

## THURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Thursday 4th January 2024

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Leslie George & Donnie Cooke. The clerk & three parishioner were also in attendance.

1. Apologies - Cllr Andy Grant
2. Declaration of Interests - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2023 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
    - i. Puddle outside toilets - Cllr Andy Grant reported at last meeting it was a GYBC priority 'D' to be completed within 84 days. Should therefore be repaired by the end of January 2024.
    - ii. Area outside Methodist church - Cllr Andy Grant reported at last meeting it was a GYBC priority 'C' to be completed within 28 days. Some repair has been undertaken.
    - iii. Outside White Gates - Cllr Andy Grant was advised of exact location at last meeting. Some repairs have been undertaken.
    - iv. East of Abby farm Cllr Andy Grant advised of location at last meeting. Some repairs have been undertaken.
    - v. Ditch opposite council houses. This issue was raised again by a parishioner as is becoming major cause for concern. Unfortunately there is no quick fix for this (need major work) & Cllr Andy Grant needs to be pressed on the matter.
  - b. Hedra site planning
    - i. Cllr Andy Grant reported at the last meeting that the ditch & hedge are owned by the highways. No progress to report. Ongoing
    - 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. No progress to report. Ongoing
  - c. Nplaw Solicitor progress - Cllr Jonathan Molineux reported that due to NpLaw changing their charging arrangements they are now very expensive & little progress has been made in the last twelve months. He request the councils approval to use a local solicitors. After some discussion this was approved.
  - d. Van parked on Staithe: this was raised by a parishioner at the last meeting. Situation has hopefully resolved itself as the offending van hasn't been seen for some time & the property is up for sale.
5. Planning Applications -
  - a. Duffield, Sunset View - changes to plans approved. Details circulated no comments made.
  - b. Ms Jenna Browne, Home Farm, The Street Thurne; Barn conversions - Cllr Jonathan Molineux's comments sent in reply to support the application.
6. Correspondence - circulated on receipt.

- a. e-mail from Flegg Community Land Trust 12/11/2023 regarding return visit. After some discussion it was decided that currently there is no suitable land within the parish that the trust could develop under their remit. Reply to be sent accordingly.
- b. E-mail 08/12/2023 from GYBC re Management Agreement for Toilets; details provided to GYBC as requested, but as yet no further contact.

#### 7. Financial matters.

- a. On-line banking to enable transfer between councils two accounts. Cllr Ann Lamb has registered & documents received by clerk. Other councillors still required to registered. Ongoing
- b. Clerks pay & expenses for Oct, Nov, Dec; Pay £140.00, Expenses £17.17. Payment approved & cheques signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Leslie George
- c. PAYE s/o 05/01/2024 £35.00
- d. NpLaw invoice for £15.24; payment approved & cheque signed by Cllr Jonathan Molineux & Leslie George
- e. Council were given an update of the information provided to GYBC in relation to the Concurrent Functions Grant & the changes the borough proposed. In effect these changes will save GYBC funds by removing the annual concurrent function grant for parks & open spaces. For Thurne this amounts to an annual amount of £540.
- f. Information in relation to the Precept & Concurrent Functions Grant for the parish for the 2024/25 year is required by GYBC by 12th January 2024. This had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. No further comments to be annotated. Clerk to reply.
- g. Council approved that Glenda Tooke be approached to conduct the end of year internal audit.

#### 8. Playing field & Staithe.

- a. Slipway collection 01/11/2023 £18.50
- b. Staithe;
  - i. Future upkeep/replacement of the quay heading. Further enquires ongoing to establish who is responsible for extensive repairs. Nothing further to report at present. Ongoing.
  - ii. Current minor repairs to the quay heading still need to be inspected & addressed.
- 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.

#### 9. GYBC & NCC Councillors - none in attendance

#### 10. Parishioners

- a. several issues raised & discussed, noted in the appropriate section of these minutes.
- b. large barge is moored in staithe obstructing some parish moorings. Cllr Leslie George reported this is awaiting removal as is being scrapped. He will approach the owner.
- c. roads in the village & surrounding areas are continuing to be of concern as they are in a bad state of repair. Unfortunately this is a matter for highways who take time to respond. Individuals as well as the council should report issues.

## 11. A.O.B -

- a. Cllr Donnie Cooke reported that the 'Skirts' permissive footpath will be closed from 19th to 26th January 2024.
- b. During a recent storm a tree/elder bush was blown over onto the land in front of the toilets. This has been reported to GYBC who will come & undertake its removal.

Meeting closed at 20.40

**Date of next meeting 7th March 2024**

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