



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in the Community Centre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** D Hooker J Mumford  
T Hooker R Gadsby  
Wendy Murphy – Clerk

5 Members of Public

**1. TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN WINNETT AND APPOINT A NEW CHARIMAN**

John Winnett was thanked for all he had done on the council over the past year. It was proposed and seconded and all in favour to appoint D Hooker as chairman for this meeting.

**2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Cllr Saul Penfold NCC  
Cllr John Toye NNDC

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None noted

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>TH</sup> January 2024 had previously been circulated these were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**

None

**6. COUNCIL VACANCIES**

2 residents have shown an interest in becoming councillors. The clerk will send them a co-option form.

**7. ADJORNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kay Montandon a councillor with Aylsham Town Council gave a presentation on Sustainable Transport for villages surrounding Aylsham. There is an event at Aylsham Town Hall promoting a Healthy Town initiative this is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 2pm-6pm stalls will include the NHS, Social Care and Private sectors. All welcome.

## **8. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY CONCILLORS**

No reports received

## **9. FINANCE AND REGULATORY**

9.1 The clerk confirmed that the balances on the bank account were £12,836.49 and £100.00

9.2 Payment list was produced and all payments were authorised. BACS payments will be made. The list will be put on the website.

9.3 To receive an update on John Bacon Charity – This is still being looked

9.4 To receive and agree the Garden Guardian Contract for 2024 – It was proposed by R Gadsby and seconded by J Mumford and all in favour to accept the contract.

## **10. THE GREEN**

10.1 Wildlife Area Management Committee – The pond and surrounding wildlife area has been fairly dormant over the winter period and the committee are now looking at maintenance and planting to enhance the habitat and area. They are looking at scarifying in the area around the recently planted tree. With the introduction of more rattle and possibly more wildflower seed. The inlet and outlet pipes are working efficiently in their role as part of the drainage system on the Green

10.2 Parking on the Green – It was agreed to ask residents at the Annual Parish Meeting to come forward with ideas.

10.3 Play area and other assets – The clerk is looking into a grant to replace the nest swing.

10.4 Village Green Tidy – It was agreed that this should be done 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. A parishioner will dispose of any spoil.

10.5 Placement of a temporary plant stall - D Hooker has spoken to the resident who made this request. They are going to keep their stall by their garden wall but have a sign on the green. This was agreed.

10.6 To receive an update on tree works – It was agreed to accept the tree report and proceed with the most urgent work to the large tree by the pond and the tree close to the hedge by the telephone box The tree surgeon has been asked to do this before the end of March.

## **11. PLANNING**

11.1 To discuss and make observations on any applications received. – None Received

11.2 Update on: PF/20/0578 – There is a response from Natural England on the application and NNDC are now waiting for an update from the applicant

## **12. PARISH MATTERS**

12.1 Drainage – Letter Box Gully – A request to Highways has been made for advice and help to provide a solution. The bay outside the Community Centre problem is alongside a manhole cover and a letterbox gutter with a short pipe into the manhole would appear to be a potential solution

12.2 Digital Update – T Hooker gave an update and confirmed that there seems to have been an underestimated concern from providers of the issues that local residents will have when this goes ahead. There has been a suggestion that local parishes identify sites within their parishes for Mobile Masts so that they have better connectivity in the future.

12.3 Village fayre update and agree any decisions made – Planning of this is going well. -The clerk will check to see if the Parish Council insurance has cancellation cover. It was agreed that all stall holders must have their own insurance.

12.4 Lighting update and agree any decisions made – It was proposed by T Hooker and seconded by R Gadsby and all agreed that 2 street lights be updated with LED amber lights. One outside Stone House and the other outside Community centre.

12.5 Flooding – to receive an update – following the last meeting D Hooker engaged with affected property owners and wrote to Anglian Water re this. They confirmed they would investigate and be in touch – D Hooker has not heard anything and will send a reminder.

### **13. TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing received

### **14. TO DISCUSS APPROACH BY HANWORTH PC RE RINGBACK LANE AND AGREE ANY DECISIONS TO BE MADE.**

Hanworth PC has contacted the Parish council regarding the possibility of creating a public footpath within the hedge line on Ringback Lane from the end of the Weaver’s Way path which joins the Lane down to Hanworth. It was proposed by T Hooker and seconded by D Hooker and all in favour to support this request.

### **15. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

New Website

### **16. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 6.30pm at The Community Centre followed by the Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.33pm