

Minutes of Thompson Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th March 2010 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Resignation of Chairman

Before the start of the meeting, Gabbie Sharp read out a letter of resignation from Councillor Jimmy Johnson. He has retired from active involvement with the council. He has also relinquished his responsibilities as Trustee of the Townland Charity and Book Keeper for the Village Hall Committee.

A Notice of Vacancy has been signed and posted on the village board. Councillor Sharp will now hold the chair until the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Present

Councillors : Mrs Gabbie Sharp (chair), Mr. Ian Robertson, Mrs. Jean Josiah, Mrs. Kate Winslow, Mr. Duncan Gregory, Dr. Anthony Murphy (RFO)
Clerk: Rosemary Martin and three parishioners

2. **Apologies for absence** Apology received from Phil Cowen, he had to attend another meeting

3. **Declaration of interest** None declared.

4. Approval of minutes of the meetings held on 19th January 2010

Kate Winslow, asked that the words "Millennium Green" were added to section 9 c) paragraph three, and "Agreed to" was replaced by "Agreed the" in section 10 b). The minutes were then confirmed unanimously as a correct record, and signed by the chair.

5. Matters Arising

Breckland grant funds for AED project.(G Sharp). Still waiting for funds.

Police traffic control speed guns: After discussion the council agreed to request the police to provide a 'Make Sam Smile' car near the school.

Police statistics for Thompson will no longer be included in the total for Walton. A monthly letter will be sent when crimes are committed in Thompson. (See Appendix 1)

6. Suspension of meeting for public participation

Parishioners supported the decision to get in a 'Make Sam Smile' Car.

Asked about possibility of a mirror to be placed on the corner of Church Corner and Pockthorpe. Not possible, but extra signage and more chevrons have been requested and agreed for this area.

Meeting re-convened.

7. Correspondence not already notified.

Anglian water bill for village hall	Passed to Ian
Norfolk playing field assoc. membership form (£20);	Resolved unanimously to join.
Office for National Statistics Monthly Business Survey	Clerk to complete. Clerk to research how VAT payments can be reclaimed by the council
Norfolk ALC – Gypsy and Traveler Conference 22/03/2010	Noted
Lakes Landscaping specialists - advert	Filed
Initial Training for Clerks and Councillors 25/03/2010	Resolved unanimously that Clerk should attend.
BDC Nuisance Complaint Procedure	Clerk to post on Village notice boards
Bookworm event proposed chainsaw sculpture competition.	Include on next agenda

8. Reports

a) Clerk

b) Financial Officer

Thompson Parish Council – Community Account

Community Account - opening balance 11/01/10)

3,788.62

		<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
10/3/10	100397		67.20
		Rosemary Allen	
10/3/10	100398	Rosemary Allen	30.76
16/3 /10	100399	BT PLC	1.00

Closing balance (13/03/10)

3689.73

Business Saver Account balance (08/12/09)

1,600.77

b) Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

Ian reported progress on proposed extension. Agreed unanimously that information be posted in various locations around the village. (notice boards, pub, school, church), and the subject to be added to the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. The requirement for a new book keeper to be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting.

c) Chair

Salt Bins

It was agreed unanimously that wooden bins would be more appropriate for the village. The existing wooden bins need repairs to the hinges. Kate to get quotes for wooden bins, and also the replacement of existing hinges and repair of broken leg on seat in bus shelter.

Wayland Partnership

It was agreed unanimously to send Wayland Partnership a cheque for £300 to. RFO to action.

Trustee of Town Land Charity

It was agreed unanimously that Kate will replace Jimmy as Trustee of Townland Charity.

Payroll of the Parish Council

It was agreed unanimously that Gabbie will take on payroll of parish council.

9. Village Survey

The results and analysis of the village survey to be re-sent to Councillors. Gabbie to comment. Duncan to put together some information for the Waylander.

10. Disaster Planning

Ian has retired from this post. Anthony to talk to BDC about liaison arrangements during emergencies.

11. Funding Date passed

12. Planning Applications 3PL/2010/0056/LB was circulated to councillors, there were no objections. This application is still under consideration.

13. Date of next meeting Next meeting to be held on 25th May, 7:00 pm start

14. AOB (Items for the agenda of the next meeting)

Replacement of village notice board by the church Additional cheque book signatory.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

Signed

Date:

APPENDIX 1

PCSO Tonya Winsley addressed the Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Police Initiatives

PCSO Winsley outlined some of the initiatives the police have started to bring themselves into the community, viz: the Bill Barrow at the monthly farmers market in Walton, the weakly 'Cops and Coffee' sessions on Wednesdays at the Surge in Watton, and the Wayland Young Riders Club, to educate young motorcyclists about safe riding and bike maintenance.

Speeding

The Watton Safer Neighbourhood team now have a speed gun. The "Make SAM SMILE' car was very successfully used in Watton recently. PCSO Winsley will ask PCSO Joe Jermy to arrange for the Make SAM SMILE car to come out to the village.

Crime figures

Recently, the monthly crime figures have included statistics for Thompson in the Watton figures. Thompson Councillors would like to see the figures for the village separated out. PCSO Winsley reported that they are looking to change the monthly figures, only sending a letter if there has been a crime committed that month. This figure will only be for Thompson. PCSO Winsley left some posters behind which will be posted on the village boards.