

Minutes of Thurne Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2017

1. Present Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Donnie Cooke, Peter Roll, Chris Bondi & Jenny Davies. Five parishioners & clerk also in attendance.
2. Apologises; PC Gary May
3. Declaration of interest - None
4. Minutes of previous meeting 5th Jan 2017 circulated with the correspondence prior to the meeting were agreed as correct signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Chris Bondi.
5. Matters arising; not covered later
 - a. Norfolk Association of Local Councils - Cllr Chris Bondi has investigated this further but found no benefit for the PC to become a member. All agreed to accept his decision & no further action required.
 - b. Wildflower group funding for planting the verge between the playing & Fleur's cottage. No further progress.
 - c. Retention of the red telephone box in the village. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that following extensive consultation with BT & BA it has been agreed the telephone box will remain in use for the time being.
 - d. BA 'Local Plan' Cllr Jonathan Molineux circulated the parts relevant to Thurne as per last meeting item 7(c). No further action required.
 - e. Pot hole outside the church has been repaired.
 - f. Flooding problem near 'Mill View' no repaired completed as yet. This will take time but is in the system.
 - g. Nothing further to report on Leslie George hedge planting & tree planning scheme.
6. Planning Applications
 - a. No new application received in respect of Hedra House.
 - b. Planning application dated January 2017 (amendment to BA/2016/0395/FUL dated 09/11/16) regarding installation of pontoon moorings. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that after consultation with villagers & interested parties he wrote to the BA & attended the planning meeting on 3rd Feb 2017. His full report & a copy of his letter are filed with the planning application. The outcome was disappointing but inevitable in that the application was passed but there remains an issue regarding disposal of refuse.
 - c. Planning application BA/2017/0030/FUL dated 3rd Feb regarding replacement of quayheading at moorings opposite Thurne Dyke. These had been circulated & no comments required. Clerk has replied to application.
7. Correspondence - only items discussed:
 - a. E-mail from parishioner regarding making 'The Lion' a Community Asset. This had been circulated along with some links to useful web sites. The matter was discussed further, the main benefits being the PC would have to be consulted if a planning application was received & thus would have a say in what would be permitted for future development. This would be particularly useful if there was to be a change of use application. A parishioner stated they had been in contact with CAMRA who had provided some useful information. This was given to the clerk for use if

appropriate. It was decided an application would be made to register as a community asset, the sooner the better as the bidding for the purchase closed on 28th Feb.

b. An e-mail from Debbie stepping down from the Fete Committee had been circulated. A new committee therefore needs forming & it was agreed after some discussion that the matter should be put on the agenda of the next meeting, Jean Cooke, Debbie & other interested parties invited to outline the roles & responsibilities of the fete committee. In the meantime an advert on the notice board & possible the web site was thought appropriate.

8. Financial

a. Asset register - Cllr Jonathan Molineux is continuing to work through the paperwork to try & locate the Staithe & Parish Moorings documents. Matter ongoing.

b. PAYE due early April, payment approved & cheques signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.

c. All four morning fee payments for 2017 have been received. Cllr Jenny Davies suggested including the PC bank details in future correspondence so payment could be made direct if they so wished

d. Clerk reported that once again we are nearing the end of the financial year with high reserves. The majority of this would be required to purchase the rented half of the playing field from Enterprise Inns. But no progress can be made regarding this until the pub is sold.

e. Current funds before payment of bills approved at this meeting £20,690.07

9. Playing Field & Staithe

a. Slipway collection tonight = £63.30

b. slipway box repainting; not yet completed. Ongoing

c. both playing field & staithe inspected recently;

i. No progress on establishing ownership of the fence at the end of the Staithe. Unlikely to be resolved until the sale of 'The Lion' is concluded.

ii. Again matter of repairs to bank/moorings owned by 'The Lion' are unlikely to be resolved in near future.

iii. Leslie George has kindly cut the top & outside of the hedge along the playing field, Cllr Jonathan Molineux stated he would do the inside once weather permitted access.

iv. A parishioner asked if the chain was still being put across the staithe as required. Cllr Jonathan Molineux confirmed it was done annual last on 25th June 2016. The parishioner thought it should be completed twice annually & records (around 2004) need to be checked to establish this.

10. Thurne Toilets

a. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that he had spoken with Jane Beck of GYBC & they had agreed the 2017 budget as £2,200. At PC instigation however it was agreed to reduce this to £2,000 & GYBC were very appreciative of the savings.

b. After some discussion it was agreed to open the toilets from 23rd/24th/25th March. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will liaise with Louise.

11. Thurne PC web site

A meeting with William Booth took place on 28th Feb, Cllr Jonathan Molineux & clerk attended. William has been working hard behind the scenes since January. Cllr Jonathan Molineux outlined the discussions, see separate notes from the meeting for details. Some suggestions of the way forward were also made, those appropriate for councillors decisions were discussed as follows:

- a. Some photographs to enhance the home page - agreed
- b. Plan/map of the parish boundaries - agreed.
- c. structure of TPC/GYBC/NCC - not sure if this was worthwhile
- d. extended admin portal to assist councillors in their duties - this was agreed in principle but some expressed they might not use the facility.
- e. A more visible profile for councillors - none were keen on this idea.

12. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none present.

13. Police report received via e-mail.

a. There have been no recent calls to Norfolk Constabulary from the Thurne & Oby area since the last Parish Meeting

b. Our current Local Rural Policing priorities are Rural Vehicle Speeding and Youth Antisocial Behaviour. With regard to the Rural Speeding issues, there has been recent local patrols and operations by the 'Speed Enforcement Team' and the 'Speed Camera Van'. On two separate locations in the area a total of 200 vehicles were checked in a 30 mph zone, out of these checks I am pleased to say only one vehicle was found to be committing a speeding offence and this was dealt with a Traffic Offence Report (reported for the offence).

Several councillors & parishioners were annoyed at the content of the report regarding speeding, as for many years they have tried without success to get a 30mph speed restriction put in place in the village. The whole village feel this is necessary for safety. It was agreed a reply should be sent to PC May.

c. Safer Neighbourhood Action Priority (SNAP) meeting is being held on 7th March 2017 at The All Saints Hall, off Beach Road, Scratby, NR29 3AJ. This, as is a public meeting where local policing issues are discussed and updated and the local policing priorities are set for the next three month period. With regard to the youth anti-social behaviour, regular patrols are conducted at any ASB 'hot spots'

14. Parishioners

a. Pat George asked for her name to be removed as the playing field contact in the local Parish Magazine. All future enquires should be via the PC.

b A parishioner stated Michael Cartiss was retiring as the NCC councillor in the near future & it is likely Haden Thurtle will succeed him. It might be prudent therefore to invite Mr Thurtle to the next PC meeting. It was agreed to do so.

15. A.O.B - None

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Date of next meeting AGM & Annual Parish meeting 4th May 2017 - *After meeting note - due to local elections on 4th May next meeting has been scheduled for 11th May.*