

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extra-Ordinary MEETING held on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 19.00pm by VIDEOCONFERENCE of Thurston Parish Council.

Present (by video): Cllrs. Dashper (Chair), Cornell, Haley, Hay, Morris, Rainbow, Thurlbourn, Towers, Turner and West. Also in attendance (by video): Mrs V Waples, Parish Clerk.

1. **OPENING** – the Chairman opened the meeting advising all that the Video Protocol adopted by the Parish Council, 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) There were no applicable apologies for absence as all Councillors were present.
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 declarations declared.
 - 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. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
 - a) 4TH November 2020
 - b) 18th November 2020

The meeting noted that the minutes of the meetings of the above meetings will be presented for approval at the meeting of 2nd December 2020 .
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** - due to government advice relating to public meetings, it was confirmed that the Meeting ID and Password for this meeting had been made available via the website and the parish noticeboards for those who wished to join the meeting.
 - to receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on the agenda for the evening – there were no members of the public present.
6. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**
 - a) 2nd December 2020 – full Council Meeting – via Zoom - commencing at 7.00pm
 - b) 9th December 2020 – full Council Meeting - open to all – via Zoom – commencing at 7.00pm
 - c) 16th December 2020 – Recreational Facilities Committee Meeting – via Zoom – commencing at 6.00pm
 - d) 16th December 2020 – Committees Meeting – via Zoom – commencing at 7.45pm
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 resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting to consider negotiations over a possible land transaction as publicity of the options being offered is likely to prejudice the position of the council: *all were in agreement that no members of the public should be allowed access to the meeting for this subject matter and that the proposal as written was agreed, aif.*

to receive and discuss information on negotiations over a possible land transaction involving the parish council – the Chair and Clerk provided the meeting with a synopsis of the discussion that had previously taken place over the land that had planning permission for educational use; the requirements of SCC and the Parish Council's aspirations for the balance of the land not required

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by SCC. All were made aware that original offers appeared to have changed and that, following the meeting attended by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk on 13th November with SCC and MSDC Infrastructure Officers, the PC were now being asked to give SCC a steer as to its desired outcome and the manner in which it would consider achieving this outcome. Discussion followed over the use of the land, means of obtaining the land and the manner in which the PC was dependent upon the assistance of others in achieving its aims and aspirations.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED

It was proposed and agreed that the PC agreed to respond to SCC confirming that it is interested in participating in the process of obtaining the land for the benefit of the community and as defined, and once their response has been gauged, will proceed to assess the land in terms of benefit to the community versus value of land and will draw up a full business plan to explore all funding streams in the purchase and delivery of the areas (as defined), aif.

- b) To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting to consider legal advice from council's solicitor as publicity of it is likely to prejudice the legal position of the council: *all were in agreement that no members of the public should be allowed access to the meeting for this subject matter and that the proposal as written was agreed, aif.*

to receive and consider further information on the potential Judicial Review against Mid Suffolk District Council on the decisions made at the the meeting of Mid Suffolk District Council's Planning Referrals Committee on 29th January 2020 for the application on land South West of Beyton Road, Thurston, Suffolk – Bloor Homes/Sir George Agnew and on land to the East of Ixworth Road, Thurston, Suffolk – Gladman Developments Ltd - the meeting was updated with the latest comments from the Council's legal team which made reference to the fact that they were still waiting the issue of the planning permission of the Bloor Homes following the completion of the section 106 agreement. They had also confirmed to those acting on behalf of MSDC that once the permission has been granted for the Gladman proposals they would also be issuing proceedings in relation to that site as well.

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Reference was made to the granting of Permission to Apply for Judicial Review for a site in Woolpit. It was noted that the grounds for this claim were similar to those being put forward by the Council's own legal team. Further updates on comments made by the Council's legal team were provided to the meeting.

- 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING** – there being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.38.

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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
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