

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 7.00pm at the New Village Hall, Thornham.

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

Also present: The Clerk & Borough Councillor Tom De-Winton and 7 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 12 March 2014**
Proposed By Cllr Needham 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
All items on the Agenda.

5. **Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Sub Committee Held on 2 April 2014**
Cllr Mocatta went through the minutes. **It was resolved to recommend that the bank accounts stays with two signatories and for Mrs S Hardy to be appointed as Internal Auditor.** Cllr Brooks thanks the Committee for this work.
- 6 **Playing Field Update**
Cllr Needham reported that as previously stated now the nights are lighter the yearly maintenance of the field has begun with the Committee meeting once a week on a Wednesday to undertake the work. Cllr Needham said that Cricket Club cleared out the container last Sunday and put up shelving and this is now much improved.
- 7 **Thornham Village Hall and Sports Pavilion Committee Report**

Cllr Venes gave the following report.
 - March 2014 saw 43 events with a footfall of approximately 750 people.
 - Successes in March included another full house for village cinema's screening of 'Captain Phillips', a packed house for the encore performance of 'War Horse' and also for the first Bolshoi Ballet's 'Marco Spada'.

Signed:..... Chair Date:

- Norfolk Rural Community Council held a most interesting one day exhibition and question and answer session on the Poor's Lands which used Thornham as one of its case studies, thanks to work by John Warham. A second Pilates group has started and looks to have recruited well and the art class looks to have achieved a sustainable membership. The Soup and Sandwich Lunch team have a change of activities over the summer and the next lunch is October. Many thanks to all who volunteered and helped to make this such an outstandingly successful social and community event.
- April/May looks set to see the busiest series of events in the new hall's short history with a diversity of events with hopefully something for everyone.
- Next Sunday 13th sees the Sponsored Walk which for the first time can start and finish at the new hall. Please support this event either by walking or sponsoring as it provides valuable funds for the field and hall developments – see more below. 15th – 20th Barbara King holds our first Art Exhibition and sale – admission free, open from 10.00- 5.00 daily. The evening of 23rd April sees Village Cinema's charity performance of 'Philomena'. Tickets £10, doors open at 7.00pm, all proceeds to All Saints Church funds. Friday 25th sees Race Night with the support of Chris Holt, this popular event is a guaranteed night of fun. Bar available all night and Doors Open at 7.00pm, admission £2.00 per adult.
- This is followed by another first as Dick Ropa brings his celebrated local disco nite to the new hall having helped in the farewell celebrations to the Drill Hall. Proceeds support the Cricket Club but this is an event for the whole village to enjoy. Tickets £7.00, buffet included. Bar thro' the night. Tickets from Ron or Antony.
- Moving on to 1st May Live by Satellite from the National Theatre sees Simon Russell Beale in 'King Lear' – this is likely to be a sell-out so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £10.00 and Doors Open at 6.15pm, Curtain Up at 7.00pm. The following evening Thornham Football Club organise a 'Sportsmen's Dinner' with Ray Parlour, Arsenal favourite and Sky football expert, as guest speaker. Tickets are £30 per head. Tickets available from Ross or Antony.
- Another change of mood and another first with 'The Maker's Mark' on Sunday 4th May from 10.00 – 5.00pm. Invited craftsmen/artisan maker's will be exhibiting and selling in the hall. Potters, metalworkers, glassmakers, silversmiths, woodworkers and weavers, fabric and fibre, photograms, and of course the Bag Ladies of Thornham. An opportunity to buy an individual and hand made item for yourself or as that special gift. Refreshments all day in the Cakes and Ale Café. Admission free, proceeds to TVHPF Ltd.
- Trustees are currently looking at a number of issues working with others to develop sports facilities in the village. New goal posts are on the way for the football club. Cricket Club are looking to lead on Kwik Cricket for kids. The Cricket Club are also looking to work with TVHPF re the provision and funding of new net facilities. With work on the hall site complete a re- launch of the Tennis Club this May looks likely and a plan is being developed to see a wider range of sporting opportunities for children on the field this summer working with local volunteers.

Signed:..... Chair Date:

- Additional furniture and crockery/cutlery has been purchased to extend our catering facilities and John Long has kindly renovated a number of bridge tables for the hall.
- Trustees will consider the cleaning and caretaking options in view of the high levels of use of the hall.
- BLF are now asking for our first half yearly report on the operation of the new hall. The team will draft this report and are likely to be talking to all our user groups to help inform the feedback process – your co-operation with this would be much appreciated.

Cllr Venes said that because the Thornham Village Hall and Playing Field Ltd A.G.M. is before the Parish Council A.P.C.M. it was necessary to elect three Councillors to sit on TVH&PF Ltd. **It was resolved for Cllrs Barrett, Warham and Venes are elected onto TVH&PF Ltd.**

8 SAMS

No one from the team is present tonight to give a report. **It was resolved for Cllr Brooks to contact Mr Staveley and make sure that someone is available or a report given for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

Action: Cllr Brooks

9 Streetlights

Cllr Brooks advised that the Clerk had obtained a quotation for a possible streetlight, which amounts to £1569.67 including VAT but that is directly outside the new Village Hall on the roadside. Cllr Brooks enquired how many people had asked for a light? It appears to be around four parishioners. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a diagram of the how far the light would light up and for the Item to be an agenda item on the Annual Parish Meeting, where it could be discussed fully with the Parishioners.**

Action: Clerk

10 Footpath

The Clerk handed round a map clearly showing the footpath. Cllr Brown advised the Council of a gentleman who undertakes work on paths etc that was recommended to him. **It was also resolved for Cllr Brown to contact this gentleman for a quotation to reinstate the footpath in the correct position. It was also resolved for the Clerk to chase NCC Highways regarding allowing us to bring the footpath back in good order as they were responsible for footpaths and maintenance.**

Action: Cllr Brown/Clerk

11 Coal Barn

Cllr Mocatta advised that the Planning Department would not make a decision until the middle of this month. Cllr Mocatta also reported that she had sent round an email concerning the Coal Barn wall losing bricks and who was going to undertake. Cllr Needham advised that he had been approached to undertake the work but was not feasible in the amount of hours allowed by the owner. **It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Cllr De-Winton to speak.** Cllr De-Winton asked if he could have a copy of the letter sent to Mrs Lawtey at the Planning Department and he would take up the situation from the Borough angle.

