



MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm in the Church Rooms

Present: Cllr P Chapman, Cllr R Gadsby, Cllr T Gibbons, Cllr R Hill, Cllr. B Botwright and Jane Wisson Clerk

Also in attendance: Norfolk County Councillor S Penfold and 10 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr P Hall and Cllr. J Toye
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations of disclosable pecuniary interests – none declared.

3. Public Participation

Concerns were raised by a parishioner about the state of the road with the need for scalping's to fill in holes – see 9.2

Concerns raised about safety of children in the play area – a request for a small hedge to be erected to minimise the ability to run directly onto the road – see 9.1

Speeding in the village is causing concerns and Cllr. B Botwright will be taking on looking into what can be achieved around the reduction of speed in the area. A parishioner passed on information about the website 20'splenty and further information will be passed on from the Clerk to Cllr. Botwright.

Concerns were raised about the trees on the green – Clerk to speak to the Tree officer at NNDC – an maintenance will be added to the wildlife management group plan in regards to the green maintenance

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022 and matters arising from those minutes – Clerk to correct and reissue. To confirm that insurance does not cover the event on the village green unless the Parish Council are running the event.

5. Reports

5.1. Reports from District Councillor and County Councillor – NNDC council was unable to attend

5.2. County Council update on the County deal and what this may mean – this would be a directly elected leader for the County with no impact on the District Council current activities. It would mean an investment of £600mil over a 30 year period. There will be a consultation period and we will know when that is due to start for all parishes to provide opinions. The deal would mean that the leader will be elected in 2024/5

- 5.3 Budget setting is currently being undertaken by the NCC and we are expecting to see an increase in the County requirements

6. Finance and Regulatory

- 6.1 To review and set precept for 2023 – it was agreed to increase the precept to £12000 – all agreed (this is following on from a further increase within the meeting to cover costs incurred for the scalplings) - **all agreed**
- 6.2 To receive balance sheet and report on bank reconciliation and approve list of payments of £4003.91 – **All agreed**
- 6.3 To review earmarked reserves – **All agreed**

7. The Green

- 7.1. Wildlife Area Management Committee – Cllr Gadsby updated the council on the activities of the management group- rattle has been planted with another lot to be planted in the spring
- 7.2. Play Safety equipment report – items from company on order and we are awaiting delivery
- 7.3. To discuss any other matters relating to the Green – Cllr. B Botwright has spoken to a number of the parishioners and have thought that a Cherry Tree would be a good idea – he will look into cost and the agreement is that it would be sited near the seat on the far side of the pond – this is commemorate the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth – Cllr.B. Botwright to obtain cost and bring back to Parish Council meeting.

8. Planning

- 8.1 To discuss and make observations on any applications received.
CL/22/2960 Land at Chestnut Farm – replacement of concrete farm yard
PF/22/2867 The Grange Harmers Lane, Thurgarton- Detached Domestic Garden Room -no objection
Update re:
PF/22/1536 Partial demolition of redundant barns and conversion to one dwelling - Main Barn At Manor Farm Thwaite Road Aldborough Norwich Norfolk NR11 7NR - ongoing
PF/20/0578 – Replacement livestock units for rearing 1900 pigs, etc – Rectory Farm, Doctors Corner, Aldborough Road - still ongoing
PF/21/0008 & PF/22/2134 Demolition of unsafe semi-detached structure and erection of two storey dwelling – next door to The Red Barn, The Green, Aldborough – approved – Clerk to remove

7.2 To discuss and make observations on any application received after the date of this Agenda – none received. However a question has been raised as to why these are not debated at a parish council meeting – Cllr. P Chapman explained that the applications are passed to councillors to review and comment before the meeting as we are on strict timescales and that if there is a controversial one a special meeting could be called to discuss. Usually the meetings are to ratify decisions.

7.3 Any other planning matters to discuss

9. Parish Matters

- 9.1. Playground Fence – Concerns raised by parishioners around the play area and the Clerk to apply for a grant to pay for the purchase of relevant bushes to provide a box hedge obtain grant before the end of February. Hedge to be the same height as the bollards
 - 9.2. Road repairs behind phone box and around The Green – Cllr T Gibbons to obtain price and arrange delivery agreement from another parishioner to store for the parish council to use to repair – Cllr T Gibbons to report at next parish meeting
 - 9.3. Emergency plan – Cllr. R Hill reported that an initial draft plan has been developed and is now in its 3rd revision – and this will be an organic document and will continue to be updated as aspects of the plan grow – a number of volunteers have come forward but further support is needed – a need to understand who are our most vulnerable people in the village are so to ensure that any support needed is provided in a timely manner. An advert to be placed on the noticeboard and website.
 - 9.4. Cricket team protection nets – to be postponed till Cllr P. Hall can attend a meeting. However a parishioner did explain that potential further development of the games to include T20 style matches on a Tuesday/Thursday. Events to be notified to the Parish Clerk.
 - 9.5. Drainage – Clerk updated that whilst we had hoped this would be completed in December it has been delayed due to Norfolk County Council Highways current workloads – Clerk to chase again for the March meeting.
 - 9.6. John Bacon Charity Fund – Clerk to liaise with parishioner to try and resolve the situation moving forward.
- 10.** To deal with correspondence – nothing to deal with
- 11.** Any other matters for information only or next Agenda – Cricket nets if required to be carried over

Meeting closed at 8.29pm

Next Parish Council meeting is March 6th 2023 7pm at Community Centre.