

THURLTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2021

PRESENT

- **Cllr. John O`Leary (Chairman), Paul Jackson (Vice Chairman),**
- **Cllrs. Angela Jones, Claire Kinzel, Teresa Miller, Steve Marriage, County Cllr. Margaret Stone and Gill Crossland (Parish Clerk).**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Seaward had emailed the Chairman to hand in his resignation.
Clerk to notify SNDC and start commencement of advertising a vacancy.
Chairman has acknowledged his resignation and thanked Cllr. Seaward for his contribution to the Council for many years.

District Councillor James Knight apologies accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Jones, and O`Leary in respect of Community Shop.

3. MINUTES (Outstanding items from February 2021 minutes) – Ref: 03/21/01

Actions:

- **Clerk to investigate ownership of yellow grit bin and check Parish Council Insurance cover.**
- **Clerk to purchase accident book.**

Minutes were agreed and signed off by John O`Leary Chairman – Ref: 03/21/02

Proposed Cllr. Kinzel and 2nd by Cllr. Jones

4. COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COMMUNITY POLICING, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES – REPORTS / INFORMATION -

- **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR James Knight Update – Ref:03/21/03**
- A report had been received and circulated to all Councillors and displayed on Village notice board.
- **NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Margaret Stone Update – Ref:03/21/04**
- Report had been received and circulated to all Councillors and displayed on Village notice board. Also, information was received regarding the flooding and that we now have a resilience group with about twenty different agencies

working together with Lord Dannatt. Suffolk would also be involved, and it was important that we work together across the borders to get some long-term issues discussed and resolved. Being in the Waveney Valley we suffer a lot more flooding than other areas.

Cllr. Stone has two funding streams that can be tapped into. One is Parish Partnership funding which continues. It is recommended to apply as soon as a project is put forward for which the community can benefit from this funding. The second one is the Highways funding which is £10,000 per division. Any proposal that is significant again put in an appeal as quickly as possible.

- Cllr. Stone also notified councillors that she would be stepping down in May to retire after eight years in the job. Chairman O'Leary passed on the Parish Council thanks for all her help and support over the years and wished her well.
- Police Report has been circulated to Councillors and displayed on Village Hall notice board.

5. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF P.C. ASSETS Ref: 03/21/05

Many people had been enquiring whether the composting project would be going ahead this year. Cllr. Jackson reported that the site was being maintained, but collections are not going ahead until Government give the go ahead and it is safe to do so. However, compost is ready for sieving so people can contact Cllr. Jackson should they wish to arrange a collection. The composting team will arrange for the annual returns to be submitted to the Council.

Councillors all agreed that the re-surfacing of the toddler area has been completed to a high standard and looks very tidy. Cllr. Jackson was in contact with the Company to ensure all fencing and packaging would be removed from the car park as quickly as possible.

Clerk had received two quotes for grass cutting of the playing field. A third quote will be obtained, and a decision made at the April meeting.

Cllrs. unanimously agreed that Clerk should change printer ink contract to the next level which is £3.49 for 100 pages. A direct debit is to be set up with the Parish Council bank account.

Councilors unanimously agreed for Clerk to approach Cliff Stevens in respect of tending the flower planters opposite the shop for the summer planting.

Weekly Playing Field inspections are to be carried out on a volunteer basis from 1st February 2021.

Clerk to approach District Cllr. James Knight to see if any funds available

towards grit and dog poo bins.

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6. HIGHWAY/TRAFFIC CALMING/FOOTPATH MATTERS – Ref: 03/21/06

The Council is now dealing with three enquiries with regards to the public right of way down Low Road. Members of the public at this stage were invited into the meeting. Cllr. Jones confirmed that she was still awaiting a response from Highways regarding this issue. Looking at information given, and using the maps available to the Council, it does not look as though it is a public right of way. It was agreed that Council need to wait for a response in writing from Norfolk County Council before any further discussion or action is taken.

The damage and erosion to the corner of the Yarmouth and Mill Road, and the damage to the Mill Road sign was noted. This has been reported to the Highways Dept.

Clerk to send a letter to local businesses using large lorries, requesting that they ask their drivers to be mindful of destruction of verges as residents have voiced concerns.

Members of the public left the meeting at this stage.

7. PLANNING – Ref 03/21/07

None received.

8. CHEQUES/FINANCE - Ref 02/21/08

£239.20	Clerks Wages 1 st – 28 th February 2021 agreed.
£17.50	Clerks Broadband 50% for February 2021
£19.49	Printer Ink Plan
£14.39	Monthly Zoom Charge
£10,020.00	Resurfacing of Toddler Play Area
£10.20	Clerks book of stamps
£15.42	Weekly playing field inspections
£13.70	DD Parish Council email set up Freeola

Proposed by Cllr. Miller and 2nd by Cllr. Jackson

Clerk to contact Barclays Bank for mandate change to enable future payments to be made online.

Accounts had been sent out to Councillors prior to meeting. These were

agreed in line with annual budget. **Ref02/21/09**

Proposed Cllr. Miller and 2nd by Cllr. Jackson

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None received

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION – Nothing to report

Meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30 pm

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Signed..... Date.....

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