

Minutes of the Meeting of
Thompson Parish Council
held in Thompson Village Hall at 19:30 on Thursday 15th July 2010

Present: Kate Winslow (Chairman), Jean Josiah, Anthony Murphy, Ian Robertson, Nic Fournier, Duncan Gregory, Laurie Hull and 8 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2010:** The minutes were approved without change. Proposed by Jean Josiah and seconded by Nic Fournier and carried unanimously.
4. **Suspension of the Meeting for Public Participation:** A request was made by Linda May and Tina Sales on behalf of the family of Clare Codling that a memorial seat be allowed to be placed on the Millennium Green, drawings of the seat were shown to the Council. It was agreed unanimously to allow the memorial seat to be placed on the Green. Bronwen Tyler informed the Council about an ongoing noise nuisance that she and neighbours are suffering. The noise comes from a generator powering an irrigation pump and has been recently connected to the pump in the place of the mains supply to try to cure extreme electrical disturbances suffered in a number of houses adjacent to the pump. Breckland Environmental Health Department are currently investigating and a request was made that should it be necessary Thompson Council write to add weight to case to get this nuisance stopped.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - 5.1. **To fill the vacancy of Councillor by co-option:** The co-option of Laurie Hull as a member of Thompson Parish Council was proposed by Ian Robertson and seconded by Nic Fournier and carried unanimously. Laurie Hull joined the meeting.
 - 5.2. **Breckland grant funds:** The £155 grant received by the Council from Breckland Council for the defibrillator project has been paid to Thompson Hearts Project.
 - 5.3. **Replacement of village notice board outside the church:** The cost of replacing the noticeboard outside the Church is too high and therefore quotations are to be obtained for its repair.
 - 5.4. **Make Sam Smile:** Police have not yet contacted us about this. Nic Fournier is to contact Watton Council who recently had mobile speed indicators in place.
 - 5.5. **Salt Bins:** One quotation has been received for the repair of the bus shelter seating and also a quotation for the repair and/or replacement of salt bins/lids, other quotation for the latter are to be obtained. The repair to the bus shelter seating, a safety matter, will go ahead.
 - 5.6. **Village Survey:** Nothing to report.
 - 5.7. **Disaster Planning:** Anthony Murphy has been in contact with Breckland Council and is in receipt of a booklet.
 - 5.8. **Review of Cheque Signatories:** Ian Robertson and Duncan Gregory have completed forms for presentation to Barclays Bank.
 - 5.9. **Telephone Box:** Electricity is still connected. There is an access problem, there door is being prevented from opening fully. Thought needs to be given about for what and how the box is to be used. We have a contact regarding its use as an information point on a cycle trail.
 - 5.10. **Maintenance of Village Sign:** Quotation to be obtained to clean the algae from it and to oil it.

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5.11. Trees and hedges over growing Stow Bedon Road: The hedges on Stow Bedon Road from the Houses right through the bends are very over grown. Highways to be contacted regarding this.

6. Correspondence not already notified:

Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum and Open Evening – 21 October 2010

Norfolk Fire and Rescue service Safety plan review

Norfolk CC Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework Document.

Norfolk constabulary revised structure for local delivery

Town and Parish news letter and Procedures for filling a casual vacancy

A letter – unsigned saying it would be a good idea to have shop in the village.

Norfolk Police Authority's Local Policing Plan Summary 2010

Institute of Groundsmanship exhibition visitor registration is now live

7. Reports:

7.1. Chairman: Nothing to report

7.2. Responsible Financial Officer: Anthony Murphy presented the accounts for the period since the last meeting. See Appendix 1.

7.3. Clerk: Nothing further to report.

8. Resolutions: That Thompson Parish Council acting as Trustee of the Thompson Millennium Green appoint annually a Management Committee working to agreed terms of reference. Proposed by Nic Fournier and seconded by Duncan Gregory and carried unanimously.

9. Planning:

9.1. Planning applications and acceptances since last Meeting:

3PL/2010/0322/F Airey Houses Thompson planning permission granted.

3PL/2010/0308/LB Listed building consent Westend Cottage Thompson planning permission granted.

3PL/2010/0056/LB Listed building consent College Gate Thompson planning permission granted.

3PL/2006/0033/O Outline Planning permission the east plot Adjacent High Houses planning permission extended

9.2. Proposed changes to Thompson's Settlement boundary in Breckland Council's Site Specific Policies and Proposals Consultation: See map affects only

Pockthorpe Lane: It was proposed that the council write accepting the alteration THO.3 to "Millfield", but to reject alterations proposed for Pockthorpe Lane as being unnecessary as there is no access to any of this land to allow building other than minor extensions.

9.3. Alternate site to School Road: The council suspended the meeting briefly to visit the site suggested by Flagship Housing for development of a Bungalow. Feelings were mixed about the development of the site and it was decided to ask Flagship if they had any other sites in mind for their purpose.

10. Donation to Thompson Hearts AED Fund: The council granted £200 to Thompson Hearts Project for the specific purchase of key rings and fridge magnets for all households in Thompson to increase public awareness of the defibrillator project.

11. Donation to Thompson Church for grounds maintenance: The council donated £500 towards St Michaels Church grounds maintenance.

12. Village Hall Report: Ian Robertson announced that he has resigned as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. A meeting of members needs to be held to elect a new Chairman

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and discuss the open letter from some members of the community and delivered by Gabbie Sharp. The Thompson Village Hall has a trustee and a Committee which is independent of the Council and it is for the trustee of the Village Hall and the Village Hall Committee to discuss these matters. .

- 13. Thompson Millennium Green:** The Council donated £500 to Thompson Millennium Green funds.
- 14. Watton Parking Survey:** There is to be Public Meeting in Watton on 26th July 2010 on the subject. Kate Winslow and Ian Robertson to attend.
- 15. Water Pressure:** Anglian Water have done tests at various points in the village and the Council is to write to request the results of these tests.
- 16. Date of next meeting: 16th September 2010**
- 17. Any other business (for agenda of next meeting):** None notified.

Kate Winslow
Chairman of Thompson Parish Council

16th September 2010

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**Appendix 1 to minutes of a meeting of Thompson Parish Council held on 15th July 2010
at Thompson Village Hall**

Thompson Parish Council – Community Account

Community Account - Opening balance (30/4/10)

5,498.28

			<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
13/05/10		Breckland Council	180.35	
28/05/10	100411	Allianz Insurance PLC		439.22
1/06/10	100409	NALC		100.65
2/06/10	100412	G Winslow		96.10
3/06/10	100408	Norfolk RCC		15.00
17/06/10	100407	NALC		40.00
5/07/10		HMT 2 ½ CONS	0.08	
6/07/10	100414	G Winslow		67.20
14/07/10	100415	The Post Office Ltd		40.60

Closing balance (15/07/10)

4,879.94

Business Saver Account balance (17/06/10)

1,601.17