

Thompson Parish Council (TPC)
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Thompson Community Hall
on Thursday 1 July 2021

Present:	Jean Kaye	Chair
	Duncan Gregory	Vice Chair
	John Newnham	
	Angus Welch	
	Kate Winslow	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Phil Cowen	District Councillor

Also present: There were 14 members of the public present.

The meeting opened at 19:32

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Wagner and Robertson who were away on holiday. Apologies were accepted.

2. To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 18 May 2021

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. John Newnham proposed approval of the minutes and Cllr. Kate Winslow seconded the proposal. On a vote, this was carried unanimously, and the minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. Jean Kaye.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (Tuesday 18 May 2021) not on the agenda.

Litter Pick. The litter pick had not been very productive.

Fly tipping. A fridge and washing machine had been reported on the Griston Road. Had not been collected but Cllr, Winslow would check again next time she passed.

5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19.37.

Pockthorpe Lane. Flooding always a problem. It was noted that some drains had been jetted. Cllr. Kaye had written to Highways to say the job had not been thorough and problems still persisted. A puddle outside number 4 never clears. Cllr. Kaye confirmed she is continuing to pressure NCC Highways to get this problem properly resolved.

The meeting re-opened at 19.39

6. To discuss surface water management in Thompson (JK)

Item 11 Planning applications, was discussed before item 6 and there was much discussion about flooding. Cllr. Cowen also spoke about the newly formed Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance. A resident said something needed to be done and Cllr, Kaye asked if he could put some thoughts together. A separate meeting is needed to be held to include and involve as many interested people as possible as working together was the only way to make any progress. It was thought Highways would not do anything and didn't have the funds. A resident asked if a channel could be dug and piped where the ditches used to be along the south side of Pockthorpe Lane. Cllrs. Kaye and Welch had discussed this with NCC flood team - this would be a lot of work and budgets wouldn't allow.

People need to get together, to better understand the issues and how everything connects, and keep the pressure on to get something done.

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7. To discuss Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Newnham proposed reinstating the Community Speedwatch in Thompson after a few accidents and said he would be happy to take this on and complete the application form. All councillors agreed Cllr. Newnham should take this initiative forward. Volunteers would be advertised for in the Waylander. Would need 6 people. Aim to act as a deterrent to reduce speeding.

8. To discuss 'Welcome Letter' for new residents in Thompson

This agenda item will be moved to the next agenda at the scheduled meeting in September.

9. To receive reports

9.1 District Councillor (PC)

Coronavirus. Covid grants have now closed. Council offices at Elizabeth House have been refitted while staff have been working from home. Cllr. Cowen had circulated the Breckland current plan for Covid.

Flooding. Cllr. Cowen talked about the new Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) chaired by Lord Richard Dannatt. A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently on 0344 800 8013. The number is staffed by Norfolk County Council officers and funded by the County Council. Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately. Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood complicated. The introduction of this contact number is the first step in the Flood Alliance's programme of work to address the risks of flooding in Norfolk.

The NSFA has identified sixteen sites across Norfolk that are regularly at risk of flooding. These sites will form the first tranche of locations that the NSFA will inspect with a view to proposing how to minimise or mitigate local flooding risk. The sixteen sites are:

- Burgh Road/Beccles Rd, Gorleston
- Ferry Road, Horning
- A1101, Welney Wash
- Necton
- Burnham Market and North and South Creake
- Tunstead
- A140, Long Stratton
- Norwich Road, Strumpshaw
- Gayton
- Watton/Saham Toney
- Mattishall
- A143 Redenhall
- Yaxham
- Kenninghall
- Cranworth
- Newport Rd/Yarmouth Rd, Hemsby

Each site will see work led by a Lead Agency - Norfolk County Council or Anglian Water, depending on the site - to develop an outline, costed solution that will form the basis of any necessary future funding bids. While flood risk at many of these sites will not prove easy or quick to resolve this work will provide the blueprint for addressing other flood sites across the county.

9.2 County Councillor (FE) No report.

9.3 Thompson Chair's report (JK)

The chair had nothing to report.

9.4 Community Hall report (KW)

Planning to open hall from 19 July. Receiving enquiries for bookings but nothing concrete. Have received a grant for 2 tents/marquees (4m x 3m) which should arrive next week and will also be available for hire. Coffee mornings to restart.

9.5 The Millennium Green report (AW)

- Finances

Lottery income collection ongoing, all numbers now taken.

