



## ALDBOROUGH and THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** D. Hooker (Chair) R. Gadsby (Vice-Chair) H. Hudson G. Fiske T. Hooker  
W. Murphy (Clerk) Cllr J.Toye (NNDC) Cllr S.Penfold (NCC)  
7 members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence** – J Mumford,

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

D Hooker item 8.1

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 had previously been circulated, had some corrections made. These were then confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**

The Sam 2 signs have moved. They will be going back to Erpingham at the end of November.

**5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner thanked the councillors and Richard for tidying up the pond.

It was noted that there is somebody living in a caravan at a house on the corner of Prince Andrew Close & Margaret Lilly Way – The clerk will report this to NNDC planning enforcement team. **WM**

A parishioner asked about the possibility of signs on the approach to the village Green requesting “No parking on the Green and keeping junctions clear”. A meeting is being sought with the Highways Engineer to discuss traffic related issues.

**6. REPORTS**

Cllr Penfold confirmed that the county deal has fallen apart with the change of government. There will be a change of structure and administration at NCC as they are concerned about the amount of money coming in from them from the government. He confirmed that Highways are under a lot of pressure at the moment and they have 4 members of staff looking after 10 parishes. He confirmed that there are elections at NCC next May. It was asked if Cllr Penfold would be able to at least half fund a SAM2 for the parish. The Clerk will send Cllr Penfold an email. **WM**

Cllr Toye confirmed that NNDC were setting their Budget. He confirmed that there had been no decisions yet for the pig farm planning application. He confirmed there had been as 9-million-pound funding from the Government for a new sports & Leisure complex at Fakenham. Cllr Toye confirmed that there is a housing crisis in north Norfolk and an amended Local Plan will be out next week for consultation. He confirmed that this shows 22 houses to be built in the parish which is classed as a small growth village.

## **7. FINANCE AND REGULATORY**

**7.1 Invoices and Payments** – Clerk Wages £1176.94, HMRC £294.20, T Hooker £105 (Reimbursement for Wayne Risbebrow clearing reed from the pond 3 hrs), Glasdon £153.82 (Dogg Poo Bin) Community Centre Hire £26 - all agreed and signed off by Chair

**7.2 Balance Sheet and Bank Statement** - these were received and noted.

**7.3 Budget Proposals 2025/2026** – As proposed by H Hudson and seconded by T Hooker and all in favour the Budget was received and agreed.

**7.4 Precept 2025/2026** – As proposed by R Gadsby and seconded by G Fiske and all in favour it was agreed to accept £13,500 as the Precept figure for 2025/2026

**7.5 Internal Auditor 2025/2026** - This had already been agreed in May council meeting.

## **8. THE GREEN**

### **8.1 Cricket and Cricket Sight Screens** –

DH outlined his contacts with the Cricket Club since the last PC meeting.

Email exchanges were copied to the Clerk and Councillors.

DH attended the Cricket Club committee meeting. Reminded the Cricket Club that it did not have any “Primacy” on the Green. Byelaws and legislation make it clear that only residents of the Parish have rights for recreation.

Cricket has played an important role in Village life over many years and long may it continue to do so, but, housekeeping has to improve.

It has always been the case that sight screens and other equipment are moved to winter storage.

The sight screens were brought to and built on site. No conversation took place with the Parish Council. The Club thought there had been a conversation.

The Cricket Club needed to make a formal approach.

Request and Proposition from the Cricket Club.

Can the screens remain on the Green?

- If so the ropes and screens will be removed from the frames and stored off site.
- The Cricket Clubs Public Liability cover will be in place. Confirmation to be sought.
- The Cricket Club will as already agreed repair the football goalmouth at no cost to the PC. Now done.
- The Cricket Club will purchase and install a new goal net for the youngsters.

As proposed by R Gadsby and seconded by H Hudson and with a majority vote with D Hooker abstaining it was agreed that the green byelaws allow for the Parish Council to allow for the Cricket Sight Screens to remain on the green.

This will be reviewed at the end of every season. D Hooker will liaise with the Cricket team to see if these can be stored together. **DH**

**8.2 Play area and other assets** – G Fiske confirmed there were no issues. DH confirmed that he will be redoing the noticeboards with Danish oil. **DH**

**8.3 Wildlife area and pond** – T Hooker confirmed that the pond had been cleared of reeds. This is the last year that volunteers will be able to do this and it was agreed for a quote to be sourced from Wayne Risebrow. **TH**

**8.4 Funding Bid** – T Hooker confirmed that as each element of the quote required 3 quotes it was becoming impossible to look at. The council thanked her for her work but agreed not to go ahead.

**8.5 Street Lighting** – As proposed by T Hooker and seconded by H Hudson and all in favour it was agreed the lights on all 7 Street lights. A quote had already been sourced from TT Jones for £2070.00 net and there will be an electricity cost saving. **TH**

## 9. PLANNING

### 9.1 To discuss and make observations on any applications received.

None received.

## 10. PARISH MATTERS

**10.1 Christmas arrangements including tree location** – The Christmas tree is funded by a parishioner and will be installed 1<sup>st</sup> December. The light switch on will be 8th December with Santa attending. A date will be arranged for carols around the tree. The tree will be taken down on 5<sup>th</sup> January. R Gadsby will ask the pub if they would like to provide mulled wine and mice pies. It was agreed for the tree to be moved further down the green near the electric box.

**10.2 Dog Bins** – The new bin has been installed at no cost to the PC adjacent to the Turgarton PC noticeboard. These are being emptied once every fortnight. The Chairman thanked the sponsors.

**10.3 Highway Parish Partnership** – The clerk confirmed she would chase Cllr Penfold to see when this was planned for.

**10.4 Website Update** – The clerk will make sure the budget and bank reconciliation are on the website. H Hudson will be helping with the upkeep. **WM, HH**

**10.5 TT Jones Contract** – T Hooker will contact TT Jones as the cost of this will change with the new lights being installed.

## 11. TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENCE

The Council has received a NNDC letter regarding a de-registering of Green at post box corner. It relates to the front garden area of "Fernleigh". PC's view is that it is not a de-registering issue but a correction of a crudely drawn plan. **WM/DH** will respond to NNDC

**12. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Christmas event update

Village Fayre update

**13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 20.28

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