

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes Thursday 4th November 2021

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies, Peter Roll, Leslie George & Andy Grant. Clerk & two parishioners were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - Emma Dyble (see item 10 c))
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes of Thurne Annual Parish Meeting 9th September 2021 having been circulated were approved & signed.
4. Matters arising
 - a. Cllr Jenny Davies handed in her signed copy of the code of conduct.
 - b. Speeding in the village - after some discussion & confirmation of the cost from Cllr Andy Grant it was decided it is currently too expensive for the PC to consider applying for speeding restrictions. It was suggested that the PC might consider new 'Welcome to Thurne' signage that included a 30mph, though it would not be enforceable.
 - c. Village street signs - Cllr Andy Grant reported GYBC have agreed to erect signage for the six roads in Thurne. Matter is in progressed. Ongoing
 - e. Flooding near Mill view - as per previous meeting this is in the system - ongoing
 - g. BA adoption of BT kiosk. The actual telephone has been removed & notice that box is to be adopted by BA has been erected. It is hoped they will also repair the muddy area outside the kiosk as previous mentioned.
 - h. Car park near Holme Farm - Cllr Jonathan Molineux is drafting a letter - ongoing
5. Correspondence - numerous circulated via e-mail on receipt
 - a. two e-mails had been received recently regarding concerns over the demolition work currently being undertaken on the old Hedera site. The main issue being the fire on site early evening on Sunday 24th October. A parishioner had taken a photo which had been circulated to all councillors. The ferocity of the fire was such that it could be seen for miles, four fire engines were in attendance, not only to put out the fire but safeguard neighbouring properties & thatched roofs.

There was much discussion on the issue including there being burning of illegal waste, why this was taking place on a Sunday & health & safety on site.

Cllr Jonathan Molineux at the time spoke to the senior fire officer who was satisfied there was nothing illegal. Cllr Jonathan Molineux did however report the matter to the Environment Agency. PC Gary May was also contacted for advise.

Cllr Andy Grant not having previously aware of the fire expressed an interest as he has a role with NCC relating to waste. He advised that there should be a clearance plan/waste management plan for the site. He agreed to check the law with the environment agency. He request a copy of the photo along side relevant information. Clerk to forward.

It was also thought prudent to advise BA of the fire as they approved the planning applications, which did contain several conditions.
6. Planning Applications - any received since the last meeting were circulated via e-mail to all councillors for any comments.
7. Financial matters.
 - a. Displaypro cheque for £81.48 has now been cleared.

- b. Second payment of Precept & Concurrent functions grant received 19th Sept £1,302.50
- c. Clerks pay & expenses for July, August & Sept; pay £140.00 expenses £27.15 were approved & cheques signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- d. PAYE s/o for £35.00 successfully set up & collected 05/10/21

8. Thurne Public Toilets

- a. Louise pay for September was 30 days = £300.00. For October 20 days = £200.00 payment approved & cheque signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- b. Toilets were closed from 31st October
- c. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported he had spoken to Jane Beck of GYBC re disabled toilet facilities in Thurne. As the toilet block is old there is currently insufficient space for disabled facilities. The required facilities could only be provided by demolishing & rebuilding, however in the current climate if they were demolished they would not be rebuilt. Only other alternative could be a separate 'pod' which would cost anything up to £10,000. It was suggested that a ramp to gain access to the current facilities would be a step in the right direction. PC to consider having one made depending on cost.

9. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection tonight £61.55
- b. Current signage for the slipway donations & other slipway signage had been examined. Some only require cleaning & others definite updating. Wording still being considered. It was also thought a new donation box might be appropriate. Ongoing
- c. Staithe Inspection -
 - i. New 'No Mooring' signs - not yet erected, longer fixings are being obtained. Ongoing
 - ii. Damage to the quay heading on the staithe; as per last meeting - ongoing
 - iii. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported he had spoken to Simon Peck regarding his e-mail of the 17th August 2021 as agreed at the last meeting. He had also subsequently sought legal advice regarding the parish councils position. He was advised that placing the chain across the gateway is viewed as good practise. As the householder is not trying to claim access it would therefore not be viewed as particularly onerous on them for the parish council to restrict access for 48hours once a year. Further advice stated that while it would be illegal for the parish council to padlock their gateway, it would also be illegal for the householder to move the chain erected on parish land. Considering the chain has been placed across for some years, even before the current occupiers purchased the property, it is therefore not as if it has been personally imposed.

The decision was made therefore to continue the current practise, clerk to write to Simon Peck to this affect. No further action required.

10. Playing field -

- a. Grass cutting of the playing field. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported he had spoken to David Bradnock, he will be continuing the cutting as agreed for the 2021 season.
- b. Cllr Leslie George reported he had spoken to David Bradnock regarding cutting the field margin. Matter resolved.
- c. As per last meeting Emma Dyble was invited to attend the meeting tonight to discuss in more detail her suggestion for playing field equipment. Unfortunately she had to cancel at the last moment.

11. GYBC & NCC the following was reported by Cllr Andy Grant

- a. All verges in the Fleggs district are to be cut in the near future
- b. It is likely Council tax will raise by 3% in the borough
- c. Covid rates in the borough are stable at 20 with u/18's the largest proportion
- d. The borough are conducting a parks review as many are old & tired. It is intended to visit all the parks & consult residents. Thurne at least required a new sign that doesn't say 'No Ball Games'. It was thought this could be linked in with item 10 c).

12. Parishioners

- a. A parishioner present asked Cllr Andy Grant a question regarding the boroughs position of waste disposal from boat hirers. As always this is a contentious subject & raises it's head regularly. Cllr Grant answered the query. Other than monitoring the situation the PC are unlikely to obtain any changes to the current daily collection during the summer months.

13. A.O.B

- a. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that the Community Wood Committee met on 14th October. Minutes of meeting will follow.

Meeting closed at 20.40

Date of next meeting 6th January 2022