

Minutes of the meeting of
Thompson Parish Council
held in
Thompson Village Hall
at 19:30 on Thursday 25th November 2010

Present: Kate Winslow (Chair), Duncan Gregory, Anthony Murphy, Ian Robertson, Nic Fournier, Laurie Hull and one member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jean Josiah, Phil Cowen, Ian Monson
2. **Declaration of interest:** None.
3. **Approval of minutes of meeting:**
 - 3.1. **Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2010:** The minutes were unanimously declared as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
 - 3.2. **Planning Meeting held on 12th November 2010:** The minutes were unanimously declared as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Agenda item 7. Planning applications since last meeting was brought forward to allow early public participation in this item.

4. **Planning applications since last meeting:**
 - 4.1. **Discussed at Planning Meeting held on 12 November:**
 - 4.1.1. **3PL/2010/1034/D Plot adjacent High Houses, Mill Road, Thompson:** Subject of minutes of planning meeting held on 12 November 2010 and approved as item 3.2 at this meeting.
 - 4.1.2. **3TL/2010/0052/TL for Butters Hall Cottage, Butters Hall Lane, Thompson :** Subject of minutes of planning meeting held on 12 November 2010 and approved as item 3.2 at this meeting.
 - 4.2. **To be discussed at this meeting**
 - 4.2.1. **3PL/2010/1220/F New Bungalow, College Road, Thompson:** The Clerk informed the meeting that no notification of this application had been sent to any neighbouring properties and that he had asked for more time to given to this application to allow notifications to be sent and for neighbours comments to be heard. It was felt inappropriate to discuss this application without the neighbour's views being known. The clerk was directed to keep the members apprised of the situation.
 - 4.2.2. **3PL/2010/1207/O Plot 1, Mill Road, Thompson:** objections to this application were raised on various grounds. The application was too vague, no plans were given; the plot was too close to an attractive listed building, any building would be detrimental to it; the build would have a detrimental effect on the popular B&B run from the adjacent listed building, reducing the already low number of tourist beds in the village; access to the plot is on a dangerous bend. The members present were unanimously against this application and directed the clerk to write to Breckland Council with their comments.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - 5.1. **Replacement/repair of village notice boards:** A new weatherproof village notice board would cost about £900.00 + VAT. An offer of £500.00 towards the cost of a replacement for notice board on the triangle adjacent to the Church has been received. A site meeting with Harry Stebbings has been arranged to discuss both a replacement and also the repair of the notice board attached to the Bus Shelter as well as repairs to the village sign which were last carried out circa 1990 (by Mr Stebbings).
 - 5.2. **Salt Bins:** Trevor Keen has been asked to carry out the repair work, which may be delayed as he is very busy at the moment.
 - 5.3. **Disaster Planning:** It was felt that disaster planning was not appropriate for the Parish Council as in a disaster actions would not be in the hands of the Parish Council but in the hands of professional services dealing with it. Instead it was felt that fostering good neighbourliness was more appropriate and that the Council should try to do this.. It was felt that this could be started by developing a welcome pack of information for new residents.

- 5.4. Review of Cheque Signatories:** The new signatories are in place.
- 5.5. Telephone Box:** A supplier of spare parts has been found, a handyman is now needed to fix it.
- 5.6. Maintenance of Village Sign:** A meeting has been arranged with Harry Stebbings, who has repaired the sign in the past.
- 5.7. Trees and hedges over growing Stow Bedon Road:** Request passed on again for hedges and for overgrown salt bin. This matter has also been with highway raised by Councillor Ian Monson.
- 5.8. Thompson Hearts AED Fund – fridge magnets/key ring project:** Laurie reported that the project was proceeding and that fridge magnets/key rings would be available shortly.
- 5.9. Update on proposed bungalow:** No response from Carla Beckett .
- 5.10. Repairs to the Well:** It was suggested that Chris Sales be asked about repairing the Well.
- 5.11. New Football Net:** New net to be obtained for the goal posts.

6. Correspondence not already notified:

NCC Core strategy Minerals and Waste dev. Management policies document

Autumn edition of Playingfield

Letter has been received from Elizabeth Truss MP asking if the Council would like an informal meeting with her? The Clerk was directed to send a positive response for a meeting in a Parliamentary recess

Land Registry asking Council to register its property.

Breckland prospective councillor campaign – posters

HM Revenue and Customs fine for not supplying information/ Appeal and notification of winning the appeal

Norfolk Constabulary crime figures for October 2010

Parish Glass Recycling

NCC changes to Public Rights of Way service

Reedham Parish Council asking about the Suggestion Box

7. Reports:

7.1. Chairman: Nothing to report not already covered in the meeting.

7.2. Responsible Financial Officer: The RFO presented the accounts to date. See Addendum 1

7.3. Clerk: Nothing to report not already covered in the meeting.

8. Thompson Millennium Green: The Council gave a cheque for £500.00 the Millennium Green Charitable Trust. The Celebration Avenue of trees has been planted and plaques installed. The pond is to have a “facelift” and grant funding applied for.

9. Grass cutting of footpaths: As part of costing cutting NCC will withdraw of this service during the next three years. The council need to consider whether or how to act on this.

10. Printing costs: The clerk supplied a breakdown of his printing costs which are carried out on a breakeven basis. See Addendum 2

11. Budget/Precept for 2011/12: It was decided unanimously to retain the precept at the 2010 level

12. Date of next meeting: 20 January 2011

13. Any other business (for agenda of next meeting):

13.1. Street party/Royal Wedding celebration:

Kate Winslow
Chair

20 January 2011

Addendum 1

Thompson Parish Council – Community Account

<u>Community Account - Opening balance (16/09/10)</u>			<u>3,457.74</u>	
			<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
23/09/10		Breckland Council	2,150.00	
28/09/10	100421	Mrs G Sharp		42.30
1/10/10	100422	Mazars		82.50
5/10/10	100423	Mr G Winslow		67.20
5/10/10		HMT 2 ½ CONS DIV	0.08	
15/10/10	100424	The Post Office		50.40
2/11/10	100420	Mr G Winslow		67.20
23/11/10	100425	Mr G Winslow		67.20
<u>Closing balance (25/11/10)</u>			<u>5,231.02</u>	
<u>Business Saver Account balance (25/11/10)</u>			<u>1,601.37</u>	

Addendum 2

ITEM		COST £/each
Cost of single side print		0.03
As above but laminated		0.15
cost of double side print		0.06
As above but laminated		0.18
Cost of Colour print		0.23
As above but laminated		0.35
Cost of a letter DL (without postage)	Add	0.04
Cost of a letter C5 (without postage)	Add	0.06
Cost of a letter C4 (without postage)	Add	0.11