

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Thornham.

Present: Cllr C Venes (Chair) Cllr A Needham Cllr W Brooks  
Cllr B Gulliver

Also present: The Clerk, Cllr Elizabeth Watson, John Warham, Andrew Jamieson & 1 Member of the Public,

**1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:  
It was resolved to accept apologies for Cllr Mocatta, Cllr Barrett & Cllr Brown.**

**2. To receive Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Venes gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham Village Hall and Playing Field Ltd.

**It was resolved to open the meeting to allow the public to speak.**

**3. To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillor.**  
Cllr Watson explained that she felt very down after the long day at the Borough Council Planning Committee Meeting and not getting the agreement for The Barns. Cllr Watson advised that the site should be listed as an allocation site on the next round of the Local Plan Development for the next ten years. Cllr Watson explained about custom build and self-build and how they did not require the same amount of permission. Cllr Watson advised about the Community Infrastructure Levy coming into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> and only getting 15% if no Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Venes thanked Cllr Watson for her report and support on Monday at the King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council Planning Committee Meeting.

**4. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions.  
It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session.**

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2017.  
It was resolved to approve the minutes and for the Chair to sign as a true and accurate record after the following amendment.**

16/02094/F Mr P Herbert, Application for installation of 194 sq metre swimming pool, Should read swimming pond.

**Matters arising from the minutes.**

Everything on the agenda.

**It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Mr Warham to take the next two items together.**

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**6. Grounds Committee Update**

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**7. TVHPF Ltd & Village Hall & Sports Pavilion Committee Update**

Mr Warham advised that the hall goes from strength to strength with 320 days booked so far for 2017. New groups include a Social Media and Cosmetic's; these are booked for the meeting room. Glyndebourne booking have been secured, Mr Warham thanked Chris Burland and the Hall Committee in securing this. Mr Warham also wished to thank Mr Paul Murrell who has settled into his new position and the hall has benefited through his contribution.

Mr Warham advised that a New Sound Surround Theatre System had been installed and this will be officially open in front of King's Lynn Mayor, The Press etc on the 28 February prior to the broadcast of Sleeping Beauty. A long throw projector has also been purchased.

The Marks and Spencer Energy Grant regarding the Solar Panels and will be voted on by Trustees at their next meeting. It will take at least eight weeks to secure planning.

Mr Warham advised that the £65,000 grant from Sports England to install three new cricket wickets and improve the playing field has now been confirmed as the legal work has been completed. Details over a start date still to be agreed.

The Adult gym equipment is in place and an official opening will take place when the weather improves around Easter. A new table tennis table has been purchased thanks to another successful grant application. Work to improve the car park is scheduled for after Half Term.

**8. Community Emergency Plan**

The Clerk advised that she had sent the Emergency Plan to Kevin Kent but had not received any reply as yet. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

**Action: Clerk**

**9. Registering CL56**

The Clerk advised that she had got back to the Solicitor after the Council agreed the area to be registered but had not heard anymore. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

**Action: Clerk**

**10. Ship Lane**

Cllr Venes advised that no further work has been completed by NCC Highways. Cllr Venes asked that the Clerk remove from the Agenda until July and placed back on for any update.

**Action: Clerk**

The Clerk reported that she had written and spoken to the Lifeboat and they advised that no more lorries were using the area and in fact there are fewer. **It was resolved to keep a watchful eye and to bring back if necessary.**

**11. Permissive Path to Drove**

Cllr Venes reported that he had not received any updates.

**It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Mr Andrew Jamieson to speak.**

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Mr Jamieson advised that he had not heard when the work would take place but felt that with the drainage work taking place that area would not be accessible so it would be better to wait until after April when drainage work complete. Mr Jamieson also wished to record that he was more than willing to undertake the drainage work on the north side.

**It was resolved to close the meeting.**

**12. New Noticeboard**

Cllr Venes wished to thank Cllr Brooks for producing and distributing the slips. Cllr Venes said that a few replies had been received and it was agreed to be brought back to the March meeting. Cllr Venes asked the Clerk to put on March agenda and to write a report of the responses received. **It was resolved for the Clerk to undertake.** **Action: Clerk**

**13. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Venes said after reading the recent NALC report that the Clerk and he had circulated the only way to undertake this plan is for a Councillor to be a co-ordinated and he felt that no Councillor was prepared to undertake. There was also a piece on Radio 4 where a Neighbourhood Plan had been totally disregarded. Cllr Venes asked all Councillors to read before the March Meeting. Cllr Watson said that Mr Steppings was will to help in any way.

