

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 28 May 2014 at 7.05pm at the New Village Hall, Thornham.

Present: Cllr S Mocatta ( Chair)      Cllr C Venes (Vice)      Cllr W Brooks  
          Cllr A Needham                    Cllr A Brown                Cllr I Barrett  
          Cllr J Warham

Also present: The Clerk & County Councillor Richard Bird and 8 Members of the Public

1. **To receive and consider apologies for absence:**  
**All Present**
  
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest**  
All Councillors gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham Charities. Cllrs Venes, Barrett, Warham and Mocatta, gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham Village Hall and Playing Field Ltd.
  
3. **Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions**  
**It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session.**
  
4. **Minutes of Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 9 April 2014**  
Proposed By Cllr Warham and Seconded by Cllr Venes and **it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Trees**

Cllr Mocatta said that a good job had been achieved on the Trees and the area is much improved. Cllr Barrett asked why the tree at the far end had not been achieved, and also the straggly one by the gate. **It was resolved for the meeting to be opened to allow Mrs Needham to speak.** Mrs Needham explained that the tree by the gate was a Yew Tree and was told that it cannot be touched and did not know anything regarding the Weeping Ash at the other end. Mrs Needham agreed to speak with the Tree Surgeon and report back.

There was also a suggestion that the Council approached the owner of the trees on the other side and ask for these to be cut as complaints have been received that caravans are being damaged on their way to the caravan site. **It was resolved for this to be addressed at a later stage.**

**It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session.**

#### **Parking on Church Street**

Cllr Venes said that he had spoken to Joanne Stanton from the Borough Council but she was not able to give him the information. He had also checked the Electoral Roll but the information was not available there. Cllr Venes said that he had drawn a blank on finding details on the owners of these two cottages. Cllr Venes suggested that notices were drawn up and placed on cars that hire the cottages and park on the pavement advising them of Parishioners needing to use

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the pavement. Cllr Venes was informed that the Owner of one of the properties was actually using the cottage at the moment. **It was resolved for Cllr Venes to try and get to speak with them and advise.** **Action: Cllr Venes**

**5. Playing Field Update**

This was addressed in the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**6 Thornham Village Hall and Sports Pavilion Committee Report**

This was addressed in the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**It was resolved for the meeting to go into open session to allow Mr Staveley to give his report.**

**7 SAMS**

Mr Staveley asked if the agreement had been signed allowing for the two new areas to be used for the mobile equipment? Cllr Brooks said that yes it had been signed and sent off a long time ago. It was reported that posts had gone up at the bottom of Choosley Road and Ringstead Road. Mr Staveley thanked the Council for this information. Mr Staveley then advised that the mobile SAMS could be used for twelve months now as with six places this would allow for the necessary three monthly rotations. Mr Staveley reported that they are effective and was currently trying to access the information provided by the equipment but had not been able to open the data disk at present.

Mr Staveley said that the group go out with the hand held cameras twice a month. The information has to go directly to Norwich so no data is kept. Mr Staveley reported that the group have now been told to record cars with a speed of 32 to 36 mph, and during a recent check 40 cars were found to be driving at that speed. This proves we have a rating of high in this category and means that the Traffic Police will be undertaking for frequent checks in this area. Mr Staveley advised that there seems a need to have a session early in the morning and this has been arranged for next week.

Mr Staveley finished his report by thanking his team who consist of Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr & Mrs Norman, Mr & Mrs Staveley, Chris Dyson to name but a few.

Cllr Mocatta thanked Mr Staveley for all his teams' hard work and especially him for moving all the mobile equipment around.

**8 Defibrillator -Cllr J Warham**

Cllr Warham said that it was a suggestion made that a de-fibrillator was housed in the village. Cllr Warham was concerned about the use of and the insurance etc and what did the Council feel. The Clerk advised that the British Heart Foundation were looking for sites recently and they were providing the unit etc the host had to provide an outside power supply to the box that housed. **It was resolved for the Clerk to explore and report back at the next meeting.**

**Action: Clerk**

**9 Grasscutting**

Cllr Mocatta said that Cllr Brown had brought it up because of the weed killer that had been placed on the greens in the village and what a mess they looked. The

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Clerk had contacted NCC Highways but had been advised that money is not given to parishes now to undertake their own grasscutting maintenance. Cllr Mocatta suggested that quotes were obtained to get this task undertaken on the three greens in the village. **It was resolved for Cllr Barrett to speak with his Gardener and obtain an initial quote so that the Council have an idea of the monies involved.** **Action: Cllr Barrett**

**10 Footpath**

Cllr Mocatta asked if anyone understood the email that the Clerk send round from the Footpath’s Officer at County. It appeared that everyone had lost the understanding half way through. **It was resolved for the Clerk to invite the Officer to attend the site again and that a Councillor/Clerk be present and walk the route with him.** **Action: Clerk**

**11 Coal Barn**

Cllr Mocatta reported that she had spoken with Mrs Lawty at the Borough Council and that the application had been refused on flood risk grounds. Mrs Lawty had advised that Mr Lomax had said that he would take to appeal and he has six months to do. This appeal would go to the Secretary of State but we would be asked to comment further. Cllr Mocatta had spoken with Sowerby’s to see if the Coal Barn had been placed back on the market but was told that it was going to appeal.

Cllr Mocatta said that this had been discussed at Parish Council level and at Thornham Village Hall and Playing Fields Ltd and though they would love to take this further at this present time they do not have the capacity to undertake solely on their own. Cllr Mocatta said that there has to be public involvement in this. This cannot be taken any further without support from Parishioners and some Parishioners willing to join a working party to “Save Our Coal Barn”. Cllr Mocatta appealed to everyone to spread the word. There was a discussion regarding a special newsletter being produced to highlight this issue.

