

THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

4. Planning

- Planning Application 2020/2380 was discussed and the Parish Council makes No comment.

5. Finance –

- To approving the following invoices for payment:
- To approve Payment to Parish Clerk Alan Arber for December salary and expenses £614.97
- To approve payment to Norfolk pension Fund for Clerks Pension £206.57
- To approve payment to Gary Bentley for Village maintenance £180.00
- To approve payment to Wacton PC for shared software costs £49.50
- To approve payment to GLS for work on Hapton Project £7902.00
- Clerk also produced a Financial report and that showed the council to be in good financial health.
- **To agree the proposed budget for 2021-2022**
- **To approve precept figure of £23,625.00**
Proposed Victor Blake Seconded Nick Potter

6. Highways – to receive any updates regarding highways and footpaths.

- Highway issues
Three parishioners had contacted the clerk on issues around flooding in Tharston and these had all been reported to highways.
Chairman Nick Potter asked the Clerk to contact Highways and thank them for all their hard work around our parish the last few months and the clerk also commented that we have a good working relationship with Highways.
- To discuss the Proposed Long Stratton new development
David Gunton commented that there was nothing to report.

7. To receive an update on the following current issues and to consider any necessary actions:

- Tree warden's Report
No report
- Footpath Issues
Nothing reported.
- Village maintenance
We have now received the grant payment from Norfolk County Council that was donated by Alison Thomas for the renovation of the old road signs that Gary Bentley is currently undertaking.
A question was asked on the changes to the verge cutting and the clerk commented he would email all councillors on this issue for their thoughts.
Chairman Nick Potter commented that as long as it did not affect safety of drivers, he was okay with it. It was agreed after a discussion that some councillors were unhappy with the entrance to the new field as they felt it hindered disabled parishioners from accessing the field. The chairman agreed to speak to GLS on this.
It was agreed The Clerk would email the rights of way officer as nothing had been heard regarding the old gates on Hapton Meadow.

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8. To receive an update on the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

The email of our resolution on this has been sent to Long Stratton Town Council.

9. To receive and update on the Hapton land purchase

The Clerk reported that South Norfolk Council had agreed that the Parish Council could use the remaining CIL monies as long as we provided a good business plan on the project. It was agreed that The Clerk and David Gunton would put together a draft project plan for all councillors to see and then a special meeting would be held on the project and it was agreed it must not be rushed and done correctly. It was also agreed that Grants would be looked at when they become available.

10. To discuss Parish Projects

- Newsletter
The Spring newsletter is currently being worked on and it would include a questionnaire for parishioners to reply to on the make up of the new field project. The Clerk will work with Councillor Tim ward on this.
- Sam Machine
Still being moved around the parish by Vic but due to Covid we are unable to download.
- Phone box
Potential sites to be looked at for the siting of the phone box in Tharston Meadows area
- Parish Councillors/Clerk training
Clerk reported that he had written 13 of the 30 learning orders and has now received his log in details to start submitting his work.
- Village Hall Fundraising ideas
No Comments on this
- The Vision
No Comments on this
- New Community Area Funding ideas
No comments on this
- WW2
No Comments on this
- Surveyors Land
A detailed discussion took part on this issue and it was agreed The Chairman would speak with the Tenant to find out his thoughts on keeping the tenancy or handing it back to The Parish Council

11. To discuss Speeding in the Parish and the setting up of a Parish Speed watch group

The Speed watch group have all been cleared to participate but due to Covid the initial training was still to take place.

12. Public Participation (10 minutes)

No Comments

13. To receive items for the next agenda.

Internet banking

Surveyors land

S106 Obligations in Tharston Meadows

Meeting finished at 8.04pm

Next meeting TBC