Intend to hold Thompson Run on 26 Sept. (volunteers required, speak with Martin Kaye)

- Boundaries and Green

No change

- Play Equipment and Adult Exercise Area

No change

- Recent heavy rainfall and flooding

No change

- Community Involvement

The management group is still looking at ways for further community involvement in the TMG and intend to send a survey to every household in due course

TMG involved in planning for the Community Celebration 11 September 2021

- **Next Working Party** will take place soon when a plan of action has been formulated and restrictions lifted

- **Next Meeting** Tuesday 6 July 2021 using Zoom

10. Finances

10.1 Financial position

The bank account balances as at Thursday 1 July 2021

Barclays Community Account	£	7898.39
Barclays Business Premium Account	£	1614.41
TOTAL as per bank	£	9512.80

Summary (Including monies allocated)

Allocated to Sports Equipment	£	1746.00
Allocated to Notice Board	£	1084.30
Thompson Parish Council	£	6682.50
TOTAL as per bank	£	9512.80

10.2 Money in since last meeting (18 May 2021)

7/6/2021	Barclays Savers A/C - Interest	£	0.04
24/6/2021	Breckland Council - Recycling payment	£	93.18
	TOTAL IN	£	93.22

10.3 Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance at bank, Current (Last meeting, 18 May 2021)	£	9559.81
Opening balance at bank, Savings (Last meeting, 18 May 2021)	£	1614.37 (Total £11,174.18)
PLUS Money in since last meeting (as above)	£	93.22
MINUS Money out since last meeting (Total cheques 18 May 2021)	£	1151.30
MINUS Cheques already signed/presented	£	603.30
Closing balances at bank (This meeting, 1 July 2021, as above)	£	9512.80

10.4 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 759	CAS - Insurance renewal 2021/2022	£	207.48	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 760	SP Services -Defib. Battery/pads. Reimb. T Blake	£	395.82	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 761	NPTS - New councillor training JW and JN	£	100.00	
CHQ 762	Clerks Wages - June 2021 1 month - M3	£	219.05	
	TOTAL OUT	£	922.35	

Signed

Date

THOMPSON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					INCOME					
					YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022					
Date	From	Description		PRECEPT	SAVER AC INTEREST	RECYCLING GLASS & PAPER	GRANTS ETC	VAT	MISC	TOTAL
07/04/2021	Breckland Council	Precept 1 of 2	DIR	3,050.00						3,050.00
26/04/2021	HMRC	Vat annual refund	DIR					275.70		275.70
07/06/2021	Barclays	Barclays Saver A/C Interest	DIR		0.04					0.04
24/06/2021	Breckland Council	Recycling payment	DIR			93.18				93.18
				3,050.00	0.04	93.18	0.00	275.70	0.00	3,418.92
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THOMPSON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2021 - 2022										EXPENDITURE											
										YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022											
Date	Invoice	To	Description	CHQ	CLERKS WAGES	POSTAGE	PAYROLL SERVICES	COUNCIL EXPENSES	TRAINING	HALLHRE	PRINTER	INSURANCE	AUDIT	DONATIONS	SUBS	GRASS CUTTING Etc	WEB SITE	MISC	CAPITAL	VAT	TOTAL
18/05/2021	5399	TTSR Limited	Grass cutting 1 of 2 (50%)	754												512.02				102.40	614.42
18/05/2021		Info Commissioner	Annual Data Protection Fee -	755											40.00						40.00
04/04/2021	INV 78291055	ZOOM	Monthly virtual meeting fee	756														11.99		2.40	14.39
04/05/2021	INV 84115223	ZOOM	Monthly virtual meeting fee	756														11.99		2.40	14.39
18/05/2021		Kim Austin	Clerk's wages April/May 21 -	757	438.10																438.10
18/09/2021		Mrs J Roberts Plants	Internal Audit 'Plant Hamper'	758									30.00								30.00
01/06/2021		Bus. Services at CAS	Insurance renewal Yr 3 of 3	759							207.48										207.48
30/06/2021	1015942	SP Services	Defib battery and pads	760														306.00		89.82	395.82
30/06/2021		NPTS	New councillor training JW/JN	761				100.00													100.00
30/06/2020		Kim Austin	Clerk's wages June 2020 - M	762	219.05																219.05
					657.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	207.48	30.00	0.00	40.00	512.02	0.00	329.98	0.00	197.02	2,073.65
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10.5 Budget Vs Actuals

Thompson Parish Council Budget Vs Actual 2020/2021

01/07/2021	Budget 2021/2022	Forecast 2021/2022	Actual to date 2021/2022
INCOME			
Precept	6,100.00	6,100.00	3,050.00
Recycling	120.00	120.00	93.18
Interest (Barclays Saver)	3.20	3.20	0.04
Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT	300.00	300.00	275.70
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	6,523.20	6,523.20	3,418.92
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Costs including PAYE	2,630.00	2,630.00	657.15
Payroll services	72.00	72.00	0.00
Internal audit fee	30.00	30.00	30.00
Postage	15.00	15.00	0.00
Insurance	207.48	207.48	207.48
Grass cutting	1,228.84	1,228.84	512.02
Training	100.00	100.00	100.00
Printer/consumables	50.00	50.00	0.00
Website	70.00	70.00	0.00
Capital	70.00	70.00	0.00
Defibrillator	0.00	0.00	306.00
Miscellaneous/Contingency	200.00	200.00	23.98
Donation - St. Martin's Church	500.00	500.00	0.00
Donation - Wayland Partnership	300.00	300.00	0.00
Donation - Thompson Community H	300.00	300.00	0.00
Donation - Thompson Millenium Gre	500.00	500.00	0.00
Subs - Norfolk ALC	117.45	117.45	0.00
Subs - Community Action Norfolk	50.00	50.00	0.00
Subs - Info Comm Registration	40.00	40.00	40.00
VAT	300.00	300.00	197.02
Total	6,780.77	6,780.77	2,073.65
PRECEPT £6100	Budget	Forecast	Actual to date
2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022

