

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes Thursday 2nd March 2023

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies, Donnie Cooke, Ann Lamb & Leslie George. Clerk & three parishioners were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - None
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes of the meeting 5th January 2023. Having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed & signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Ann Lamb.
4. Matters arising
 - a. New Thurne 30mph signage. Cllr Jonathan Molineux has been in contact with the Highways Department at Aylsham regarding the PC erecting it's own 30mph signage. He was advised it was not a good idea as it would not be official or enforceable. It could also lead to claims against the PC for damages/liable.
 - b. Village street signs - as per after meeting note in minutes of 5th Jan. Cllr Andy Grant advised that the NCC have now informed him after a year saying they cannot fund them, it should be undertaken by the relevant authority which is GYBC. There're issues between GYBC & GYBS but Cllr Andy Grant is pursuing this on the PC behalf. Ongoing
 - c. BT Kiosk - there was an official opening recently & a press release in last day or so.
 - d. Flooding/road repair issues
 - i. Flooding on Thurne Road; no further progress. Ongoing
 - ii. Flooding near Ashby Hall & near Mill view; Highways Aylsham again advised of these issues; both are in the system, no time scale given re completion. Ongoing
 - iii. Road repair issues previously discussed ie outside the public toilets & the Methodist church; Cllr Jonathan Molineux mentioned these to Highways Alysham but other more urgent issues have taken priority, these are however in the system.
 - e. Ashton's letter re Simon Peck. Ongoing with Nplaw.
 - f. Overgrown trees ect on Common Road; this has not yet been cleared by the parishioner. Due to personal issues original parishioner has been unable to clear. Another parishioner is now undertaking the work. Hopefully will be completed soon. Ongoing
 - g. Additional mooring in the dyke as requested by a parishioner. Cllrs Jenny Davies & Jonathan Molineux undertook a site visited & assess the moorings, but to accommodate another 18foot boat would mean a risk of damage from other river vessels turning. Parishioner stated he was willing to take that risk as his boat was insured. After some discussion including views of other moorings holders it was agreed to actually measure the moorings. Site visit arranged for 8:30am on 4th March 2023.
 - h. Hedra site planning - Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that shortly after the last meeting he spoke to Nigel Catherall, at the Broads Authority making him aware of the PC concerns. At that time there was about a month left before the planning application expired. It is assumed it has now expired but no new planning application has been received & no further information received from Nigel Catherall.
5. Planning Applications -

- a. ref BA/2023/0037/HOUSEH, Single storey 3x3m extension, East Cottage, Church Road, Thurne, Norfolk. Mr Christopher Bondi. Reply sent to BA 'No comments'

6. Correspondence - e-mails circulated on receipt, those discuss;

- a. Gt Yarmouth New Local Plan options consultation - thanks were given to Cllr Ann Lamb & Jenny Davies for attending the meeting on 31st January & for collating & submitting the views of the PC & parishioners to GYBC. While at the meeting it became apparent that many councils have a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. While these are time consuming to compile they may prove useful in the long term. Clerk to investigate what such a plan entails.
- b. Harbour radio - email 19th Feb - from Sean Goodman a volunteer working at Harbour Radio which is a community station. He request if one of the volunteers could attend a PC meeting to introduce themselves as a point of contact for sharing local activities for broadcasting from the station. This was agreed & suggested they could attend the May or July meeting.
- c. Environment Agency - Vegetation Management report - e-mail circulated 28/02/2023. This was a follow up from the Environment Agency discussions at previous PC meetings. No comments required.

7. Financial matters.

- a. Amendment of signatories on the bank accounts - Cllr Leslie George has an appointment at the bank next week. Cllr Ann Lamb has visited the bank & completed all the necessary documentation. It was not known if Peter Roll & Chris Bondi have been removed as signatories. This will need to be checked. Ongoing
- b. PC agreed that Glenda Tooke could be approached to conduct internal end of year audit.
- c. Mooring fee's - three of the four have been paid.

8. Thurne Fete

- a. Fete is an important fundraiser for both village churches as well as a community event.
- b. No committee has yet been formed. Cllr Jenny Davies is willing to contact 2022 committee members to see if they are willing to continue.
- c. Urns & Kettle - decision on this postponed to next meeting.

9. Thurne Toilets

- a. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will liaise with Jane Beck (GYBC) & Louise Brooke regarding opening date.
- b. After some discussion it was agreed to increase Louise's pay to £15.00 per hour, one hour per day.
- c. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will speak with Jane Beck re annual grant for toilets.

10. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection tonight £45.00
- b. Staithe Inspection - all in order
- c. Playing field - Thanks to Cllr Leslie George who has cut the hedges both inside & out.
- d. David Bradnock has not submitted autumn invoice for grass cutting. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will contact to enquire if he is willing to continue with the cutting for 2023.

11. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none present. No communication received from Cllr Andy Grant, both councillors & parishioners request that he again be contacted to express their dissatisfaction in the service he is providing.

12. Parishioners

- a. Further to item 4(a) a parishioner expressed concern regarding speeding through the village. He stated it was a safety issue for pedestrians requesting it was formally recorded that the authorities have a duty of care. The issue of speeding has been ongoing for years & the PC have tried many avenues to resolve this without success. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will discuss with Aylsham Highways to ask if they have any viable solution.
- b. The drainage board are installing a new drainage pump in the dyke but the PC have not officially been advised. Questions were asked about what it would look like when finished, what if any effect it would have on the village, if more powerful as suggested a better wire supply/cable would be required, do they require planning permission. Cllr Jonathan Molineux agreed to make some enquiries & circulate any information.

13. A.O.B

- a. May elections - hard copies of nomination papers were handed to all councillors . they were advised that the papers should not be signed before March 7th & they then need to be returned to the clerk **by the end of March** at the latest. Deadline day for returning to GYBC is 7 April

Meeting closed at 20.38

Date of next meeting 11th May 2023. Annual Parish meeting & AGM