**12 Wildfowlers/Marsh**

Cllr Mocatta read out the following statement:

*The Parish Council has been informally approached by Stephen Bett, as the owner of 46 of the Stints on the marsh, to give the PC, as owners of 2 Stints, an indication of his thinking. There is, as many of you may be aware, a possibility of a development on the Old Playing Field, requiring access through the gate from The Green. If planning permission is granted by KLWNBC, along with the sale of the easement for access for the developers, there is a strong likelihood that Stephen will then look to sell his 46 stints. He has committed to keeping the PC informed and updated of any potential action. If the sale becomes a real possibility, the PC will look to hold a Special Parish Meeting to discuss the implications for the parish and the 2 stints, along with CL 46, a separate piece of land on the marsh, which is owned 100% by the PC. Until such point is reached, we do not believe it would be productive to discuss this further."*

**13 Planning Applications and Determinations:**

Applications:

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- 14/00511/F Mr R Wood, Application for extensions and alterations to Plumtrees, Green Lane, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**
- 14/00519/F Mr & Mrs B J Orson, Application for new garden wall to front of property at Salt Marsh, Ship Lane, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**
- 14/00447/F Mr G Tufts, Application for proposed cart shed, Treetops, 5 Choseley Road, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**
- 14/00585/F Mr R Wright, Application for two storey extension and conservatory at Ravens Court, Hall Lane, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**
- 14/00717/F Mr J Cave, Application for variation in condition 3 of planning permission 13/01254/F to amend previously approved drawings at Elm End, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

Determinations:

- 14/00351/F Application for additional of a first floor to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling with single storey extensions to the rear and front storm porch at The Orchard, Hall Lane, Thornham – **Granted**
- 14/00162/F Application for extension to existing retail and café at ground floor with office above at Thornham Village Stores, High Street, Thornham - **Granted**
- 14/00333/F Application for variation of conditions 3 of Planning Permission 13/00225/F at The Willow Cottage, Hall Lane, Thornham. – **Granted**
- 14/00436/F Application for proposed four bedroom dwelling at The Old Drill Hall, Ringstead Road, Thornham. - **Granted**

**14 Correspondence:**

- a. Letter from Borough Council re Notification of New Property Addresses.
- b. Letter and Report from Burnham Market Community Car Scheme
- c. Letter from East Anglia's Children's Hospice
- d. Letter from Downing Street re Employer Allowance

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The following list of correspondence can be viewed by arrangement with the Clerk.

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct
- b. Parish Matters – Came & Co Insurance

**15 Accounts for payment**

E-On Energy Street Lighting- May	Direct/Debit	67.76
KLWNBC Dog Bin Waste – to replace cheque 101082	101087	546.00
Arborcraft Tree Care – Church Yard Trees	101088	500.00

**It was resolved for these payments to be paid.**

**16 Payment Received**

None received

**17 Items For Next Agenda**

Actions Points from APM & APCM.

**18 Date, & Place of next meeting.**

11 June 2014 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

**Action List**

**Cllr Venes**

- Try and speak with owners of cottage on Church Street re parking.

**Cllr Brooks**

- To look at Bench on the harbour for damage.

**Cllr Barrett**

- Obtain a quote re cutting the Greens.

**Clerk**

- Contact the Footpaths Officer re email.
- Explore details re Defibrillator
- Chase NCC Highways regarding the Drains
- Report Pot Hole outside Oak Cottage
- Put Cul De Sac Sign for Shepherds Pightle on the next Agenda
- Make Payments

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**POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**Pot Hole**

A Parishioner advised that there was a large pothole outside Oak Cottage on the High Street. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to NCC Highways. Action: Clerk**

**Cul De Sac Sign**

A Parishioner asked if a Cul De Sac sign could be placed at the top of Shepherds Pightle to stop large lorries from mistaking the Road for Ringstead Road. **It was resolved for the Clerk to put on June's Agenda. Action: Clerk**

**Drains**

Cllr Needham reported that the Drains were in a desperate need for being cleared out with the Jet Wash as promised. **It was resolved for the Clerk to take up with NCC Highways. Action: Clerk**

**Bench**

Cllr Needham reported that Mr Hardy and himself had put the replacement bench on the Granary Harbour.

**Benches**

Cllr Brooks reported that Mr Hibit had reported to her that one of the new benches placed by the new sea defence had been damaged. **It was resolved for Cllr Brooks to take a look at report back. Action: Cllr Brooks**

**County Councillor Bird Report**

Cllr Bird reported that as usual it was a pleasure for him to attend our meetings and how the Council was so well organised it was refreshing. It was pleasing that the Council and Community get on with things and undertake tasks themselves not waiting for others.

**County Council**

Cllr Bird advised that a new Leadership was in place at County Hall and the new Committee System also in place. Now 84 Councillors are making the decision not the privileged few. He was willing to take any thing forward that the Council might wish him to do.

**Major Surge/Resilience Planning**

Cllr Bird explained that he had documents that he wished to leave with the Council re Resilience Planning after the major surge. Cllr Bird explained that he had found weaknesses within the system and these are now being addressed. He also advised about a small fund to help with not the usual watery matters for the Coastal Region and if the Council had something that they required which was not the norm to get in contact with him. He asked if anyone knew about the Resilience Room at the Valentine Road Offices. He did not know it existed but he does now. He hoped that we would work on a resilience plan and if the Council needed any help he would be happy to assist.

Cllr Mocatta advised that a lady from the Environment Agency and Kevin Kent from the Borough Council would be attending the July Meeting.

Cllr Mocatta thanked Cllr Bird for his report. Cllr Bird left the meeting.

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