged kerb on The Street – rectified
- b) Footpath sign on Hall Road removed.

9.2 Concerns that local buses do not stop at Prospect Place and Manor Farm. Clerk to write to First bus reference illumination of bus stops.

9.3 Follow up on school awareness lights on A146. The clerk has corresponded with Amey's who oversees lighting for Norfolk County Council. They have in the past advised the school that these will be changed to automatic rather than manual operation but to date no response.

9.4 Installation of Kings Coronation Bench. This has now been installed on the playing field and South Norfolk Council have been made aware of the purchase/installation from the Kings Coronation grant, which the parish council had been awarded.

10. Update on speed awareness campaign.

The petition is still live on the Norfolk County Council website until the 25th March. To date there are 462 signatures. NCC will notify the petitioner of the outcome. CP suggested a meeting should be held soon after response. Proposed next meeting on the 22nd April. Clerk to email working party.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Barclays – response to parish councils' complaint.

Members acknowledged letter from Barclays Customer Relations, and that following their investigation council did engage with the Know Your Customer team.

Unfortunately, the case was not worked correctly which led to the closure of the parish council's account. Council have been offered compensation for the poor service, but also have the right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman. The consensus of the council is to take this up with the Ombudsman.

11.2 South Norfolk Litter Pick

The scheme will commence on the 1st March through to 31st May 2024. Groups taking part will be rewarded with £20 and entry into a prize draw to win £200. Thurton has a group of people who regularly do a pick in their own time which CP oversees. It was proposed to communicate this to South Norfolk and see if we can enter this year.

11.3 Autela Payroll Services.

Advising that the P32 will now be sent monthly rather than quarterly. Council can still pay at the end of each quarter. This is changing due to councils failing to pay on time. Should council move to online banking then P32 would be paid monthly.

12. Consultations

12.1 To consider response to Norfolk County Councils proposed changes to street lighting across the county particularly Thurton.

Members have submitted their comments. Clerk advised that Ashby St Mary PC have also responded to the consultation.

12.2 Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Notification of Submission
Council noted.

13. General parish issues.

IC asked for the maintenance of bus shelters to be included on the next agenda.

There has been some vandalism to the bus shelter on near the George and Dragon.

14. Date of next meeting 30th May 2024

Meeting closed at 21:05