

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Thornham.

Present: Cllr A Needham (Chair) Cllr W Brook Cllr B Gulliver
Cllr A Chesterman (Vice) Cllr A Brown.

Also present: The Clerk, Cllr E Watson & 9 Members of the Public.

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:
It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr E Bett & Cllr S Greef

2 To receive Declarations of Interest
Cllr Needham gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham United Charities and Cllr Gulliver gave a personal interest in anything regarding Neighbourhood Planning.

3. Borough Councillor’s Report
It was resolved to open the meeting to allow the Public to address the meeting.

Cllr Watson advised that she did not have anything to report that was particular to Thornham but had some items to report from an interesting time at the Borough Council. Four thousand houses are due to be built at West Winch and also some industrial units. These are being built by The Borough Council and will have an impact on the coast with people moving further out of the area. Cambridge County Council is helping to fund the A47/A10 bypass and improvements within the train structure.

Cllr Watson advised that she has attended several meetings regarding the New Local Plan to 2035. It is currently 621 pages and there are currently no houses planned for Thornham, only windfall. Cllr Watson advised that it would be more important to get the Neighbourhood Plan in place, which will give the village some control.

4. County Councillor’s Report.
Cllr Jamieson had sent in his apologies.

5. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions.

Speedwatch Report

Mr Staveley advised that the group continue to undertake the checks and by moving around are having a beneficial affect. Mr Staveley advised that the last two or three months the group have not meet so frequently down to road closures etc.

Mr Staveley advised that they now have a new camera, which is easier to use. Mr Staveley said that the group still get visits from Trained Officers who update and advised on the location/equipment etc. Mr Staveley advised that the checks are carried out over an hour, during this hour they will regularly see speeds of 35 to 38 mph, with around 12 to 14 cars speeding out of around 170 vehicles that

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use the route in the hour. 35 to 40% are over thirty years old and the highest recorded speed recently was 55mph. Mr Staveley advised that the team are currently down by three or four people, which are not able to attend mainly because of medical reasons most of the team are over 75 years old. If anyone wants to join the group please get in touch to lighten the load and to keep this important activity.

Cllr Needham thanked Mr Staveley and the team for all their hard work and support. Cllr Brooks asked Mr Staveley if he would like to place a piece in The Voice Magazine. Mr Staveley advised that he would try and undertake for the next issue.

Dog Control Order

A Parishioner thanked the Clerk for forwarding the Paperwork regarding the Dog Control Orders sent by the Borough Council. The Parishioner also advised that the Streetlights outside the Coach House/The Chequers were now currently working again.

Overnight Parking Cllr Gulliver advised that there were two caravans staying regularly near the Coal Barn for 3 or 4 nights. Cllr Needham advised that the situation is being monitored and the Parish Council do not have any powers to intervene.

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

6. Minutes of the Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 17 October 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.

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

Mr Venes advised that the Trustees are concerned and waiting to hear regarding Thornham Village Hall and Playing Fields Ltd Carpark. They have a legal agreement with the Deli re Car Parking etc

Mr Venes reported that the field is now looking good and benefiting for having a Groundsman. There is updating work being carried out on the swing area of the Children's Play Area at the moment.

Mr Staveley advised that if anything needed to go back to the Trustees please get in contact with him.

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8. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Gulliver advised that the group are currently working on Policies with Mr High the Consultant and planning another Open Day is booked for February/March. Cllr Gulliver advised that he was working on getting the balance of the Grant.

9. Dog Bins

The Clerk advised that she was having a trouble getting information from the Borough Council Officer and asked Cllr Watson if she could speak with the Officer in question and explain about moving the Dog Bin back so that it was next to the wall.

Cllr Needham advised that Cllr Jamieson had asked for two extra bins either side of Thornham United Charities land. The Clerk advised that she had informed Cllr Jamieson that Thornham Parish Council had adequate bins in the village but had no objection to Cllr Jamieson requesting licences for two bins as long as he was undertaking maintenance and payment for emptying.

10. Finger Posts

Cllr Needham advised that he had met with Ms Bettinson, Highways Officer and she had agreed to undertake the new finger posts covering Thornham, Ringstead, Docking and Choosley.

11. Permissive Path

Cllr Gulliver advised that the Coastal Path was now covering this but Cllr Gulliver was concerned regarding getting people to cross on a blind corner. **It was resolved for the Clerk to email the Coastal Path Officer and copy Cty Cllr Jamieson in on the email.**

12. NCC Parish Partnership Scheme – Village Posts

Cllr Needham advised that he had met with the Highway Engineer who had agreed to put forward the Village Posts for the Parish Partnership Scheme. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain the sizes from Ms Bettinson and obtain the quote for the paperwork.**

13. Bus Shelter

Cllr Needham advised that the Bus Shelter had been a victim of an arson attack. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes for the insurance.**

14. Legal Action Update

Cllr Needham advised the Mr Patrick had appealed against the decision, the appeal had been upheld, and the Council are currently waiting an invoice for work already undertaken and a forecast if Shore Lane is being part of a possible re-trial.

15. Coastal Path

Cllr Gulliver advised that there was a notice put up by Natural England regarding who owns Shore Road. Cllr Gulliver had emailed as a Parishioner and advised them that the Parish Council owns Shore Road. **It was resolved for the Clerk to email and confirm and ask why they had not come to the Parish Council in the first place.**

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16. Streetlights

The Clerk advised that all the Streetlights should now be working.

17. Office Laptop

The Clerk advised that all Apple Laptops are currently expensive on the refurb site. **It was resolved for the Clerk to continue to check.** Cllr Needham advised that TVH& PF Ltd would like the store cupboard tidied up. **It was resolved for the Cllr Needham, Cllr Chesterman and the Clerk to attend to this.**

18. Planning Applications and Determinations:

Applications:

18/0187/F Application for Change of use from Hair Salon to Residential dwelling The Vanity Box, High Street, Thornham **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

18/01892/F Application for extension to existing restaurant, at Thornham Deli, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment, parking, noise and impact on neighbours.**

18/01792/F Application for Change of use of private dwelling into bed and breakfast at Manor Cottage, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of loss of primary residence & impact on Neighbouring properties.**

17/01456/FM Application for Change of Use of the land for the permanent siting of caravans for seasonal workers at Lyng Farm, Ringstead Road, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

19. Correspondence:

a) Notification of a New Property Addresses formerly The Old Surgery and Caldene to: Lime Tree Cottage, Cherry Tree Cottage and Bramble Cottage, High Street, Thornham.

20. Accounts for payment

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (November)	Direct/Debit	40.66
A D Needham – Repair to Noticeboard	D/P	520.00

It was resolved for these payments to be made.

21. Payment Received

None received

22. Items For Next Agenda

Same agenda plus Rural Exception Sites

23. Date, & Place of next meeting.

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Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12 December 2018 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next working group meeting 4 December 2018 in the hall at 7.00pm.

Action List

Clerk

- Speak with Solicitor regarding legal costs and retrial etc.
- Advise Costal Path Team of danger of crossing on the blind corner.
- Obtain quotes to repair bus shelter.
- Check out laptops again
- Tidy the cupboard in the hall.
- Write piece for The Link Magazine re Hedges
- Speak with Natural England re- Shore Road
- Take up finger post with NCC Highways re sizes
- Comment on Planning Applications
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda

Cllr Needham

- Tidy the cupboard in the hall.

Cllr Chesterman

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