Thompson Parish Council (TPC) Minutes of EXTRA MEETING of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Thompson Community Hall

Present: Jean Kaye Chair

Roy Shovelar Angus Welch Kate Winslow

Kim Austin Clerk

Also present: 1 member of the public.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies from ClIr. Gregory who had declared an interest in the planning application to be discussed and did not attend the meeting for this reason. RESOLVED to accept apologies from ClIr. Robertson who had work commitments.

2. To record declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest from those attending.

3. To discuss NEW planning application - 3PL/2019/0488/HOU

Applicant: Mr. Mrs. Gregory.

Location: Church Farmhouse Church Farm Thompson IP24 1QE

Proposed conversion of part of out-building to annex, ancillary to main dwelling.

Deadline for comments: 30 May 2019

Cllr. Winslow had no objections but asked that the annexe should not be allowed to be sold as a separate dwelling. Cllr. Shovelar had no objection. It was confirmed that the annex would not be used as a holiday let but would be used for family and friends. It would also provide accommodation, all on one level, which would benefit a family member. Cllr. Welch said the application was for conversion of an existing building to an annex which would be ancillary to the main dwelling. No substantive external change was planned, keeping within the existing curtilage. There was an intention to keep/enhance the vernacular. For these reasons, Cllr. Welch had no comment nor any objection to the application. It was confirmed that there was a brick chimney that was not shown on the drawing and the new metal or brick chimney, certainly would not be taller than the apex, so would not offend anyone. Cllr. Kaye asked for a show of hands and it was unanimous that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

The Clerk would post a vote of NO OBJECTION on the Breckland Planning website.

4. To discuss insurance quotes received and agree which Company should be used for Parish Council annual insurance 2019/2020. To get cheque signed.

Parish Council insurance is due for renewal on 1 June 2019. The current insurer, Zurich, provided a renewal premium of £422.57 (1 year) or £402.98 (3-year Long Term Agreement (LTA). The last 3 years cost £399.03 per annum. So, an extra £3.95 for a new LTA with Zurich).

Quote from Came & Company Ltd. (Inspire/AXA) is £344.74 (1 year) or £330 (3-year LTA). Quote from Business Services at Community Action Suffolk Ltd. is £218.40 (1 year) or £207.48 (3-year LTA). Insurer would be Royal & Sun Alliance.

Cllr. Kaye had provided a comparison spreadsheet. There were some differences but in the main the cover provided was similar. It was decided £10 million cover for Public liability was adequate. Business Services at CAS Ltd. Provided a very competitive quote – saving £195.50 per annum. It was a unanimous decision to insure with CAS for 3 years, proposed by Cllr. Shovelar and seconded by Cllr. Welch. The Clerk prepared a cheque for £207.48, that was signed by Cllrs. Kaye and Winslow.