

THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 6th July 2023

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies & Ann Lamb. Cllr Andy Grant the clerk & one parishioner were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - Cllr Donnie Cooke & Leslie George.
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Flegg Community Land Trust - Mark Kern & Shaun gave a brief outline of the aims of the trust & answered any questions from those present.
4. Minutes of the Annual meeting & Annual General Meeting both held on 11th May 2023 had been circulated & published on the web site.
5. Matters arising
 - a. Thurne 30mph signage. Cllr Andy Grant reported that as Thurne does not have a traffic provision order only advisory speed signs can be erected. There was some discussion on the possibility of this which would have to be partly if not fully funded by the PC.
 - b. Village street signs - Cllr Andy Grant was given confirmation of the names of the street signs required in Thurne. Is hopefully they will be supplied by GYS in this financial year.
 - c. Flooding/road repair issues
 - i. Flooding on Thurne Road; nothing new to report. Ongoing
 - ii. Flooding near Ashby Hall & near Mill view; nothing new to report. Ongoing
 - iii. Road repair issues previously discussed ie outside the public toilets & the Methodist church; Cllr Andy Grant will chase with GYBC highways but depends on whether highways actually own the areas concerned as to whether they will undertake the repairs.
 - d. Hedra site planning
 - i. Apparently as clearing the site had started prior to the expiry of the planning application the site development is deemed to have commenced. Therefore the planning application stands & has not expired as previously thought.
 - ii. Work to clear the site is now well underway.
 - iii. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that he has spoken with some of the developers (of which there are three) & contractors. Whole arrangement & development is very fragmented.
 - iv. Cllr Ann Lamb raised an issue regarding the ditch that runs alongside the site & drains surface water from the road. The concern is that this will be filled in & the adjoining hedge will be removed as it does not appear on the approved plans. There was some discussion on the matter & Cllr Andy Grant suggested a photo be taken (showing date & time) to ensure its safety (this was done after the meeting). If the ditch & hedge are owned by the highways then the developers do not have jurisdiction to remove it.
 - e. Solicitors letter re Simon Peck - no communication from Mr Peck's solicitors. This needs to be chased. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will speak with our solicitors.
 - f. Parking problems outside the pub - this has hopefully been resolved as the pub has placed barrels along the verge to prevent parking.

- g. Overground verges on Thurne Road/B1152; these were reported to NCC & have been cut.
 - h. Electric fence across the footpath behind the playing field - Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported he had spoken to parties concerned, a sign has been erected to warn of the electric fence. No further action required.
6. Planning Applications - circulated on receipt, two applications since last meeting details below; both replied to with "No Comments' to make
- a. BA/2023/0192/PN; Prior approval for telecommunications mast and associated equipment Abbey Farm, Repps Road, Thurne, Norfolk,
 - b. BA/2023/0199/HOUSEH; Single storey extension to rear 4 The Street, Thurne, Norfolk, NR29 3AP Mr Craig Weatherington - Approve Subject to Conditions
7. Correspondence - circulated on receipt. Only one of interest
- a. e-mail from 'Our Bus' service - changes to service 72A to include a pre book service for the area covering not only passengers that were previously served, but new villages such as Clippesby and Thurne,
8. Financial matters.
- a. End of Year accounts 2022/23, confirmation received from PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) that accounts have been accepted. Clerk was thanked for all her work to ensure the accounts were correct & completed on time.
 - b. Notice of Public Right to view end of year accounts has been advertised as required on the web site & notice board. Viewing period 5th June to 14th July.
 - c. Clerk pointed out that a higher interest was now being received on the Business bank instant (30 day) account & it might be worth the parish council considering transferring more funds from the current account into the 30 day account. As this facility has not been used for many years (due to low interest rates) clerk agreed to enquire as to how funds are moved between accounts.
 - d. VAT refund £391.74 has been received.
 - e. Clerks pay & expenses for April, May & June 2023; Pay £140.00 expenses £30.13. Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Ann Lamb & Jenny Davies
 - f. PAYE paid by S/O 05/07/23 £35.00
 - g. Zurich insurance renewal due 01/06/22 £319.84. Cheque was approved & sign at last meeting but for £391.74. Error was noticed by Zurich & refund of £71.90 made.
 - h. Great Rakes invoice from David Bradnock with regard to grass cutting for July, October & November 2022, £165.00 Payment approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jenny Davies & Ann Lamb.
 - i. Refund of £44.51 to Ann Lamb iro oval memorial plaque for oak in Community Wood. Payment approved & cheques signed By Cllr Jenny Davies & Ann Lamb.
9. Thurne Fete 29th July 2023 -
- a. Cllr Jenny Davies reported the committee have met three times & all planning is going well. She will ensure minutes of meeting are sent to the clerk.
10. Thurne Public Toilets
- a. Louise pay for May 2023 was 22hrs @ £15.00 = £330.00; June 2023 30hrs @ £15.00 = £450.00 payment approved & cheque signed by CllrAnn Lamb & Jenny Davies

11. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection tonight £113.87
- b. Staithe Inspection - all in order
 - i. Additional mooring - there have been some issues especially regarding the distance between vessels. It was specified there should be two feet bow & stern between each vessel, this is not happening . Some new mooring rings are also required to help elevate this crowding problem. Cllr Jonathan Molineux will speak with Russell Peake.
- c. Playing field - no issues
 - i. Cllr Andy Grant was asked about the new play equipment that was mentioned some months ago. Reports have been completed & GYBC have yet to publish the priorities for installation.

12. GYBC & NCC Councillors -

- a. GYBS are now Gt Yarmouth Services & GYN who undertake council house repairs have been reorganised & no longer have any connect with Norse.
- b. Second rural cut of verges has been funded by Highways along with at least one for 2024.
- c. Environment matters now come under Highways.

13. Parishioners - no matters raised.

14. A.O.B - no matters raised

Meeting closed at 20.52

Date of next meeting 14th Sept 2023