

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston.

Present: Cllrs. Dashper (Chair), Cllrs. Haley, Morris, Rainbow and West. Also in attendance: Mrs Waples, Parish Clerk and Mrs King, Deputy Clerk.

1. **OPENING** – the Chairman opened the meeting advising all that the Protocol adopted by the Parish Council for reporting at Parish Council Meetings, 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** –
 - a) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Cornell due to a personal commitment and Cllr. Hay due to a work commitment.
 - b) The meeting agreed to accept the apologies submitted, aif.
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 such declarations received.
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – there were none declared.
 - c) To receive requests for dispensations – none had been received prior to the meeting.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM - to receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda submitted:**
 - a) From members of the public present – there were no members of the public present.
 - b) Written representations submitted prior to the meeting – none had been submitted to the Clerk.
5. **TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND DETERMINE THE REVISED WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE SITES PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AS PART OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR LAND SUITABLE FOR RECREATIONAL SPACE / OPEN SPACE:**
 - a) Recreation Field at Heath Road – the size of the land was considered to be approx. 0.4 hectare acre. The Clerk was asked to check with the Case Officer as to the status of the footpath that is to run from Grange Park behind Heather Close to link up to Heath Road and the Sustrans 51 Cycle Route – this was to be added to the assessment once clarity has been achieved. All agreed that the neutral status was to remain if the land was to be considered in isolation, aif.
 - b) Thurston Relief in Need Charity Land – Heath Road – it was agreed to change the words with regards to residential use to replicate those words shown under Heath Road ie elderly care and to insert the site size as approx.. 3.40 hectares taking into account the current planning application on this site. The overall assessment of slightly positive was supported.
 - c) Previous Primary School site – School Lane – it was agreed that the title for this should be Redundant School Site, All noted the current dialogue is about utilisation of the area and therefore the assessment has been updated in general terms of recreational facilities coming forward. With those changes and looking at it for community use the status of slightly positive was supported by all, aif.
 - d) Recreation Field, Church Road – following agreement to remove the suggestion of a gym trail on the grounds that sufficient were being offered to the village, all supported the slightly negative status.
 - e) Open Space, New Green – it was noted that between six – eight car parking spaces could be lost due to the recycling centre and cabinetry associated with the new mast. Following further discussion over the location of the New Green Space in terms of housing (including sheltered housing) it was agreed that, subject to the amendments discussed, the overall assessment should reflect that this is a registered Open Space and that there is no room for expansion of built facilities in the open space area. Site is effectively developed to capacity at the present time. All agreed that the assessment should be amended to slightly negative.

So signed by the Chair at the meeting of 1st December 2021

f) Plum Pudding Field – whilst there were significant constraints with this site in the first instance, all agreed that with significant investment and appropriate mitigation measures this site should be graded as neutral and the assessment amended to reflect that partnership working would be required to bring this site forward, aif.

6. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS: all to take place in Thurston Community Library unless the agenda specifies otherwise.

- a) Policy & Resources Committee – 19th November 2021 – commencing at 10.30am
- b) Recreational Facilities Committee Meeting – 24th November 2021 – commencing at 6.30pm
- c) Full Council Meeting – 1st December 2021 – commencing at 7.00pm
- d) Climate Awareness and Committee Meeting – 8th December 2021 – commencing at 6.00pm
- e) Planning Committee Meeting – 15th December 2021 – commencing at 7.00pm

7. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed:

- a) To receive an update from the Clerk on land that is to form the basis of a feasibility study by the joint steering group set up to evaluate areas to be considered as suitable for recreational space in Thurston and in particular as suitable for a wheeled facility – the meeting received an update in which it was noted that whilst the site to the east of Ixworth Road might be suitable for consideration moving forward, there were a number of planning constraints that would need to be satisfied prior to further consideration of this site.
- b) To receive an update on further parcels of land that might be forthcoming as potential sites for recreational space – the meeting received an update on discussions that were ongoing with regards to Plum Pudding Field and the Redundant Primary School Site.

8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – there being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.49.

Appendix A - Glossary of Common Abbreviations used

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BUAB	Built Up Area Boundary
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
CC	Credit Card
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Chq.	Cheque
Cllr.	Councillor
CMP	Construction Management Programme
Cttee.	Committee
DC	District Council
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
DD	Direct Debit
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
JR	Judicial Review
LAIS (from SALC)	Local Association's Information Services
LGBCE	Local Government Boundary Commission for England
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MSDC	Mid Suffolk District Council
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NR	Network Rail
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
Pdf	Portable Document Format
PIISG	Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group
Rec.	Recreation
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer
SARS	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	SaferNeighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
SPS	Suffolk Preservation Society
TCC	Thurston Community College
TNPSG	Thurston Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TRO	Traffic Regulation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations