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**Thompson Parish Council**  
Minute of the Annual meeting held in  
Thompson Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

**Present:** Gabbie Sharp, Jean Josiah, Ian Robertson, Kate Winslow, Duncan Gregory, Anthony Murphy, 5 Members of the public, Mr Cowen (Breckland Councillor) and Mr Monson (Norfolk County Councillor).

The meeting was immediately suspended to hear reports from County and District Councillors.

Ian Monson, County Councillor reported that in time the Council expected to get money back from the Icelandic Banks.

The prospect of a Unitary Authority for Norfolk is now dead except for in Norwich. This will lead to duplication of services and an increase of some costs to the County Council.

After a very hard winter extra money has been allocated for road repairs and top dressing which will be carried out as priority dictates.

The Fire Brigade is undergoing modernisation and efficiencies being made this should improve target times in getting to emergencies.

78% of Norfolk is open to the public and Norfolk has 5 officers looking after public rights of way.

Council is also sponsoring Health Walks in market towns.

The Council is looking at positioning some recycling centres nearer to population centres in an attempt to increase their use.

Phil Cowen, District Councillor reported that the banking crisis has not affected costs and that Breckland were now looking at reducing costs in conjunction with South Norfolk Council by sharing some of the management and service delivery teams.

The Local Development Framework becomes effective from the end of 2010.

Pride in Breckland campaign is underway and sponsoring schemes such as adopt a box (phone). Mr Cowen is to put us in contact with other councils looking at using ex BT telephone boxes.

## **1. Election of Officers**

**1.1. Chairman:** Gabbie Sharp announced that for personal reasons she was resigning both as Chairman and as Parish Councillor with immediate effect and withdrew from the meeting. No nominations for Chairman were received prior to the meeting but Jean Josiah proposed and Ian Robertson seconded Kate Winslow as Chairman, there were no further nominations, and the vote was carried unanimously.

**1.1.1. To receive chairman's acceptance of office:** The Clerk received Kate Winslow's acceptance of office.

**1.2. Vice Chairman:** Ian Robertson proposed and Jean Josiah seconded Duncan Gregory as Vice-Chairman. The vote was carried unanimously.

**1.3. Responsible Financial Officer:** Anthony Murphy agreed to continue as Responsible Financial Officer.

**1.4. Appointment of representatives to outside bodies:** Trustees of village organisations remain unchanged.

**1.5. Appointment of sub-committees:** There are no Sub-committees.

## **2. To consider payment of any subscriptions falling to be paid annually**

**2.1. Insurance:** It was decided to renew the Council's Insurance which now handled for Allianz plc by Aon Ltd

**2.2. Membership of NALC:** It was decided to renew the Council's membership of Norfolk Association of Local Councils

## **3. Apologies for absence:** None

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4. **Declaration of interest:** None
5. **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010:** The minutes were unanimously approved without change and signed by the chairman.
6. **Matters arising:**
  - 6.1. **Make Sam Smile:** Nothing further to report
  - 6.2. **Salt Bins:** Nothing further to report
  - 6.3. **Village Survey:** Nothing further to report
  - 6.4. **Disaster Planning:** Anthony Murphy to contact Breckland Council for advice.
  - 6.5. **To fill the vacancy of Councillor by co-option:** Nic Fournier was co-opted as a member of Thompson Parish Council. Nic Fournier's acceptance of office has been received by the Clerk.
  - 6.6. **Breckland grant funds:** A cheque has been received for £155 which has been ring fenced for the AED project.
  - 6.7. **Replacement of village notice board outside the church:** The current notice board at the Church is damaged and it is felt to be too small. The Clerk is contact Stow Bedon Council who have recently installed a new notice board.
  - 6.8. **Review of cheque signatories:** It was agreed that the signatories would be: Kate Winslow, Ian Robertson and Duncan Gregory.
7. **Correspondence not already notified:**
  - 7.1. **Battle Area Activity:** Notification of Battle area activity to January 2011 has been received and passed on to Mrs Tyler for inclusion in The Waylander.
  - 7.2. **Breckland Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document:** The document and DVD will be circulated to Councillors
8. **Reports**
  - 8.1. **Chairman:** The chairman had nothing to add to the reports previously given at the Annual Parish Meeting.
  - 8.2. **Responsible Financial Officer:** The RFO presented a summary of the accounts which are attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.
  - 8.3. **Clerk:** The Clerk had nothing to report.
9. **Planning:**
  - 9.1. **Application 3PL/2010/0056/LB College Gate, College Road, Thompson:** Permission granted.
  - 9.2. **Application 3PL/2010/0322/F Airey Houses, Tottington Road, Thompson:** was circulated to council members, there were no objections. This application is still under consideration.
  - 9.3. **Application 3PL/2010/0308/LB Westend Cottage, Tottington Road, Thompson:** there were no objections but a letter was sent to Breckland Planning in re-iterating and supporting the comments made by the owners of the attached property. This application is still under consideration.
10. **Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010
11. **Any other business (for agenda of next meeting)**

The Meeting closed at 21:30.

Chairman  
Thompson Parish Council

15<sup>th</sup> July 2010