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

Present: Cllr S Mocatta (Chair) Cllr C Venes Cllr A Needham
Cllr W Brooks Cllr A Brown Cllr I Barrett
Cllr B Gulliver

Also present: The Clerk, Cllr Elizabeth Watson, Andrew Jamieson, Jamie From Fleur & 3 Members of the Public.

1. **To receive and consider apologies for absence:**
Everyone present.

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

It was resolved for Item 4 to be taken before item 3 and to open the meeting to allow the public to speak.

3. **Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions.**

4. **To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillor.**
Cllr Watson advised that the roundabout at Heacham is finally opened but can see further problems with there being two lanes. Cllr Watson explained that she had been at a planning meeting regarding custom build etc and was pleased that a piece of land owned by the Borough Council in Hunstanton was going to be looked at for 30 homes and many would be shared equity, rented out and some open market. Cllr Watson was glad that Fleur had put the site up for the next plan and advised that this current round of sources sites closes at the end of the month but would open again around September time.

Cllr Watson went on to explain that the Borough Council is putting up council tax by around £4.00 per year for a band D property. Cllr Watson advised that the Borough Council are trying to cut costs and are now going over to six weekly full Council meetings to cut down on room hire, travel etc.

Cllr Watson wished to thank the Village Hall Group for inviting her to see Sleeping Beauty it was very enjoyable.

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

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 February 2017**.
It was resolved to approve the minutes and for the Chair to sign as a true and accurate record.

Signed:…… Chair Date: ……

Matters arising from the minutes.

Everything on the agenda. Cllr Venes just wished to thank Cllr Mocatta for working through the information and realising that planning permission was not required for the Solar Panels and because of this the work can start on the 23/24 March.

Mr Warham was not able to make the meeting this evening so Cllr Mocatta took the next two items.

6. Grounds Committee Update
&
7. TVHPF Ltd & Village Hall & Sports Pavilion Committee Update

Cllr Mocatta said that there was very little to update apart from the work on the field should start in September from the Sports England grant.

Cllr Mocatta also advised that the Car Park has had some attention but more is necessary to stop people driving over the corner on the block weave this should take place this Friday.

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

Cllr Mocatta advised that a letter had been received from Mr Breasley and this had been passed to the Council's Legal Advisors and an informal meeting with the a Legal Advisor was felt necessary. Everyone in agreement **It was resolved for the registration of CL56 should go to tribunal and Land Registry will decide**.

10. Permissive Path to Drove

Cllr Mocatta reported that the path had been agreed and it was felt that signs of the same nature be put up at both ends of the path. **It was resolved for Mr Warham to design the signs for agreement by all parties.**

11. New Noticeboard

In response to the questionnaire distributed at the East End of the village Cllr Mocatta noted that there had been two for the board and two against the board and one sitting on the fence. **It was resolved that it was not necessary to put a board in this area at this time.**

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mocatta advised that she foolishly had agreed to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Plan as it now deemed necessary for the village. Cllr Venes advised that the funding would need to be applied for and used by December 17, which is going to be very tight. **It was resolved for a working party consisting of Cllr Mocatta, Cllr Gulliver, Cllr Barrett, Cllr Venes and Cllr Needham to be set up and given authority to work on the plan.**

Signed:…… Chair Date: ……

13. Village Drainage

a. Dyke

The Clerk advised that Natural England had given permission for the work to take place. It had to be completed by the 15th March. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the Contractor to get the work undertaken before this date.**

Action: Clerk

b. A149 Flooding

Cllr Mocatta advised that this work was due to start on the 20 March and would mean a road closure for three weeks. The Drove would be accessible from one end or the other during the works but buses would not come through the village during the week. **It was resolved for Mr Jamieson to clarify the situation over emergency vehicles with Ms Bettinson.**

14. Cattlegate Holder – Income

Cllr Mocatta advised that she had spoken with Mr Bett and he agreed to send through all the necessary paperwork explaining the breakdown of Cattlegate income. Cllr Mocatta advised that nothing had been received as yet. .

15. TUC Field

Cllr Mocatta advised that there had been a meeting of representatives of Thornham United Charities, Thornham Village Hall & Playing Field Ltd & the Parish Council as the Charity had been looking into a fact finding mission to get the best return on the land. **It was resolved for the Annual Parish Meeting to be on the theme of a 5 year plan for Thornham and for the above groups to come and advise on their vision and with public participation find the best way forward.**

16. Banning of Balloons and Chinese Lanterns from the TVH&PF Site

Cllr Barrett felt that this was now part of the booking form but he would check and advise. **It was resolved to ask TVH&PF Ltd to ban these items if they were not already banned.**

17. Planning Applications and Determinations:

Applications:

17/00334/F Mr M Longley, Application for recladding gables and dormers West & East extensions at Mansard Cottage, Ploughmans Piece, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

18. Correspondence:

a) Clerks and Councils Direct
b) CPRE Countryside Voice

Signed:…… Chair Date: ……

19. Accounts for payment

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (March)	Direct/Debit	32.71
Tec Tamers Maintenance Direct Debit (March)	Standing Order	25.00
TVH&PF LTD Room Hire (March)	Direct Transfer	50.00
NALC – Foundation Award Scheme Reg	Direct Transfer	65.00
Norfolk Parishes Training – Chairs Course	Direct Transfer	75.00
Mr I Huggett – First Aid Course	101225	250.00

20. Payment Received

None received

21. Items For Next Agenda

Annual Parish Meeting.

22. Date, & Place of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12 April 2017 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Action List

Clerk

- Chase Community Action Plan, Sent to Kevin Kent
- Chase contractor re Dyke
- Write to all households in The Green regarding the Pond and The Green.
- Speak with Mr Hardy re Village Sign
- Speak with the Owner of the Lifeboat re grass verge.
- Reply re consultations on Planning Applications
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda.

POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Shooting

A Parishioner brought up the situation regarding the recent shoot. Cllr Mocatta advised that the Parishioner should write formally to Mr Bett and if he did not get an agreeable answer then all correspondence to be brought to the Parish Council but it is a civil issue and the Parish Council have no power.

The Barns

Jamie from Fleur wished to thank the Parish Council and especially Cllr Venes for all their work and support and that the development had been put forward for the new plan.

Signed:…… Chair Date: ……

The Green and Pond

A Parishioner advised that the pond is in a horrid state and was it really necessary to dig a ditch across The Green because it was occasionally driven over. Surely we can be adult about this and talk not make the place we live unsightly. After discussion **It was resolved to ask Mr Bett if he would give a task force assistance in getting the Pond back to his original state minus the weed. It was also resolved for the Clerk to write to all households around The Green asking them not to drive and the Parish Council would ask Mr Bett if he would consider putting The Green back to its original state. Action: Clerk**

Road Closure

This is recorded under Drainage.

Village Sign

Cllr Mocatta reported that the Village Sign took some damage and fell down during storm Doris. It is currently with Mr Hardy who is undertaking a quote to repair the sign. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with the Insurance Company and explained the situation regarding specialised people would be needed and that Mr Hardy can undertake all the work and they seemed prepared to accept one quote as it would take six more to get it achieved by any one else. **It was resolved for the Clerk to speak with Mr Hardy and obtain the quote. Action: Clerk**

Ship Lane

Cllr Gulliver advised that the grass verge by the Lifeboat is now considerably worse. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with James the Manager. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact the Owner and advise.**

Signed:…… Chair Date: ……