Signed:..... Chair Date:

It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session and for the Clerk to email a copy. **Action: Clerk**

12 Trees

Cllr Mocatta explained that the Arborist James Joyce had attended the site with Mr Fisher the Borough Tree Officer and Mr Fisher had approved the work that needed to be completed. Cllr Mocatta advised that the work was going to take two days and would be £700.00. **It was resolved for the Parish Council to pay £500.00 towards the work.**

13 NCC Grasscutting

Cllr Brown said that he was concerned regarding the treatment of the grass from the Borough Council. Weed Killer has been sprayed in vast amounts around the street furniture, and is unsightly. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the NCC who employs the Borough Council to undertake the work as a few years ago they were offering monies to Parishes to undertake jobs that are usually achieved by NCC themselves but had not received a reply as yet. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.** **Action: Clerk**

14 Planning Applications and Determinations:

Applications:

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. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

14/00436/F Application for four bedroom dwelling at The Old Drill Hall, Ringstead Road, Thornham Parish Council. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

14/00511/F Application for extensions and alterations to Plumtrees, Green Lane, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

14/00519/F Application for new garden wall to front of property at Salt Marsh, Ship Lane, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

Determinations:

13/01862/F Mr J Shackleton. Application for extension to existing dwelling at Wren Cottage, High Street, Thornham.- GRANTED

14/00062/F Application for demolition of existing single dwelling and erection of new replacement at The Retreat, High Street, Thornham – GRANTED

14/00280/F Application for two storey extension following removal of existing single storey extension and single storey veranda to rear of Salt Marsh, Ship Lane, Thornham. – WITHDRAWN

Signed:..... Chair Date:

15 Correspondence:

- a. Mazars Paperwork

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

- a. Letter From Norfolk RCC – Re WISP Broadband
- b. CPRE Fieldwork

16 Accounts for payment

2013/14 Accounts

GoPak – Tables for Meetings	101083	652.33
Chairs Allowance – Refreshments	101084	168.00
HMRC – Shortfall	101086	10.00

2014/15 Accounts

E-On Energy Street Lighting- April	Direct/Debit	67.76
TT Jones – April, May & June Streetlight Maintenance	101085	134.84

It was resolved for these payments to be made.

17 Payment Received

£16,050.00 precept

18 Items For Next Agenda

19 Date, & Place of next meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting 28 May 2014 at 6.00pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting and May Council Meeting all at the Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Action List

Cllr Brooks

- Speak with Sam Staveley re a report or attending and giving a report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Brown

- Obtain a quote to re-instate the footpath.

Clerk

- Chase NCC Re Grasscutting possible payment
- Obtain lights levels for the new Streetlight
- Chase NCC Highways regarding the Footpath
- Email Cllr De-Winton the Coal Barn letter to Mrs Lawtey

Signed:..... Chair Date:

- Put Streetlights on the Annual Parish Council.
- Make Payments

POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Parking On Church Street

A Parishioner raised the subject that it was difficult for people with disabled scooters/buggies driving down the pavement in Church Street. They need to come off the pavement and having to go into the road. It is the possible holidaymakers spending time in the cottages. Cllr Venes to try and obtain owners details and write to them advising them of the situation. Cllr Venes would try Jo Stanton at the Borough Council first. Borough Councillor De-Winton asked to be copied in. Mrs Hardy advised that she has produced two new No Parking Signs but have not laminated them yet.

Precept

A Parishioner asked for the reason behind the rise in the Precept. Cllr Mocatta explained at situation and the need to maintain some reserves and the possibility of being capped by the Government.

Borough Councillor De-Winton Report

Incinerator

Cllr De-Winton advised that the Incinerator is no longer to take place. It is just a waiting game to find out what the cost will be.

Tennis Week

Cllr De-Winton explained that there was a certain amount of trouble last year with this event. This year it has been decided to manage Tennis Week. Police Inspector Gunall is working with a task force to make sure that this year is well managed. Cllr De-Winton said that Letting Agents are being reminded not to allow children to stay on their own without adult supervision. Supermarket delivery drivers are being reminded that an appropriate adult must sign any alcohol being home delivered. Sussex Barn who organise the evening entertainment are changing and not having the older children with year but having a family event. Finally public schools are being asked to instruct their children in appropriate behaviour. The big parties on the beach will be checked by the Police and Task Force and there will be a heightened Police presence during the week especially checking motorists.

Cllr Brooks thanked Cllr De-Winton for his report.

The Queens Visit

Cllr Warham said that this evening he had received a letter from Mr Rodwell attaching a note from Buckingham Palace with a thank you from the Queen for the lovely book of Photographs that she received. The Queen is most delighted and says that it was lovely to receive such a lovely book to remind her of such a lovely day.

Signed:..... Chair Date: