

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 2nd November 2023

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies, Leslie George, Donnie Cooke & Ann Lamb. GYBC & NCC Cllr Andy Grant. The clerk & two parishioner were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - None
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2023 had been circulated & published on the web site & were signed as correct by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Ann Lamb.
4. Matters arising
 - a. Village street signs - Cllr Andy Grant apologised for the delays in implementing these; it is now the responsibility of Michael Parkinson of GYBC who will oversee the installation.
 - b. Flooding issues - Cllr Andy Grant advised as follows:
 - i. Flooding on Thurne Road; GYBC have dug out the ditches & the problem is now not so severe. To be monitored. Though in view of recent more problematic flooding in the borough no further work is expected to follow in the near future.
 - ii. Flooding near Ashby Hall, work to alleviate the problem requires the landowner cooperation but as reported previously this has been promised but not forthcoming. Nothing further the PC can do. Matter closed
 - iii. Ditch opposite council houses - this was filled in some years ago by residents of the council houses but is now causing problems. Cllr Andy Grant advised that GYBC can clear when doing other works. He along with Cllr Jonathan Molineux will view the area in day light.
 - d. Road repair issues - Cllr Andy Grant advised as follows:
 - i. puddle outside toilets - GYBC priority 'D' to be completed within 84 days
 - ii. area outside Methodist church - GYBC priority 'C' to be completed within 28 days
 - iii. outside White Gates - this is now needing urgent attention as is becoming worse. As this was only raised at last meeting Cllr Andy Grant was advised of exact location & he will progress with highways.
 - iv. east of Abby farm again was only raised at the last meeting, Cllr Andy Grant advised of location & he will progress with highways.
 - e. Hedra site planning
 - i. Cllr Andy Grant reported that the ditch & hedge as previously discussed are owned by the highways. GYBC are therefore prepared to clear the area. After some discussion on how much cutting back the hedge requires & the position of the ditch, it was agreed a day light site visit was required. Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Andy Grant to organise.
 - ii. Planning conditions need to be checked as contractors stated hedge was to be removed. There is also an issue about where the water discharge from the properties will go.
 - iii. The rubble from the site to be used for the PC car park, as discussed at the last meeting, has been moved to a safe area.
 - f. Nplaw Solicitor progress - Cllr Jonathan Molineux stated there was nothing further to report. Ongoing

- c. Old septic tank on the footpath behind the council houses that was reported as dangerous at last meeting. Cllr Leslie George reported this as been removed & area levelled.
5. Planning Applications - None
 6. Correspondence - circulated on receipt. For discussion;
 - a. e-mail/letter from GYBC 27/10/2023 regarding removal of concurrent functions grants for beach cleaning, parks & open spaces in the 2024/25 year - meeting with Leader of Council Carl Smith 6pm 15/11/2023. Parish Clerks & Chairman invited to attend. Cllr Andy Grant advised that further cuts may follow due to the financial crisis in GYBC this could include removal of burial grants which would affect St Edmunds PCC.
 - b. Parishioner reported damaged to climbing frame on playing field this was referred to GYBC - maintenance engineer should have visited 31/10/2023 to assess the damage & possible repair. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that the repair had been completed as he saw the inspector. Apparently the equipment is checked monthly.
 - c. Weavers' way ultramarathon - 5th October 2024. Information circulated. No known events in the village that may clash with this marathon. Toilets will still be open.
 - d. Letter had been received from Carol Delf on behalf of St Edmunds PCC thanking the PC for the fete donation.
 7. Financial matters.
 - a. Budget for 2023/24 was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. No questions
 - b. On-line banking to enable transfer between councils two accounts. The Lloyds bank link for how councillors can register for on-line banking was circulated. It was requested clerk resent to all councillors.
 - c. second payment of precept & concurrent functions grant £1280.00 received 03/10/2023
 - d. Clerks pay & expenses for July, August & Sept; Pay £140.00, Expenses £26.45. Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies
 - e. PAYE s/o 05/10/2023 as usual £35.00
 - f. Grass cutting invoice from David Bradnock for 2023, including footpaths, £810.00. Payment approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies
 - g. Burial grant to PCC £900. Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies
 8. Thurne Public Toilets
 - a. Louise pay for Sept was 30 hours, £450.00. October 17 hrs, £255.00 Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies
 - b. Now closed, electricity off & all locked;
 - c. Thanks to Louise for another season for looking after the toilets
 9. Playing field & Staithe.
 - a. Slipway collection 01/11/2023 £34.00
 - b. Staithe;

- i. As per last meeting the future upkeep/replacement of the quay heading was listed as an agenda item. No comments had been received from parishioners. Cllr Jonathan Molineux has approached those concerned regarding making a charge when craning craft in & out along the staithe. As expected this was not well received. After some discussion it was decided that further enquires were required to establish who was responsible for extensive repairs to the staithe as previous work was undertaken by the BA. Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Donnie Cooke to liaise on appropriate authorities to contact. The installation of the new pump house may also have an affect on the staithe.
 - ii. the quay heading is currently in need of some minor repairs. These need to be inspected.
- c. Playing field;
- i. New play equipment - Cllr Andy Grant stated that due to financial constrains GYBC have now frozen all funding for new play equipment.
 - ii. Funding from developers of new housing developments for new open space on-site or financial contributions towards the provision of open space off-site, as mentioned at the last meeting was again discussed. Cllr Jonathan Molineux has spoken to BA & they do not operate this system. Cllr Andy Grant advised that GYBC do run such a scheme & would check to ascertain if Thurne could obtain some funding.

10. GYBC & NCC Councillors

- a. Cllr Andy Grant stated that the only way Thurne had any chance of introducing a 30mph speed limit, without the cost involved as perviously discussed, was to install at least four street lights, which would then designate the area a 30mph zone.
- b. GYBC have a financial deficient of over £1.4 million so further cuts to services are sure to follow.

11. Parishioners

- a. Parishioner stated he was concerned about a van parking on the staithe restricting access & could the PC speak to the persons concerned. Discussion followed as to the advantages/disadvantages of this action plus what part of the road along the staithe was owned by the highway & that which is privately owned. Cllr Andy Grant will check with the GYBC boundaries team before any further action is taken.

12. A.O.B - None

Meeting closed at 20.35

Date of next meeting 4th January 2024