

Minutes of a Meeting of
THOMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on 17th March 2009

1. Present:

Mr Johnson (chairman): Mr Robertson: Mrs Josiah: Mrs Winslow: Mr Gregory, Mrs Sharp, Dr. Murphy.
Three members of the public and Mr Monson of N.C.C.

2. Apologies:

None

3. Declaration of Interests:

No declaration of interests

4. Minutes of the last meeting:

As circulated were approved.

Also Minutes of the planning committee meeting held in February.

5. Matters arising:

Mrs Tyler asked if the laptop computer owned by the Council but now redundant could be donated to Wayland Community High School. This was subsequently proposed by Vice-Chairman and seconded by Mrs Winslow and agreed unanimously

Mrs Sharp said the Parish Council's Training Day had been fixed for 19th May. Stow Bedon would be sending 4, Merton 1, Greta Hockham 3 with 5 from Thompson.

NCC Highways had sent detailed plans of the new footpaths planned for Hallfield, School and Tottington roads. The members made clear that they were unhappy with the proposals and Mr Monson agreed to contact the department forthwith.

Suspension of Meeting:

The Chairman suspended the meeting for public participation.

Mrs Ann Scott presented a letter from the Millennium Green Trustees asking the Parish Council to act as the sole Trustee for the Millennium Green. The existing trustees would retire and then form the basis of a committee which would manage the Green.

The Chairman said a full proposal would need to be put to the Council at its next meeting in May.

Mr Monson gave a report from N.C.C.: He said the County Council's element of Council Tax had been increased by 2.95%.

The County Council had received four stars from the Audit Commission for its financial performance. The decision by the Secretary of State on which proposal for the unitary authority would be published on 15th July. Recycling in the County was now at 44% of waste and it was hoped that would reach 60% in the near future. Although market prices for recyclable waste have dropped, the County Council were still able to sell all of their waste

Mrs Halls raised the question of providing a defibrillator for use of the village residents. The Watton First Response would help to meet the cost but at least £1000 more was needed. She produced a leaflet for all members a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Some discussion took place regarding where it would be sited and who would use it. The P.C. would discuss it again at next meeting after Councillor had time to consider the

opinion of the residents.

Meeting resumed

7. Correspondence

- a. Letter from STANTA detailing training activities during the coming months. There would a considerable increase in all forms of gunfire beginning on 18th May and continuing through to the late Autumn
- b. TPOs on two trees along Griston Road had been renewed.

8 Resolutions:

There were none

9. Finance

Parish Clerk's salary, £358.94 was paid by cheque.

A request for assistance from the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service was refused.

10. Reports

Wayland Partnership

Mrs Tyler reported that the Spring Art Event had been a success and the meeting held at Barn Ruche Masonic Centre to inaugurate the Heritage Project which would be running for the next three years was well attended. All the offices in Wayland House are now let.

All the Trustees of the Partnership (including Jan Godfrey) have to resign this year and cannot not stand for re-election which has the potential of causing a big problem.

Chairman's Report.

The contractors were about to start the demolition of Red Brick Farm and the Contractors would be using the southern entrance. He had also talked to Mr Raker concerning the damage done to the verges in the village caused by some of his contractors involved in harvesting sugar beet and vegetables.

At Breckland's Parish Forum there had been a lengthy description of the proposed digital CCTV system. This would be continually monitored. The system had a large capacity and it was hoped that businesses would buy into it and install cameras which would be monitored as well. It might in future years be possible to extend the service to private properties.

11. Planning

Permission had been granted for the demolition of 1 & 2 Airey Houses and the building of three replacement units.

12. Mr Robertson asked the Parish Clerk if she would contact NCC Highways about the over-hanging fir hedge on the Stow Bedon Road.

13. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 26th May 2009

Meeting Closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting



J. R. Johnson, Chairman