

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2020 at 9.30am by VIDEOCONFERENCE of Thurston Parish Council.

Present (by video): Cllrs. Rainbow (Chair), Cllrs. Morris, Thurlbourn, Towers and West. Also in attendance (by video): Mrs V Waples, Parish Clerk.

1. OPENING – the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council took the role of Chair for the meeting and opened the meeting advising all that the Video Protocol adopted by the Parish Council, would be enacted for this meeting. A copy of the Protocol is available from the Clerk or can be downloaded from the website: <https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/policies-procedures-and-strategy/>
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –
 - a) Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr. West due to personal commitments.
 - b) The meeting agreed to accept the apologies as submitted.
3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25 –
 - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – there were no declarations declared for the agenda under discussion.
 - b) To receive requests for dispensations – none had been received prior to the meeting. at 10.30am in the Parish Council Office, New Green Centre, Thurston.
4. PUBLIC FORUM – Members of the public –

to receive questions and matters of concern from those present on the agenda under discussion – there were no members of the public present
5. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR THURSTON -
 - a) To map out those areas that have become prone to flooding over the course of 2019/2020 - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk/>

The meeting received the current list of areas prone to flooding in the village and agreed to add the following areas:

 - Pokeridge Corner – road gully appears to be solid and forever closed. It was queried as to whether this was only a soakaway
 - Barton Road / Heath Road at bottom of Old Norton Road
 - Beyton Road by Cracknells – drain not fitted and gullies not emptied
 - Pepper Lane / Church Road junction – again issue of drains not being emptied

It was acknowledged that the flooding along Barton Road just past the farm near Barton Mere was on occasions caused by the level of the Mere itself.

All agreed that over the coming months, the areas would be revisited and the list brought up to date with any new areas of concern, aif.

It was also agreed that it would be useful once the amended list was agreed that the areas should be uploaded onto a map to allow a visual record to be kept.
 - b) To carry out a review of the status of the grit bins within the village – it was agreed that all would review the grit bins from the list compiled by the Clerk and matters taken in hand to bring the list up-to-date and ensure all bins were suitably replenished and in good working order.
 - c) To review the documentation for inclusion on the parish website/Village Information Booklet - all were in agreement that the information contained within the document should be used and no amendments were required, aif.

So approved at the meeting of 14.01.2021

- d) To note the information that has recently been published with regards to the continuation of the COVID-19 Emergency Plan and consider whether amendments or updates are required – discussion followed as to how this information and in fact any information coming forth from the parish council should be distributed to new residents. It was agreed that the most recent article in the newsletter should be amended with an appropriate slant to new residents and distributed as soon as practically possible once the NACs were known for the area.
6. TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ARAS THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED IN TERMS OF EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR THURSTON – there were none raised.
7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING – this was confirmed as being Thursday 12th November 2020 at 9.30am.
8. CLOSE OF MEETING - There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05.am.