

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Thornham.

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

Also present: Cllr E Watson, PC F Heath & 15 Members of the Public.

Before the meeting a minutes silence was achieved in memory Mrs S Hardy.

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

2 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Needham gave a personal interest in anything concerning Thornham United Charities. Cllr Gulliver and Cllr Grief gave a personal interest in anything concerning the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. To Receive an Introduction from PC Francine Heath, Beat Manager for Thornham and part of the Hunstanton and Gayton SNT.

PC Heath explained that policing has changed recently and she was now the Beat Manager for Thornham. PC Heath advised that she was very happy for her details to be published in a Village Magazine etc. PC Heath explained that in rural areas it needs for everyone to be the eyes and ears for the Police. Take down registration numbers of strange vehicles or acting suspiciously. Cllr Chesterman asked if anything could be achieved with cars parking on pavements on junctions etc. PC Heath advised that parking was a Borough Council issue unless it was of a dangerous nature. PC Advised to take Registration Numbers and picture. Cllr Watson asked about the SNAP meetings. PC Heath advised that these meetings were going to change in format as they are not attended well and used for the wrong reasons currently.

PC Heath left the meeting at 7.10pm.

4. Borough Councillor's Report

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

Cllr Watson started her reporting saying how much Mrs Hardy and how fortunate she was to have be acquainted with such lovely lady.

Cllr Watson advised that the Borough Council part of the Council Tax has gone up £125.87 which means around £5.00 per year.

The Local Plan Review was passed by Cabinet and will be available for comment from the middle of March from the Borough Council Website. Cllr Watson also advised that the Custom and Safe Build is going forward there was

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one planned for Hunstanton but this may not now go ahead. Cllr Watson advised that the number of Rough Sleepers is on the decline.

5. County Councillor's Report.

Cllr Jamieson was not in attendance.

6. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions.

Coastal Path.

The Parishioner reported that some unpleasant material has been placed by the owner onto the bank of the ditch around his property. It was also reported that several people made a comment at the Neighbourhood Plan consultation last Saturday about the amount of material being dumped so close to an SSI site and the lorries delivering the material were damaging the area. The Clerk advised that if anyone is concerned over an unlawful planning act they should go on to Borough Council Website and report/log the event with Planning Enforcement. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact and advise the Environment Agency and Natural England regarding this issue.**

Church Street

A Parishioner asked if anything could be done about parking in Church Street it is so dangerous and no one can use the pavement etc. Cllr Needham advised that he knew that quite a lot of the holiday homes have notices in the house asking visitors not to park outside the property. The Clerk advised that we need to undertake the map/sketch to allow the Council to place planters on the corner to stop people marking right on the junction. **It was resolved for the Clerk to attempt to get the map/plan achieved.**

Mud on the Road

A Parishioner asked what the situation was with building sites and them leaving the Road in a state with mud etc. The Clerk advised that they should clear up every evening. Cllr Brooks advised that they did clean up before they left for the night.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Meeting

A Parishioner was concerned that something as important as the Neighbourhood Plan and there was no invitation in Link etc regarding the meeting last Saturday as they had not even known that it was happening. Mr Staveley advised that an invitation was given to The Link magazine but they had not put it in the magazine so the group had flyers produced and these were hand placed in each magazine delivered in the Village. Mr Staveley apologies if one Magazine had been missed or the flyer had dropped out prior to delivery. Mr Staveley also reported that all the information was on the website.

Chooseley Road Planning Application

A Parishioner advised that it was a major development not a minor development. To lose the amount of trees (109) to the site could have a detrimental affect on the wildlife. It is a busy road with agricultural machinery etc and the junction onto the main High Street can be dangerous to get out of. The Developer advised that the number of trees was now 50 with the revised plan. There is to be a 3 meter hedgerow from the North. Cllr Needham asked about the drainage

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the Developer assured Cllr Needham that the pit will be filled in and lifted and extensive drainage plan has been put in place.

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

7. Minutes of the Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2019

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

Matters Arising

None received.

8. Minutes of the Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 23 January 2019.

Cllr Needham advised that it was felt at the meeting on the 9th that the Precept needs to be altered due to the potential Court Case. Cllr Needham advised about the court issue and how it was hoped that the money would not be used and the precept could be lowered next year.

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

Matters Arising

None received.

It was resolved to open the meeting to allow Mr Staveley to speak.

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

Mr Staveley advised that the Trustees met last week. The Trustees are looking at the internal structure of the workings of the group and what the wider impact of the hall is. Lots of work has been achieved on the field in getting it into a better condition. Mr Staveley also advised that the Trustees have been accepted for the Tesco Bags for Life Scheme, so please get your blue tokens into the Thornham Village Hall and Playing Field slot. We would like to get the top prize of £4,000 but the group are due to get £1,000 just for taking part. Mr Staveley said that there is a junior football group started up on a Saturday which is going well and hopefully will continue throughout the season and continue until the next season.

Cllr Needham advised that it was great to see the youngsters playing football, and thanked Mr Staveley for his report.

The meeting continued to be open to allow Mr Staveley to give the Neighbourhood Plan Report.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Staveley advised that the presentation on Saturday went very well with about 75 to 85 parishioners attending with about 30 people agreeing to fill in the questionnaire and reply with the information.

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Mr Staveley advised that it was the housing policy that was most talked about. It is dependant on the comments within the questionnaire and website comments regarding if the plan will need to be changed. Mr Staveley agreed to get the findings analyzed as soon as possible. Mr Staveley said the group wanted to get the plan to the Borough Council as quick as possible. Once the Borough Council receive the plan and will undertake a SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment), which will take about 6-8 weeks. Cllr Bett advised that she did not get the flyer and would like to fill in a Questionnaire to get the younger person view across. Mr Staveley agreed to get a Questionnaire to Cllr Bett.

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

11. Dog Bins

The Clerk had advised that the licence had been received and she would now order the bin but suggested that it was not placed until the new financial year to avoid confusion with the invoice that we receive once a year in February. **It was resolved for the Clerk to order the bin and for the item to be removed from the agenda.**

12. Harbour Bin

The Clerk had chased and advised that the bin had been emptied and the concrete around the base removed. Cllr Needham mentioned about the high tides due and needed to know why Tuesday because if necessary he will try and move further away. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the removal.**

13. Bus Shelter

The Clerk advised that she had not been able to get the third quote and felt that it might be too late with the insurance now. **It was resolved for the Clerk to fill in the insurance forms with the two quotes received.**

14. West Side Footpath

Cllr Needham advised that the Cattlegate Holders had informed him regarding the footpath and they would be dealing with this issue and of course they will keep us informed as we have 2/49th share.

15. Church Street Bench

The Clerk advised that she had found a bench with the correct measurement to fit the old base. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact the removal company and workout ordering the replacement bench.**

16. Office Laptop

The Clerk advised that she could get purchase a computer that was say four/five years old or a newer model. **It was resolved to purchase a newer model.**

17. Planning Applications and Determinations:

Applications:

19/00039/F Lawful Development for proposed use Application for siting of a twin unit caravan at Oldfield Farm, The Green, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

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19/00122/F Application for construction of 9 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling at The Pastures, 6 Choseley Road, Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval and a comment on having some affordable housing for local people and the placing of Swift Boxes were appropriate.**

Determinations:

18/01883/F Application for Conversion of Two Bays of existing barn to a hobby room at Elie House, High Street, Thornham. **Granted**

18/01892/F Application for extension to existing restaurant, at Thornham Deli, High Street, Thornham. **Granted**

18. Correspondence:

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

- a) Email re Dog Control – Dog Fouling Notices **It was resolved for the Clerk to order some of the stickers.**
- b) Environment Agency – Grasscutting. Cllr Needham advised about the grasscutting that the Environment Agency are undertaking. Cllr Needham to get the list on the noticeboard.
- c) Email re The Spinney. Cllr Needham had advised the Cattlegate Holders as the land in question is owned by the Cattlegate Holders. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write and inform them that the area belonged to the Cattlegate Holders.**

19. Accounts for payment

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (February)	Direct/Debit	40.66
Mr R High – Neighbourhood Plan	D/P	700.00
SLCC Subs	D/P	31.43
S Staveley – Neighbourhood Plan	D/P	38.99
M Greef – Neighbourhood Plan	D/P	7.60
Witley Press – Neighbourhood Plan	D/P	99.60

It was resolved for these payments to be made.

20. Payment Received

None received

21. Items For Next Agenda

Same agenda minus agenda items 11-15.

22. Date, & Place of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13 March 2019 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8:15pm

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Action List

Clerk

- Report Sea Defence Damage to Environment Agency
- Try and undertake Planter Sketch
- Order Dog Bin
- Fill In Insurance Forms re Bus Shelter
- Contact Removal Firm/Order Replacement Bench.
- Chase removal of Harbour Bin.
- Order New laptop
- Order Dog Bin Stickers
- Write re The Spinney
- Comment on Planning Application
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda

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