

Minutes for the Meeting of
Thompson Parish Council
held in
Thompson Village Hall
at 19:30 on Thursday 20th January 2011

Present: Kate Winslow (Chair), Duncan Gregory, Ian Robertson, Anthony Murphy, Jean Josiah, Nic Fournier, Laurie Hull, Phil Cowan (Breckland Councillor) and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 2. Declaration of interest:** None.
- 3. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2010:** The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

The meeting was suspended to allow a report by Phil Cowan and for public participation:

Mr Cowan remind the council that elections were to be held on 5th May 2011.

Breckland had not increased its precept for the Council Tax in 2011/12 and that the £150,00 shortfall would be met from reserves. The shortfall in the following year looks to be about £1.3 million. Savings are being made by sharing the management team with South Holland District Council. Breckland has a good industrial property portfolio and also an energy efficiency consultancy which help to offset costs.

Mrs Tyler reported that the Wayland Partnership was looking to increase the use of its Conference Centre.

4. Matters arising:

- 4.1. Replacement/repair of village notice boards:** It was unanimously decided to replace the notice board on the triangle in front of the Church, with a new 8 A4 page board with unbreakable glazing. The cost will be partly met by a donation. In addition it was again unanimously decided that the notice board attached to the bus shelter is to be repaired and refurbished and new hinged doors, again with unbreakable glass, installed.
- 4.2. Salt Bins:** Awaiting for the repairs to be made..
- 4.3. Telephone Box:** No suggestions for use of the box have been received so far. At the meeting Mrs Tyler suggested that the box could be used for photographic displays.
- 4.4. Maintenance of Village Sign:** A quote from Harry Stebbings for repair of the sign was unanimously accepted. Mr Stebbing carried out the last repairs to the sign in 1990.
- 4.5. Trees and hedges over growing Stow Bedon Road:** The Clerk is to speak to Highways regarding the hedges on Stow Bedon Road before contacting the owners of the land bordered by the offending hedges.
- 4.6. Thompson Hearts AED Fund – fridge magnets/key ring project:** Fridge magnets and keyrings are almost ready and will be distributed to all households in the parish shortly.
- 4.7. Update on proposed Flagship bungalow:** No reply from Carla Beckett. The clerk is to try to contact again.
- 4.8. Repairs to the Well:** Chris Sales has the work in hand and will install a larger diameter timber to the existing handle.
- 4.9. New Football Net:** it was unanimously decided to buy a replacement net, the size is to be ascertained.
- 4.10. Event:** Duncan and Laurie are to look at organising a Thompson 5 type event
- 4.11. Welcome pack:** Mrs Tyler provided A5 covers that had been previously produced for such a project but not used. We need to put together the information and distribute it. It will be necessary to obtain some pockets to retain the information within the covers.

5. Correspondence not already notified:

NALC newsletter

Crime Figure – nil Thompson

Planning decisions none now outstanding

E-mail re planning responses

Came – snow clearing

6. Reports:

6.1. Chairman: Nothing to report that is not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

6.2. Responsible Financial Officer: Anthony presented the account since the last meeting. See Addendum.

6.3. Clerk: Nothing to report that is not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

7. Planning applications since last meeting: None

8. Thompson Millennium Green: Laurie reported on the success of the Celebration Avenue project and that applications had been made funds for other projects including one to clean up the pond.

9. Grass cutting of footpaths: This likely to be a problem when NCC withdraws the service but the above mentioned Thompson 5 type event may go some way to exacerbate the problem.

10. Water Pressure: Nic reported that the residents of Pockthorpe lane had received a rebate for low pressure last summer and that he would keep in contact with Anglian Water regarding water pressure.

11. Date of next meeting: 24 March 2011

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

**Kate Winslow
Chair – Thompson Parish Council**

24th March 2011

Addendum**Thompson Parish Council – Community Account**

<u>Community Account - Opening balance (25/11/10)</u>			<u>5,231.02</u>
		<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
7/12/10	100427	The Millenium Green	500.00
29/12/10	100426	Mr G Winslow	67.20
5/01/11		HMT 2 ½ CONS DIV	0.08
19/01/11	100429	The Post Office (Income Tax)	50.40
<u>Closing balance (19/01/11)</u>			<u>4,613.50</u>
<u>Business Premium Account balance (6/12/11)</u>			<u>1,600.57</u>