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11. To consider planning applications

11.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting

3PL/2020/1215/PIP BLUE OAK Land E Marlpit Road/S Mill Road/ 4 dwellings (039) CALLED IN/REFUSED

11.2 Applications pending outcome There were no applications pending outcome.

11.3 New applications since last meeting (18 May 2021)

3PL/2021/0806/HOU MESSENT/Corner House Mill Road/2 storey rear extn. (040)

This application was discussed and the councillors agreed unanimously that they had NO OBJECTION to the 2-storey rear extension.

3PL/2021/0813/D JONES/Land to west of Marlpit Road/Reserved Matters (041)

Reserved matters are the detail, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale. Concerns from residents included: The aesthetics are different. Overlooking another property. Too large, could be 2 properties, house and annexe, dressing room same size as the master bedroom, rooms above the garage are very odd. Sits too far back on the plot. Drainage details not supplied. No wildlife corridors. Detrimental effect on water pressure. Increased traffic. There was a real concern that the rural charm of Thompson would be ruined by more development. Outside the settlement boundary although immediately adjacent.

Cllr. Cowen agreed it was a very large house. It had grown exponentially between the outline planning and the reserved matters applications. The application was sketchy and you would have expected the detail to have restated for this Reserved Matters application. He thought it was not the correct solution for this site. Doesn't respect the architectural style and would stand out a lot. Many reasons as to why it is not considered appropriate. Not a normal domestic dwelling. Completely different to that already put forward. Thompson Parish Council comments lodged on the planning website for the Outline Planning Application are still valid.

All councillors agreed with the points raised and agreed unanimously that they OBJECTED to this application. It was agreed the application should be 'called in' to go before the planning committee.

3PL/2021/0793/F GORAM/Land rear of Dersingham House/Chalet bungalow and waste treatment plant (042)

Land behind two houses on Marlpit Road: Dersingham and Stornoway. Points raised by residents and councillors: Outside settlement boundary. Other dwellings on 3 sides so development constraints. Backland development, not infill, not 'ribbon' as is the norm in Thompson.

There was much discussion about drainage and flooding. Mr Goram said the water floods across his land from Pockthorpe Lane and is close to flooding his bungalow too. He sympathises with those on Pockthorpe Lane. The chalet bungalow he wants to build would fund the much-needed drainage work to protect his property and suggested it would help other surrounding properties too. The new drainage would take the water away properly. He is not proposing to put drains across other peoples' land.

Residents commented: The whole of Pockthorpe Lane has a problem with water, in particular because the North side is higher than the South side. A 9-inch brick wall at the bottom of some gardens acts as a dam which exacerbates the water problem. Further development will not help the surface water in this area. Previous objections to this application included: Outside settlement boundary, no road frontage, therefore is back land development, in a back garden. Road junction issue. Those living close will be adversely affected by noise and views of the new property. 9 Pockthorpe Lane will be overlooked by the dormer windows. Their sewage already goes to a treatment plant so doesn't need another one. Surface water situation will not improve and could be made worse.

A resident said she maintains 90m of ditches on her property and she doesn't want any more water or treated water being directed into her ditches. She asked who maintains the pond at the end ?

Councillor Welch summarised:

Outside settlement boundary.

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No frontage so not infill but backland development.

In the previous application there was overwhelming concern and objection over linking 9 properties to one PTP, and it appears nothing has changed. It would appear the other residents haven't agreed despite the applicant stating they have. Issues with ownership, maintenance, and payment to link to it. Would need to be a legal agreement in place.

Discharge issues concerning the ditch that ultimately outflows into a pond next to Rakers' field. Previously, parishioners have drawn attention to the fact that the ditch is used by many but is only maintained by the landowners to the west, and have raised concerns about surface water issues and so on.

No due and expected diligence in the construction of the proposal, especially in relation to the alleged agreement of surrounding properties to the PTP proposals.

Cllr. Winslow had spotted some inaccuracies: St. Mary's church is not in Thompson. Bill Plant of Bill Plant driving school, died 18 months ago and there is no bus service in Thompson.

Councillors voted and there was a unanimous decision to OBJECT to this application.

12. To discuss any correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

13. AOB - To receive items for the next agenda.

Item 8 (This agenda) To discuss 'Welcome Letter' for new residents in Thompson, move to Sept. Drainage meeting on next agenda.

14. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 14 September 2021 starting at 7.30pm in Thompson Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.12

Signed

Date