

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 5th March 2020

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Peter Roll, Leslie George, Donnie Cooke & Jenny Davies. NCC Hadyn Thirtle. & Rev Steven Sivyer. Clerk also in attendance plus two parishioners.

1. Apologies - None
2. Declaration of Interests -
3. Draft minutes of meeting held 10th Jan 2020 had been circulated & available on the web site.
 - a. Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2020 were signed a correct
 - b. Draft Minutes - The legal position is that all parish councils under £25k turnover must publish draft minutes within 28 days of meeting. After Draft minutes, it should say “ these minutes will be signed at the next meeting on “. Councillors were satisfied that this was the correct procedure to take & will be followed in the future.
4. Matters arising
 - a. Damaged quay heading - it was unsure if the work by Martin Dade had been completed due to continued high water.
 - b. Wooden seat on the staithe. cleaning delayed due to the weather; ongoing
 - c. Village street signs, Cllr Andy Grant not present so no update available. Ongoing
 - d. All freedom of information requested by Simon Peck was provided on 14th January 2020
 - e. ei group’s reply from Anthony Doyle re £85.00 stated: At the point of completion the PC were of course up to date with the rent (payable in advance). The amount of that rent was in respect of the period from completion (7th April 2017) up to 30th June 2017 this was passed across to the buyer of the property. This is because, at the date of completion, they became the new landlords in so far as the PC’s tenancy agreement goes.
 - f. Lever latch on gate along the Weavers Way. Cllr Peter Roll checked with Nuttall’s & is not their responsibility. Clerk will make enquires to report to the correct authority.
5. Cllr Jonathan Molineux invited Rev Steven Sivyer to address the meeting regarding a PCC matter. By law if someone lives, dies or is on the electoral register in a parish they have a right to be buried in that parish. This is not the case with a burial request he has received., The person in question spent many years visiting the village, moored locally. There is a ‘grey area’ where the PCC can allow a burial under these circumstances but the Rev explained he would like the communities views on the matter before making a decision. The matter was discussed at some length. After hearing the views of those present it was concluded the Rev should make the final decision & the PC would accept that decision.
6. Planning Applications - none
7. Correspondence - those received via e-mail circulated on receipt. Items discussed;
 - a. Hard copy of HM land registry documents relating to Community Wood, received & held by clerk. Description not correct, Cllr Jonathan Molineux will make enquiries to rectify.
 - b. E-mail from EAAA about visual check to ensure defibrillator is in good working order. It was thought this check was best undertaken by a professional. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will make enquires with person who gave the training.
 - c. E-mail from parishioner regarding letter from EACH (East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice) for financial support. PC could not recall contributing in the past & declined to do so.
 - d. Parish liaison meeting 9th March - Supper Room, Town Hall, Gt Yarmouth - Minutes of last meeting & agenda held by clerk if any councillors wish to attend.

- e. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that following completion of a questionnaire from Brandon Lewis he has had contact regarding an issue raised (Flooding near Mill View). Matter has been fed through the channels & hopefully some action will result.

8. Financial Matters

- a. Change of signatories on bank accounts: this will entail Cllr Leslie George visiting the bank in person with ID, this will be done at some point but in the mean time the Parish Council can function with three signatories.
- b. Next PAYE of £34.00 payable by S/O due 10th April 2020. The S/O will then cease as per instructions. Clerk to obtain new S/O form for next financial years PAYE.
- c. Invoice from NCC (npLaw) received regarding purchase of Community Wood. Payment of £1,227.46 approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- d. Clerk will prepare each of financial year accounts before next meeting.
- e. Mooring fees for 2020 all received & banked.
- f. Bank accounts total before any approved payments made tonight £22,367.19

9. Thurne Public toilets.

- a. Refurbishment has started; Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported on progress to date. It is hoped cleaning will be easier once work is completed.
- b. Louise Brooke is willing to continue with the cleaning for the 2020 season.
- c. Toilets are normally opened end of March. Cllr Jonathan Molineux with speak with Louise to organise start date.

10. Playing Field, Staithe & Community Wood

- a. Slipway collection tonight £35.00
- b. Staithe inspection - apart from item 4(a) all appears in order.
- c. Playing Field
 - i. Cllr Jenny Davies has checked the play equipment & it is in need of a good clean, check over for safety & any repairs identified to be completed. Clerk to report this to GYBC.
- d. Community Wood - Cllr Jonathan Molineux gave a report of the Community Wood meeting held on 2nd March 2020. Minutes of which will be provided to the clerk.

11. Thurne Fete

- a. Date of 2020 fete will be Saturday 25th July.
- b. Cllr Jenny Davies will contact the 2019 committee to establish if they are will to organise 2020 fete.

12. Thurne Web site

- a. report provided by William Booth - Work has continued in preparation for making the site compatible with mobiles and tablets (so-called "responsive design"). This has to be completed before converting to a secure site. Progress has been slower than anticipated due to other unexpected calls on my time since Christmas.

13. GYBC & NCC Councillors

- a. No GYBC councillor present
- b. Report by NCC Cllr Haydn Thirtle.
 - i. NCC now have an Environment Committee & their plans include planting a million trees in the next 5 years, increasing walking & cycling facilities & tackling invasive species.
 - ii. NCC budget has a shortfall of £70million, £35 million has been saved but the balance of £35 million will mean further cuts & an increase in council tax. Much of the shortfall has come due to the high percentage of expenditure on adult social care in the county.
 - iii. 7th May is Police & Crime Commission elections.
 - iv. Cllr Haydn Thirtle has discussed the matter of street signs for Thurne with GYBC Cllr Andy Grant. There may be some funds available to support this from NCC.

14. Parishioners

- a. No further issues regarding traffic/business on The Staithe has been raised.
- b. It was reported that The Common was flooded. It was known some neighbouring farmers/landowners had dug out the adjoining dykes & flooding most likely therefore due to the high rain fall.
- c. Cllr Jonathan Molinex request the use of the PC marquee for an RNLI fund raising coffee morning at his home address on 24th June 2020. It was agreed this would be in order.

15. AOB - None

Meeting closed at 20.30

Date of next meeting 14th May 2020

These draft minutes will be signed at the next meeting on 14th May 2020