

The Minutes of the Meeting of
Thompson Parish Council
held in
Thompson Village Hall
on Thursday 16th September 2010 at 19:30

Present: Kate Winslow (Chair), Duncan Gregory, Jean Josiah, Anthony Murphy, Ian Robertson, Nic Fournier, Laurie Hull. Also present Ian Monson (Norfolk County Councillor), Carla Beckett (Flagship Housing) and a Representative of Oxbury & Co Project Management Consultants

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Approval of minutes of meeting:

3.1. Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2010: The minutes were unanimously declared as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3.2. Planning Meeting held on 16th August 2010: The minutes were unanimously declared as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Suspension of the meeting to allow public participation: Representatives of both Flagship Housing and Oxbury & Co outlined their proposal to build a bungalow on land adjacent to 11 Airey Houses, Tottington Road. The proposal had received a positive feed back from Breckland Council. The views of local residents were to be sought regarding the development which initially would house a local resident. The council indicated it was likely to be in favour of the development but felt that tenancy should be restricted to local residents.

Ian Monson reported that the County Council was make cuts to reduce the budget by 2% or £10.5 million in the current year. Areas most affected would be children's service where services will be streamlined to avoid duplication of effort and a better website introduced to encourage more use of online services. The other major area of saving will be roads and footways but this will not affect maintenance and top dressing.

Next year the cuts are likely to be in the region of 25%. The Council will try to keep frontline service going. Care for the elderly is under scrutiny, the Council is looking to change the system to build clusters of homes where the elderly have their own front door where care intermediate to that offered by sheltered housing and the residential home will be provided. 21-24 homes likely to be affected.

4. Matters arising:

4.1. Replacement of village notice board outside the church: The notice board is too small for the amount of information to be displayed and quotes for a new notice board are to be sought as well as quotes for upgrading the present notice board

4.2. Make Sam Smile: The Scheme has been stopped on cost grounds.

4.3. Salt Bins: Trevor Keen has submitted a quote for a new salt bin and for the repair of the others. The meeting accepted the quote and Trevor is to be asked to carry out the work. Access to the salt bin at the junction of Stow Bedon Road and Butters Hall Lane is severely restricted by surrounding by trees/bushes. Highways are to be contacted about this.

4.4. Village Survey: Nothing to report.

4.5. Disaster Planning: Anthony Murphy produced a discussion document and will provide a further document prior to the next meeting.

- 4.6. Review of Cheque Signatories:** Forms were signed for presentation to Barclays Bank
- 4.7. Telephone Box:** Ideas for the use of the box have been distributed. Meanwhile repair to the vandalised panes are to proceed.
- 4.8. Maintenance of Village Sign:** The village sign is in need of some repair and maintenance and quotations for the work are to be sought.
- 4.9. Trees and hedges over growing Stow Bedon Road:** Highways have been contacted about this matter and also about clearing the growth back further at Stow Bedon Road /A1075 junction.
- 4.10. Memorial Seat on the Millennium Green:** This has now been erected and the unanimous view of the Council was that it was an excellent and fitting memorial.
- 4.11.Noise nuisance:** This has ceased.
- 4.12.Thompson Hearts AED Fund – fridge magnets/key ring project:** Laurie Hull informed the meeting that the project was underway.
- 4.13.Watton Parking Survey:** Kate and Ian attended the public meeting on the parking review held in Watton. Parking is to remain free and parking on the High Street restricted to one side only.
- 4.14.Water Pressure:** Nic Fournier has been in touch with Anglian Water who he found unsympathetic to the problem.

5. Correspondence not already notified:

Norfolk Constabulary inviting registration with Police Direct – for info purposes
 Magazine – No Need for Nuclear
 NALC Annual report
 Breckland Council Overview and scrutiny annual report
 Nalc training courses
 Norfolk Link Magazine
 Being a Good Employer – pamphlet
 Notification of Register of Electors 1 for each councillor to apply for if required
 Summer issue of Playingfield and Annual report
 NCC E-planning invitation to register.
 Signpost magazine
 Offer of Local Council Clerks membership
 Notification of Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum and open evening 21st October
 Parish Precept requirement
 Councillors Census Handbook – hard copy of the pdf already sent.
 Breckland sustainable communities want to meet me.

6. Reports:

- 6.1. Chairman:** The chairman said that following the death of Lavender Garnier condolences had been sent to her family.
 A letter of thanks from the Codling family was read to the meeting.

6.2. Responsible Financial Officer: The RFO presented a report on the accounts since the last meeting – see Addendum. It was suggested that quotations be obtained for repairs to the Well and for a new football net.

6.3. Clerk: All items covered elsewhere in the meeting.

7. Planning applications since last Meeting:

7.1.1. 3PL/2010/0810/F Redbrick Farmhouse: Subject of the meeting on 16 August 2010

7.1.2. 3PL/2010/0524/LU Church Lane Farm Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use or development: Sent by Breckland for information only.

8. Thompson Millennium Green: Laurie reported on the success of the Bookworm event and also on the Celebration Avenue of trees which is already well subscribed. Draft Terms of Reference for the Management Committee were presented to the meeting and it was suggested that a quorum of three should be required for meetings. This was accepted and the amended terms of reference were unanimously accepted by the Council.

9. Date of next meeting: 25th November 2010

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

10.1: Budget for 2011/12

10.2: Parish Clerks printing costs

Kate Winslow
Chair

25 November 2010

Addendum

Thompson Parish Council – Community Account

<u>Community Account - Opening balance (14/7/10)</u>			<u>4,879.94</u>
		<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
23/07/10	100413	Thompson Hearts	155.00
2/08/10	100418	Millennium Green	500.00
3/08/10	100416	Thompson Hearts	200.00
5/08/10	100417	St Martins Church	500.00
10/08/10	100419	Mr G Winslow	67.20
<u>Closing balance (16/09/10)</u>			<u>3,457.74</u>
<u>Business Saver Account balance (16/09/10)</u>			<u>1,601.37</u>