

# Minutes of the meeting of Thompson Parish Council

held in

Thompson Village Hall on Thursday 16 January 2014 at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Kate Winslow (Chair), Duncan Gregory, Anthony Murphy, Ian Robertson, Andrew Wagner, Phil Cowen (District Councillor) and Parish Clerk.

**1 Apologies for absence:** Laurie Hull

**2 Declaration of interest:** None

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**3.1 Requests for dispensations regarding matters covered by Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** Dispensations are already in place for all current Council Members to allow setting of the Precept

**4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings:**

**4.1 Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2013:** Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013 was proposed by Duncan Gregory and seconded by Anthony Murphy and unanimously approved by the members present. The minutes were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4.2 Planning meeting held on 09 January 2014:** Approval the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 09 January 2014 was proposed by Duncan Gregory and seconded by Anthony Murphy and unanimously approved by the members present. The minutes were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**Meeting Suspended to allow Phil Cowen to address the meeting and take questions:**

Phil Cowen reported briefly on the Breckland Local Plan, a discussion document having been produced regarding traveller sites.

With regard to developments adjacent to the Peddars Way, TNP will be submitting an appeal and to issue prior notice; traffic etc on Peddars Way cannot be used as ground for an objection.

Breckland are working to make up a shortfall of £2-3 million year 2017/18. Breckland Council is now working with both South Holland and St. Edmundsbury Councils as method of cost cutting. Anglian Revenue Partnership continues to bring in revenue which can be used to offset shortfalls. Developing start up business is of importance as Breckland can retain a percentage of the business rates on premises again to offset shortfalls.

**5 Matters arising:**

**5.1 Salt Bins:** The new bins have been received and will be sited and refilled as soon as time and weather permits. Meanwhile the old bins remain in place; all are filled with salt/grit.

**5.2 Welcome pack:** Nothing further to report

**5.3 Telephone box:** Painting in abeyance until weather improves.

**5.4 CPRE Footpaths project:** The project is well underway and is to written up shortly, some information has already been placed on "History Pin2 and can be viewed on-line.

**5.5 Removal of Ivy from some village trees:** In abeyance.

**5.6 Breckland Local Plan:** Nothing further to report, Phil Cowen touched briefly on the subject when addressing the meeting.

5.7 **Dog Waste Bin:** The Clerk has not had further contact with the Dog Warden but noted that at least one “pick it up sign” had been placed in Pockthorpe Lane.

**6 Correspondence not already notified:**

Magpas Letter asking for funding support.

Letter from Roy Mills thanking the Councillors for their efforts regarding planning application for the plot adjacent to The Thatched House.

**7 Reports:**

7.1 **Chairman:** Kate Winslow reported that she had visited Jean Josiah and given her a plant as a thank you for her work as Parish Councillor

7.2 **Responsible Financial Officer:** Anthony presented the Accounts for the period up to the meeting.. These are set out in minute 6.2.1.

**7.2.1 Financial transactions since last meeting:**

**Thompson Parish Council – Community Account**

<b><u>Community Account – Opening balance (19/11/13)</u></b>		<b><u>3,423.04</u></b>
	<b><u>Paid in</u></b>	<b><u>Paid out</u></b>
11/12/13 100522 CGM Landscapes (Oct 2013)		169.16
<b><u>Closing balance (19/12/13)</u></b>		<b><u>3,253.88</u></b>
<b><u>Business Premium Account balance (19/12/13)</u></b>		<b><u>1,603.97</u></b>

7.3 **Clerk:** Nothing to report not reported elsewhere in the minutes.

7.3.1 **Damage to Well** Cheque has been received from the insurers in the last few days and the order for repair placed with Norfolk County Council. The repairs will undertaken shortly by Norfolk County council.

7.4 **Thompson Millennium Green:** In the absence of Laurie Hull there was no report.

7.4.1 **Ratification of Management Committee:** Held over until a later meeting.

7.5 **Thompson Community Hall:** Kate reported that a feasibility study has commenced and that a quote for a Newt survey had been received by the project committee. Fund raising continued with a Saturday soup and roll event. Other events included a pudding evening and an Open Garden” event to be held at the end of June, with a meeting to plan the event on 27 February.

**8 Planning Applications:**

8.1 **Decisions since last meeting:** See minutes for meeting of 09 January 2014. Clerk circulated the reply sent to Breckland – who have not made a decision as yet.

9 **Electoral Review of Breckland:** Breckland District Council currently has 54 District Councillors and the Boundary Commission suggests reducing this to 49. Wayland Ward is affected by the suggested re-organisation. Under Boundary Commission proposals the Ward gains members and would have, from 2015, two District Councillors representing the electorate instead of one.

- 10 **Precept for Year 2014/2015** The members present voted unanimously for a precept £4300 for the period April 2014 to end March 2015 and directed the Clerk to inform Breckland Council of this decision.
- 11 **Thompson Footpath No.1 – Pockthorpe Lane to Sparrow Hill:** The Clerk has been in communication with Norfolk County Council regarding Thompson Footpath No.1 which appears on the County Definitive Footpath Statement and on current Ordnance survey maps but not on the County Definitive Footpath map. To be re-entered onto the Definitive map a new application needs to be submitted along with supporting evidence. This can be done by the Parish or passed over to Norfolk County Council to do when they have time (it could take some years). It was decided to gather information required for Norfolk County council to carry out the work.
- 12 **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 20 March 2014
- 13 **Any other business (for agenda of next meeting):**

**Kate Winslow**  
**Chair**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2014**