

## THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 7th March 2024

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Leslie George, Jenny Davies, Ann Lamb & Donnie Cooke. The clerk & five parishioner were also in attendance.

1. Apologies -None
2. Declaration of Interests - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of 4th January 2024 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting & published on the web site & were signed as correct by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux & Leslie George.
4. Matters arising
  - a. Village street signs - Cllr Andy Grant not in attendance to provide an up date.
  - b. Flooding & Road repair issues, Cllr Jonathan Molineux met with a highways representative today to discuss the numerous issues in the parish both old & new:
    - i. Puddle outside toilets - even though this was categorised by GYBC as priority 'D' to be completed within 84 days & should therefore have been repaired by the end of January 2024 it is still outstanding. This has been ongoing for many months & hopefully will be completed by the beginning of the season.
    - ii. Area outside Methodist church - though some repair has been undertaken it is hoped it will receive further attention when the road is resurfaced at some time in the future.
    - iii. Corner near Mill View, this area has been surveyed & is in the system. Will be done when other high priority areas have been addressed.
    - iv. Ditch opposite council houses. As reported previously unfortunately there is no quick fix for this (needs major work). If the ditch alone is cleared it will probably only be moved onto the bank which will not resolve the main issue. Cllr Andy Grant needs to be pressed on the matter.
    - v. Highways were not satisfied with work undertaken on clearing the gruts/grups on the road sides. If done correctly this could resolve some of the road flooding problems.
    - vi. Flooding near Hedra site - ditch requires clearing but to achieve this hedge will need to be cut back. Highways are aware.
  - b. Hedra site planning
    - i. Cllr Andy Grant reported previously that the ditch & hedge are owned by the highways. Not present for a progress report. Ongoing
    - ii. No further progress to report regarding hedge removal - Planning conditions need to be checked as contractors. There is also an issue about where the water discharge from the properties will go. Ongoing
  - c. Nplaw Solicitor progress - Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that contract with Nplaw has been closed. Local solicitors England & Co have not yet been appointed. Ongoing
  - d. Barge on staithe obstructing moorings has been removed.
  - e. Van parked on Staithe: no longer a problem.
  - f. Elder bush/tree near toilets has been cleared.
5. Planning Applications -
  - a. Ms Jenna Browne, Home Farm, The Street Thurne; Barn conversions - application refused.

6. Correspondence - circulated on receipt.

- a. e-mail from BA re damage to quay heading. Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that he had met with an Environment Agency representative today to discuss the quay heading. They confirmed that the Environment Agency are responsible for repairs to the quay heading. The damage was viewed but repairs may take some time as contractors have to be sort.
- b. BA also examined water running out of boat dyke down main road. This they will investigate further as water should not run in that direction.
- c. e-mail from Thomas Jones re replacement of pumping station. Newsletter circulated on subject. Cllr Jonathan Molineux keeps in contact regarding this & meeting with authority may be wise in the future.
- d. Invite to Flood management conference 22nd May at Dereham Memorial hall. Cllr Ann Lamb & Jenny Davies would like to attend & will register.
- e. clerk resignation letter - willing to stay until Sept 2024 at the latest. Advertising for a replacement was discussed, including suitable locations. Advert to be drawn up.

7. Financial matters.

- a. On-line banking to enable transfer between councils two accounts. Cllr Ann Lamb has registered & just needs to finalise the procedure. Other councillors still required to registered. Ongoing
- b. NpLaw final invoice for £30.48; payment approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- c. Methodist invoice for hall hire, four meetings £40.00 payment approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Jenny Davies.
- d. Precept & Concurrent Functions Grant for the parish for the 2024/25 year final figure £2,020.00. Amount approved.
- e. Mooring fees; three of the five have been received.

8. Thurne toilets

- a. Louise is willing to once again look after the toilets for the season. As per item 4. b (i) would really appreciate this being sorted.
- b. Toilets to open for Easter. Cllr Jonathan Molineux to liaise with Louise & GYBC to organise this.

9. Thurne Fete

- a. New committee members are required for 2024. Cllr Jenny Davies will call a meeting & report back to the next PC meeting.
- b. Parishioner proposed a three way split of profits. To be discussed by the committee & at next PC meeting.

10. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection tonight £20.00
- b. Staithe;
  - i. Minor repairs plus future upkeep/replacement of the quay heading. Hopefully this has been resolved as per item 6a)

- ii. Some of the 'No Mooring' signage is broken & requires replacement. There was some discussion as to how to make these signs more robust & visible. Last purchase/replacement was in July 2022. In practise they need checking annually. Ongoing

c. Playing field;

- i. Funding from developers of new housing developments for new open space on-site or financial contributions towards the provision of open space off-site. Cllr Andy Grant not present for an update.
- ii. As expected field is very wet.

11. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none in attendance

12. Parishioners

- a. several issues raised & discussed, noted in the appropriate section of these minutes.

13. A.O.B -

- a. e-mail from Dr Tom Moore of EEAC - asking if they could borrow the fete BBQ for TMOR. There is a good two way exchange going between the two organisations so loan was approved.

Meeting closed at 20.10

**Date of next meeting Methodist hall is not available 2nd May so next meeting 9th May 2024**