

## **THURLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of MEETING held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Village Hall 7.30pm**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllrs. Paul Jackson (Chair), Mick Erskine (Vice Chair), Cllrs. Teresa Miller, Blayney and Andy Whiting. Barry Stone County Councillor for Clavering. Gill Crossland (Clerk).

#### **1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED - REF 03/25/01**

Cllr. Andy Evans (Thurlton District Ward).

#### **2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – REF 03/25/02**

Cllr. Erskine declared that Erskine Electrics occasionally carry out work for Thurlton Village Hall and Norfolk County Council.

#### **3. Public Participation Session Ref 03/25/03**

Two members of the public present. All Councillors introduced themselves to public.

Chairman confirmed to public members that the letter to the Allotment Association sent out by the Clerk had been seen by all Councillors. An apology was offered for the letter being addressed to `Dear Sirs` which was an oversight by the Clerk and if the tone of the letter had been taken out of context and caused any offence. Chairman explained the letter was prompted by enquiries from the public on the removal of the hedging and, in particular, the exposure of the end plot as you come down Mill Lane with Tithebarn Lane which had been described as a `pile of junk`. Our letter contained two basic questions 1. What is the plan for re-planting the boundary area and 2. What was the plan for shielding the view of the end plot which is now fully exposed. The response letter from the Allotment Association had been circulated to all Councillors and would be discussed in a joint meeting which the Clerk will arrange. Chairman expressed that the Parish Council by no means are demeaning or wish to denigrate the state of the allotments. It is recognised that there is a huge amount of good work being done by the Association and plot holders including the water capture and we wholeheartedly appreciate this.

Chairman thanked members of the public for attending.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – REF 03/25/04**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 minutes were circulation to Councillors prior to meeting. These were agreed by all council members and signed by Chairman.

Proposed Cllr. Erskine, seconded by Cllr. Blayney. All hands in favour.

#### **5. ACTIONS/MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Ref 03/25/05**

No matters arising.

**6. COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COMMUNITY POLICING, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- REPORTS / INFORMATION - Ref 03/25/06**

- a) Village Hall Committee Minutes for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were pleased to see completion of the installation of the two EV points which will serve the community. Cllr. Erskine informed Council that the official disabled parking was still accessible from the playing field. Also, Council acknowledged the solar panels had been installed which would be a saving to the running cost of the village hall. Both projects support the Government plan on everyone helping towards our energy efficient future.

Cllr. Stone gave Council an update on Devolution and paperwork on Local Member Fund Budget had been circulated to members of Council prior to the meeting. Government have announced there will be no elections in May 2025.

Cllr. Stone, on behalf of Haddiscoe Parish, would be attending the Appeal meeting for Breedon Pit. Councillors expressed their reservations especially regarding the possible traffic implications this could have for Thurlton. Cllr. Stone would mention this in the meeting.

**7. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF P.C. ASSETS – REF 03/25/07**

- a) Clerk had completed an inspection of the playing field and informed no accidents had been reported and accident book noted accordingly.
- b) Please refer to Public Participation Session.
- c) Clerk had carried out a risk assessment on the playing field maintenance at end of last year. Some maintenance issues need to be addressed in Spring. It was agreed to obtain quotes and/or a date for a work party to attend to these matters.
- d) The bench on the corner outside the Queens Head is looking very tired as is most benches owned by the Parish Council around the village. It was agreed that quotes to give them some TLC should be obtained.
- e) Clerk informed Council that our lottery grant application for the Ball Wall had been successful and installation was arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that a working party would measure out the area for installation.

**8. HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC CALMING/FOOTPATH MATTERS - REF 03/25/08**

- a) Highways have informed Clerk that a letter has been put through the door of the property regarding the overgrown bramble bush at the bottom of Hampton Avenue as this was not the responsibility of Norfolk County Council. Clerk had obtained one quote, but it was decided that ownership of this area should be confirmed by a land search and further quotes would be required.
- b) The speed signs are to be returned as not fit for purpose on our small verges. Cllr. Erskine will return these as soon as possible.
- c) Rangers had completed or reported back on all requests put forward.

**9. PLANNING - REF 03/25/09**

- a) 2025/0617 – External alterations – installation of brick plinth, change of external materials, increase in size of roof windows, replacement of windows and installation of bi-fold doors. Location: Bridge House, The Street, Thurlton. NR14 6RP. Applicant: Mr. Joe Bowers householder.

Cllr. Blayney proposed no objection to this application, seconded by Cllr. Miller. All hands in favour.

**10. CHEQUES/FINANCE Ref 03/25/10**

£26.25 Clerks working from home monthly allowance

£257.33 Clerks salary

£64.20 HMRC

The following paid by DD or debit card

£11.99 HP Ink

- a) Above payments proposed by Cllr. Miller, seconded by Cllr. Whiting. All hands in favour. Payment authority signed.
- b) Cllr. Miller informed Council that she had completed an audit of accounts and bank balance. A spreadsheet was circulated to all members.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS – REF 03/25/11**

- a) Clerk had visited Mill House who had requested permission to trim hedgerow between their property and the Village Hall for maintenance to the fence. This hedgerow together with Mill Lane forms part of the Parish Council bio-diversity area but permission was granted provided care was taken to minimise disruption to wildlife.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Thurlton Village Hall 7.30pm

With no further business meeting closed at 8.40pm

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

Gill Crossland

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