

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 7.00pm at the Church, Thornham.

Present: Cllr A Needham (Chair) Cllr W Brook Cllr B Gulliver  
Cllr A Chesterman (Vice) Cllr E Bett Cllr S Greef

Also present: The Clerk & 3 Members of the Public.

**1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:  
It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr A Brown.**

Cllr Watson has given her apologies she is not able to be present this evening.

**2 To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Needham gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham United Charities and Cllr Gulliver and Cllr Greef gave a personal interest in anything regarding Neighbourhood Planning.

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

**It was resolved to open the meeting to allow the Public to address the meeting.**

Titchwell RSPB - Shooting

Cllr Gulliver explained that he had been at the Reserve on Sunday and they had found a Pink-Footed Geese who had been shot and was in a bad state with a broken wing etc. The bird was taken to the wildlife hospital but had to be put down as his injuries were severe. Cllr Bett advised that there would not have been a shoot on the Sunday and sometimes the dogs are not able to retrieve every bird. Cllr Needham agreed to ask when the possible shooting took place.

Streetlights

A Parishioner advised that the streetlight outside the Coach House is not working was this due to it being moved? The Clerk to check.

A Parishioner also reported that the Streetlight by the Chequers was also not working. The Parishioner agreed to get hold of the number and inform the Clerk and the Clerk would report.

**4. Borough Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Watson had advised that the planning appeal for The Old Farm was turned down.

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

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**5. Minutes of the Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 2018.**

**It was resolved to approve the minutes and for the Chair to sign as a true and accurate record.**

**Matters Arising**

Coal Barn. Cllr Needham advised that the shutters on the Coal Barn had been locked but the main door still remains open.

**It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Mr Venes to give the report.**

**6. To receive a Report from Thornham Village Hall & Playing Fields Ltd.**

Mr Venes advised that significant work has been completed on the field. Grass Seed etc has been delivered and spread. The field has also been spiked etc. Mr Venes said that having a Groundsman for two days a week is really paying off and you can really see the difference.

The Cricket Club has been running well over the Summer but unfortunately the Football Club has folded.

Mr Venes reported that Soup and Sandwich Club is up and running again with 78 guests. John Osborne gave a very interesting and informative talk on dementia, which was well received. Next Soup and Sandwich is 6 November.

**It was resolved for the meeting to go back into closed session.**

**7. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Gulliver advised that the group had a very good meeting with the Parish Council last night which he hopes was helpful from all sides. They are currently working on Policies with Mr High the Consultant and planning another Open Day for February/March.

**8. Dog Bins**

The Clerk advised that the Officer at the Borough Council had come back and agreed the dog bin could be emptied but not in the position that the Council wanted but in the middle of the grass not by the wall. **It was resolved for the Clerk to go back to the Officer and see if it could be put back by a couple of feet, but if not then the Council will accept the position the Borough Council will accept.**

Cllr Bett asked if the Parish Council needed to undertake anything regarding the Dog Bin that Drove Farm wish to sponsor and have suggested putting it on the north east corner of the TUC field. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write to Mr Warham to seek approval.**

**9. Castle Cottages Garage.**

Cllr Needham advised that Freebridge had agreed to undertake the work to get rid of the garage that is falling apart.

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**10. Finger Posts**

Cllr Bett advised that Cllr Jamieson’s comments were not correct and the finger posts were needed it was a main junction and had nothing to do with Lyng Farm and if Lyng Farm want to put up their own signs they will, but the junction needs signs as it goes to the four main places eg Ringstead, Summerfield, Choosley and Thornham Lyng. Cllr Bett advised that she gets stopped on a regular basis being asked by lost drivers. It is also required for the emergency services. **It was resolved for the Clerk to take up with Highways direct.**

**11. Permissive Path**

The Clerk advised that she had not heard from Cllr Jamieson re the signage. **It was resolved for the Clerk to continue to chase.**

**12. NCC Parish Partnership Scheme – Village Posts**

Cllr Needham advised that he was due to meet with the Highway Engineer on Thursday. **It was resolved to have Natural colour posts.**

**13. Hedges**

The Clerk advised that Cllr Greef had given the Clerk a list of the current overgrown hedges. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write a piece for The Link asking people to check and if necessary to cut back their hedges etc. The Clerk to speak with Sowerby’s re the property that is for sale.**

**14. Planning Applications and Determinations:**

Applications:  
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18/01713/F Application for erection of new fence along eastern boundary at Bell Tower, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

18/00267/F Application for demolition of existing garage/stores and construction of a dwelling at York House, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

Determinations:

**15. Correspondence:**

- a) Letter from Borough Council re Dog Order. The Clerk advised that about two years ago the Borough Council changed all the orders regarding dogs on Children Play Area. Parish Councils had to advise them if they wished their fenced in playground to put placed under this order. Several playgrounds got missed. The Borough Council are now covering all fenced in Children’s playgrounds throughout the Borough. This is a consultation at this present time. Cllr Greef asked about the main field. The Clerk advised that because it is not totally hedged/fenced then it will not be covered and also because it is a Recreation Ground not a Children’s Playground. Cllr Needham asked

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for the Clerk to make the paperwork available to Thornham Village Hall and Playing Fields Ltd.

- b. Crime Report.  
Cllr Needham advised that the Bus Shelter at Castle Cottages had been involved in an arson attack and the Clerk had finally been given a Crime Number as the Council were not informed that the attack had happened and it was only when Cllr Needham had gone to repair the small hole in the roof and found that most of the roof had been burnt away. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain three quotes and claim on the insurance.**

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

- a) Clerks and Council's Direct

**16. Accounts for payment**

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (October)	Direct/Debit	40.66
Clerk's Wages July to September		521.52
HMRC – PAYE	D/P	130.70

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

**17. Payment Received**

None received

**18. Items For Next Agenda**

Same agenda plus Bus Shelter

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

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14 November 2018 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next working group meeting 30 October 2018 in the hall at 7.00pm.

**Action List**

**Clerk**

- Check out Streetlights and report.
- Send dog order paperwork to TVH&PF Ltd
- Dog Bin Castle Cottages could it be moved back a little.
- Speak with Mr Warham re Dog Bin TUC Field.
- Write piece for The Link Magazine re Hedges
- Speak with Sowerby's re hedge in vacant property
- Take up finger post with NCC Highways

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- Chase Cllr Jamieson re Permissive Path Signage
- Look to register land in Castle Cottages.
- Comment on Planning Applications
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda

**Cllr Needham**

- Check re shooting.

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