

## THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 7th November 2019

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Peter Roll & Jenny Davies. Clerk also in attendance plus three parishioners & two visitors.

Councillor Jonathan Molineux welcomed Debra Nicholson to the meeting & invited her to report on Thurne Mill's 200th Anniversary celebration plans for 2020. The meeting was advised these are only outline plans at the moment & further details will follow once available.

### OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR 15th & 16th August 2020

Sail by Thurne Mill on Saturday 15th August 2020

Starting at 10.00am along the River Thurne (*not sure where the start/end will be, mooring at EACC to be confirmed*)

Mill open and working (wind permitting) Marshman will be giving tours 10am - 5pm

3pm - 6.30pm There will be a 'Birthday Party/Fete' in the playing field (*Parking arrangements tbc with Parish Council*)

6.30pm - closing time at the Lion Inn with live entertainment

Regatta day Sunday 16th August 2020

Morning Regatta (*Start time tbc*) will be held along the River Thurne (*details tbc*)

Lunchtime (*Start time tbc*) there will be an 'OLD GIRLS RACE' this race is for yachts that are 100+ along the River Thurne (*again details tbc*)

Afternoon Regatta (*Start time tbc*) will be held along the River Thurne (*details tbc*)

1. Apologies - Cllr Andy Grant
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes of meeting held 12th Sept 2019 having been circulated & on the web site were approved & signed by Cllrs Jenny Davies & Jonathan Molineux.
4. Matters arising
  - a. Damaged quay heading - work not yet completed as agreed by Martin Dade. Ongoing
  - b. Highways work: The ditch on The Street is programmed for clearance. Cllr Jonathan Molineux sent a further e-mail on 17/10/19 highlighting the issue in response to a request from Meryl Sherry a Streetscene Inspector (North) with NCC.
  - c. Wooden seat on the staithe. No progress; ongoing
  - d. Village street signs, Cllr Andy Grant not present so no update available. Ongoing
  - e. Flegg Community Land Trust; Cllr Jonathan Molineux had investigated this further following receipt of the letter in June 2019. As the trust is only in its early development he suggested that the PC watch & wait to see how it develops. It was requested the letter be circulated to all councillors for their consideration.
  - f. It was confirmed that all the revised 'Declaration of interest' forms had been completed & returned to GYBC.

- g. Clerk reported that no further communication had been received from the solicitors regarding purchase of the land on which the Community Wood is sited. Cllr Jonathan Molineux agreed to make enquires.

5. Planning Applications - none

6. Correspondence - most now received via e-mail & circulated on receipt.

- a. A e-mail had been received from Linda Ibbitson-Elks of the BA asking for the PC comments following a complaint from a parishioner regarding Staithe House, the running of a business from this property & associated traffic on the Staithe. PC were aware of this complaint as the parishioner has been keeping the PC informed of progress.
- b. EAAA letter of thanks & certificate regarding fete donation had been circulated.
- c. e-mail from Valerie Wade requesting a memorial bench on the grass at the end of the dyke was read to the meeting. After some discussion it was thought a bench on the playing field or in the new community wood would be more useful, there being adequate seating at the end of the dyke. Clerk to reply.

7. Financial matters.

- a. Change of signatories on bank accounts, no progress. Ongoing with Cllr Jonathan Molineux.
- b. Clerks pay for July, Aug & Sept £141.00, exp £28.51. Payments approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies .
- c. PAYE of £34.00 paid by S/O on 10th October 2019.
- d. Second instalment of Precept & Concurrent Function Grant received 22/09/19 £1,306.50
- e. Invoice submitted by David Bradnock for grass cutting on the playing field (period 08/09/19 to 05/11/19 £110.00 two cuts). Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies. Total paid for the year £680.00. Further enquires required for next seasons contract.
- f. Precept & Concurrent Function grant for 2020/21 pro forma received & discussed. Estimated figures completed, same as for 2019/20. Clerk to return form to GYBC.
- g. Bank accounts total before any approved payments made tonight £25,045.20.

8. Playing Field & Staithe inspection

- a. Slipway collection tonight £50.00
- b. Staithe inspection - all appears in order; though wording on 'Parish Mooring' signage is already very scratched & getting difficult to read.
- c. Playing Field
  - i. Play equipment still needs checking after previous reports that it required cleaning. Cllr Jenny Davies agreed to check this. Possible cleaning would be best left until the spring.
  - ii. Cllr Jonathan Molineux explained the position regarding the rent of the land on part of the the playing field owned by The Lion. He has negotiated with Ian

McFadyen for last three years rent (from 01/07/2017 to 30/06/2020) to be charged at £365.43 per year which totals £1096.23. Half this to be donated to EAAA £548.14, balance £548.15 plus VAT of £109.63 payable to The Lion. Invoice received to this effect. This was agreed by councillors present. Cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.

- iii. While investigating playing field rent it was discovered that the previous owners (ei group) had issued a credit note for overpayment of rent totalling £102.12. A letter requesting a refund was send on 22/10/19, as yet not reply received.

#### 9. Thurne Public Toilets

- a. Louise pay for Sept was £300.00. October was 21 hours equalling pay of £210.00, payment approved & cheque signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- b. Toilets are now closed for the winter
- c. 2019 management agreement from GYBC still not received.
- d. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported an article in the EDP recently stated that GYBC are to revamp the borough public toilets, this included Thurne. He has spoken to Jane Beck & work will hopefully be completed over the winter.

#### 10. Thurne Web site

- a. No change since last meeting
- b. Up to date details of councillors still to be uploaded to the web site.

#### 11. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none in attendance

#### 12. Parishioners

- a. The Parish Councils contribution to St Edmunds PCC was raised & discussed. £900 comes from GYBC by way of the Precept & Concurrent Functions grant under burial grounds, this has not been paid to the PCC for this financial year. The church only has six services a year & has to find a share of £2,000, this along with other running costs is very difficult to sustain. Grass cutting was also mentioned as part of the churchyard is owned by the parish council: should they therefore pay for the cutting? It was felt that both St Edmunds PCC & the Methodist Church are in the village to serve the community & would be greatly missed if closed. It was agreed this required further discussion & other parishioners may wish to contribute. A specific item on the agenda for the next meeting was therefore thought appropriate.

#### 13. AOB

- a. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that the Community Wood committee had met recently. Decisions were made to standardise the design/size of any memorial tree plaques. The name is to be Cooke's Community Wood. A sign on the gate is to be organised & to make people aware.

Meeting closed at 20.20

**Date of next meeting 9th Jan 2020**

**Minutes approved & sign 10th January 2020**