

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes Thursday 5th January 2023

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies, Donnie Cooke, Ann Lamb & Leslie George. Tom Hunter & Alice Bickle from the Environment Agency, clerk & two parishioners were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - None
2. Environment Agency - Tom Hunter & Alice Bickle were welcomed to the meeting. Their table & diagrams relating to the proposed Thurne grass cutting on the river banks was explained. Relating questions were also answered. Hopefully the proposals will satisfy all parties concerned, not only protecting the river banks but wildlife & footpaths too. Cllr Ann Lamb stated she would again conduct her wildlife survey later in the year. The environment agency welcomed any feedback regarding their work/proposals & are open to further related information. Cllr Jonathan Molineux expressed thanks to Tom & Alice for their attendance & willingness to co-operate with the parish council.
3. Declaration of Interests - Cllr Jenny Davies regarding mooring fees
4. Minutes of the meeting 3rd Nov 2022. Having been circulated prior to the meeting were, after an amendment to the date, agreed & signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Leslie George.
5. Matters arising
 - a. New Thurne 30mph signage. Ongoing
 - b. Village street signs - Cllr Andy Grant again not present for an update. As well as e-mails from the clerk to Cllr Andy Grant in September & October 2022 Cllr Jonathan Molineux has recently also left him messages & text's to ascertain replies regarding this & other issues he agreed to investigate on behalf of the parish. To date no replies have been received & Cllr Andy Grant has not attended a parish council meeting for some months. Councillors requested that it be minuted that the parish council are not happy with the service from Cllr Andy Grant who is the councillor for both GYBC & NCC.

After meeting note e-mail from Cllr Andy Grant dated 5th January 17.24; For the streetsigns NCC have now informed me after a year to say they cannot fund them as it should be done by the relevant authority which is GYBC im still awaiting GYBS to get back to me however the big delay is that GYBS is being put into a new company so they are behind with there work and GYBC officers remain throwing back and forth to GYBS so I will get to the bottom of this but at the moment still nowhere.

- c. BT Kiosk - No display in place as yet
- d. Car parking near Home Farm - a copy of the licence was handed to the clerk for parish council records
- e. Flooding near Mill View - Cllr Andy Grant not present at meeting. Ongoing
- f. Flooding on Thurne Road; the land owner is hopeful the work will be undertaken in next 4-6 weeks.
- g. Flooding near Ashby Hall; NCC Highways Department are having difficulties undertaking this work as the adjacent landowner is not co-operating. Any with Oby parish have also reported this issue to NCC on numerous occasions. Ongoing
- h. Road repair issues previously discussed ie outside the public toilets & the Methodist church mentioned to Cllr Andy Grant on 7th July, no update available. Other areas requiring road repair were also discussed. It was suggested individuals report these direct to NCC. Ongoing

After meeting note e-mail from Cllr Andy Grant dated 5th January 17.24 (relating to e. f. g. & h. above); In terms or reporting the streetscene inspectors will be around the Parishes the week of the 6th feb doing checks on all areas of the division. Ive chased up the outstanding drainage etc for Thurne and im told although its in the system other priorities have taken over so the timescale I originally had has now gone.

- i. Ashton's letter re Simon Peck. Nplaw are acting on behalf of the PC & Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported a draft contract is being drawn up & he is hopeful this should all be completed by next meeting. Ongoing
- j. Overgrown trees ect on Common Road; this has not yet been cleared by the parishioner. Parishioner will clear by the spring. Ongoing
- k. Playing field fence repair -This work has been completed.

6. Planning Applications -None

7. Correspondence - e-mails circulated on receipt. None for discussion.

- a. Message received from Peter Roll regarding closure of the 'skirts' permissive footpath (as in previous years) this will take place from 15th January for a week.

8. Financial matters.

- a. Amendment of signatories on the bank accounts to add Cllr Leslie George & Ann Lamb & removed Peter Roll & Chris Bondi. Neither councillors have yet been to Lloyds bank. Ongoing
- b. Clerks pay & expenses for Oct, Nov, Dec; pay £140.00 net expenses £14.14. Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- c. PAYE of £35.00 paid by S/O 05/01/2023.
- d. Budget figures for 2022/23 have been updated & were available for councillors viewing & discussion.
- e. 2023/24 Precept & Concurrent function grants information received from GYBC & circulated via e-mail prior to the meeting. Figures approved.
- f. End of financial year approaching; Authority's Audit Appointment for 2022-23 to 2026-2027 is again PKF Littlejohn LLP.
- g. 2023 Mooring fees; after some discussion it was approved the fees would increase by £2.00 per foot to £22.00 per foot. Letters to be issued as soon as possible.

9. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection tonight £10.00
- b. Staithe Inspection - all in order
- c. Playing field - north hedge requires cutting. Cllr Leslie George agreed to do this when the weather/ground is suitable; but before the bird nesting period.

10. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none present

11. Parishioners

- a. A parishioner present asked if it was at all possible to have a parish mooring for his 18 foot boat. He is next on the waiting list but there has been no vacancy for some years. There was some discussion regarding increasing the moorings to five which could then allocate him a mooring. Cllr Jenny Davies & Jonathan Molineux agreed to visit & assess the moorings in daylight to determine if this viable.

12. A.O.B

- a. Cllr Jenny Davis raised the matter of the Hedra site which has laid derelict for years. There is concern that as the site currently has strict planning regulations & no developments are being instigated, once the application lapses a new planning application could be applied for & be vastly different. In fact the village could face a new housing development. Any new application including change of purpose would have to be reconsidered by the BA & the PC would be made aware of this. Enquires will be made to determine when the currently planning application expires.

Meeting closed at 20.30

Date of next meeting 2nd March 2023

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