**14. Village Drainage**

**a. Dyke**

The Clerk advised that she has a meeting planned at 10:00am tomorrow with a Mr Hogg of Natural England. The Clerk advised that Mr Penty was going to be there and if Councillors were available they would be most welcome.

**b. A149 Flooding**

Cllr Venes reported that there was no further update at this time.

**15. Little Pond**

Cllr Venes advised that the Council had received the expert/professional advice on the action that needs to be taken. The best approach seems to be covering the pond for 12 months. Cllr Needham said that it could be got out with plenty of help with strong people with rakes. Cllr Venes said getting volunteers was not a problem but it was hard work and getting people prepared to get into the water might be an issue. The Clerk advised if the Chair's sons might be able to undertake. Cllr Brooks advised that nesting birds would need to be taken into account soon. **It was resolved for Cllr Venes to speak with Mr Betts to try and find a suitable solution.** **Action: Cllr Venes**

**16. Cattlegate Holder – Income**

Cllr Needham said that the only way is to see the accounts was to have a meeting once a year. The income should come from Reed Cutting, Wildfowling & Grazing. The Clerk advised that with the Transparency Code the Council could be asked to give a breakdown of all income. **It was resolved for Cllr Venes to speak with Mr Betts.** **Action: Cllr Venes**

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**17 Coal Barn**

Cllr Venes advised that he had been informed by Sowerby's that the Coal Barn has been purchased by a lady named Rebecca who is an artist from London. Cllr Venes asked Sowerby's to pass on a message to Rebecca informing her of the significance of the building to Thornham and would she mind getting in touch. Cllr Venes said that this was last Friday and no one has been in touch yet.

**18. Grasscutting**

Cllr Venes advised that the Clerk had sent round the map showing the areas that the Borough Council cut on behalf of NCC Highways. **It was resolved to wait and see how the Borough will take this.**

**19. Council Awards Scheme**

The Clerk advised that she had enrolled on the Foundation Certificate and the only thing she believes the Council needs to undertake is a Councillor and Staff Training Policy.

**20. Planning Applications and Determinations:**

Applications:

17/00113/F Mr A Brand, Application for erection of 2 no detached two-storey dwellings, new shared vehicular access and boundary treatments at Coach House, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of over development, access and parking.**

Determinations:

16/02092/F Mr J Delmar-Morgan, Application for construction of a Carport at Casablanca, The Green, Thornham. - **Grant**

**21. Correspondence**

- a) Email from Parishioner re Noticeboard. Taken under Agenda item 12.
- b) Email from TUC regarding possible Development of the TUC field. Cllr Venes asked that representatives of the developer be asked to attend the next meeting. After discussion **It was resolved not to ask representatives of the Developers to attend the next meeting but for TUC Field to be placed on the next Full Council Agenda.**

**22. Accounts for payment**

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (January) (Amendment) DD	£32.71	not	£28.16
E-On Energy Street Lighting – (February)	Direct/Debit		32.71
Tec Tamers Maintenance Direct Debit (Jan)	Standing Order		25.00
TVH&PF LTD Room Hire (Feb)	Direct Transfer		50.00

**23. Payment Received**

None received

**24. Items For Next Agenda**

Development of TUC field.  
Banning of Balloons and Chinese Lanterns from the TVH&PF Site.

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

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8 March 2017 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Action List**

**Clerk**

- Chase Community Action Plan, Sent to Kevin Kent
- Chase up CL56
- Remove Ship Lane from Agenda from March and put back on Agenda in July for any update.
- Write report re comments regarding the proposed new noticeboard.
- Reply re consultations on Planning Applications
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda.

**Cllr Venes**

- Speak with Mr Betts re Little Pond, other Pond & Cattlegate Holders Income

**POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Personal Protection Equipment

Mr Warham asked if it was possible to have some safety goggles and Hi-Vi Jacket when cutting Parish grass. **It was resolved for Mr Warham to inform of size required and the equipment to be purchased.**

Shooting

Cllr Brooks reported that she had received two complaints regarding the recent shot. One resident was concerned as they were so close to houses and the other that one of the shooters actually entered their garden. **It was resolved for Cllr Needham to speak with the Keeper.**

Pond

A Parishioner had enquired if a life ring and signage was needed now that there was water in the pond. Cllr Brooks advised that there were white posts. **It was resolved for Cllr Venes to speak with Mr Betts regarding this.**

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