



ALDBOROUGH and THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL Held in the Community Centre Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence –Cllr Saul Penfold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

D Hooker item 8.6, J Mumford item 10.5

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 1st July 2024 had previously been circulated, these were confirmed as a true record and both signed by the Chairman

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

None

5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parishioner was concerned about the hedges encroaching footpaths – T Hooker will contact Victory Housing. She will also speak to them about high fences being installed.

TH

The Chairman confirmed the request for a circus on the green had been made at short notice. This had been rejected and it was hoped that the request would come in earlier if the organisers would like this for next.

6. REPORTS

Cllr Toye confirmed that NNDC had been awarded the Gold Award from the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme in recognition of their commitment to the Armed Forces. He confirmed that there is a rural business and communities grant scheme that is running Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council are already in the process of applying (Agenda item 8.5)

7. FINANCE AND REGULATORY

7.1 Invoices and Payments - Glasdon £153.82 (Dog poo Bin), TT Jones £52.48 (Street Lighting Maintenance) M Anderson-Dungar £50.00 (Internal Audit Fee), NNDC £734.58 (Dog and Litter Bin– all agreed and signed off by Chair

7.2 New Financial Regulations - these had previously been received were discussed and it was proposed by TH and seconded by JM and all in favour to for them to be accepted. The Community Centre will be added to the Asset Register at a nil cost.

8. THE GREEN

8.1 Highways Partnership – Highways have been instructed to start with this work. The Clerk will get this chased up. **WM**

8.2 SAM2 – This will be placed outside the old antiques shop and then will move to near the village sign. **DH**

8.3 Wildlife area and pond – The group are currently scything and bailing. 28th September has been set to have a maintenance day at the pond. Some reeds will be removed up to December. There will be a final cut and seeding in October.

8.4 Playground – The annual ROSPA report has been received. There was nothing on it that was of an urgent matter. There will be a fortnightly inspection of the playgrounds done by G Fiske

8.5 Funding Bid – As proposed by JM and seconded by RG it was agreed to TH to pursue a rural business and communities grant to cover several areas. Including timings on street lights, re-instatement of two areas of grass and a new nest swing. **TH & WM**

8.6 Cricket Covers – D Hooker confirmed that due to bad weather he had pegged down the covers. These were left out due to them being wet after use. Once dry they were put away. It was proposed by JM and seconded by HH that the cricket square will be roped to let the grass recover. DH will do a sign. The Cricket Club confirmed that they will repair the goal mouth. **DH**

9. PLANNING

9.1 To discuss planning application RV/24/1710 The Old Stables Rectory Farm, Doctors Corner - No Objection

10. PARISH MATTERS

10.1 Website and Newsletter - The new website has been done and it was agreed that this is easier to view. TH to change to put a post on the Facebook re the new website address. HH will be given training so that she can help the clerk with the updating of the website. The newsletter will be A5 black and white and will be posted on the website and people's doors. The cost is £185.00 divided between parish council, community centre and village care. This will be done 4 – times per year. As proposed by TH and seconded by DH and all in favour it was agreed to contribute towards this cost. **TH,WM,HH**

10.2 Dog Bin – There is a new dog bin on Chapel Road and there has been another request for one near the noticeboard in Thurgarton. As proposed by RG and seconded by JM and all in favour it was agreed for this to be purchased. TH will organise this. **TH**

10.3 Permissive Path – This would be from Malthouse Lane land down to the gate. TH and GF will be meeting the landowner to see if this is possible. It was also discussed about vegetation on paths and roads. Highways only do this once a year and they are looking at trialing alternatives to weed killer. There will be another village clear up day arranged in the future. **TH, GF**

10.4 Bus Service – North Norfolk Community Transport have arranged for a bus to go to Norwich once a month – it was encouraged for residents to use this service or it will be lost.

10.5 Church Room – It was confirmed that this is not a parish council responsibility.

10.6 Wine Press – HH would like to give this some attention. It was proposed by JM and seconded by GF that this would be ok and any expenses be passed to the clerk for payment. **HH**

11. TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from T T Jones and it was proposed by TH and seconded by HH to extend the contract for another 3 months.

12. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Budget

Christmas events

13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th November 2024 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.57pm

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