

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thurston Planning Committee MEETING held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston.

Present: Cllrs. Rainbow (Chair), Balaam, Morris, and West. Also in attendance: Mrs. V Waples, Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **OPENING** – the Chair opened the meeting advising all that the Protocol adopted by the Parish Council for reporting at Parish Council Meetings, 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 FOR ABSENCE** –
 - a) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Dashper due to a personal commitment.
 - b) **Council consented to accept the apologies given, aif.**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
 - a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – there were no such declarations received.
 - b) To receive notification of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – there were no such notifications received.
 - c) To receive declarations of lobbying for items on the agenda - there were no declarations submitted.
 - d) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with Council’s Dispensation Policy – the meeting was informed that none had been submitted for determination.
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**
 - a) 14th December 2022 - **approval of the minutes as previously circulated was given along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, aif.**
5. **PUBLIC FORUM:** – there were no matters relating to planning in Thurston to be brought to the Council’s attention.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**
 - a) DC/23/00274 - Householder Application - Conversion of garage into additional living space and erection of first floor side extension 2 The Drift – it was agreed that overall the application appears to be comprehensive and the materials to be used would replicate those in existing and would aesthetically tidy the building / roofline. It was noted that there appeared to be sufficient space within the curtilage of the grounds to not impact on parking. **All agreed to support the application as submitted, aif.**
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY:**
 - a) DC/22/04853 – Withdrawal of application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Existing use or development - This Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) submission seeks to establish that there is unrestricted residential occupancy of no. 1 Mill Lane, Thurston, IP31 3QA and the long standing C3 Residential Use @ 1 Mill Lane.
 - b) DC/20/00585 – Dismissal of Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/22/3299568 for the erection of dwelling with associated works, including provision of landscaping and internal access road @ Harveys Garden Plants, Great Green.
 - c) DC/22/05628 – Planning permission for the erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory); construction of 6 no. dormer windows in conjunction with loft conversion @ 1 Mill Lane.

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- d) DC/22/05811 – Planning permission for the erection of single storey front porch extension; erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to playroom/store and construction of pitch roof replacing existing flat roof @ 20 Birch Road.
- e) DC/21/04549 – Planning Permission for the erection of a 54 no. unit extra care Affordable Housing scheme comprising of 40 apartments, 14 bungalows and communal areas with associated car parking and landscaping @ land on the South Side of Heath Road
- f) DC/22/05780 – Discharge of Conditions for application 5070/16 – Condition 24 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) @ land on the North Side of Norton Road
- g) DC/22/03551 - Discharge of Conditions for application 5070/16 – Condition 5 (External Lighting) @ land at Meadow Lane.
- h) SCC/0121/22MS – Planning Permission for the 18 additional car parking spaces for school use, using part of the existing Grasscrete area adjacent to the playing field and the Air Training Corps car park @ Thurston Community College, Norton Road.

8. PLANNING MATTERS RELATING TO / CONNECTING TO THURSTON

- a) West Suffolk Local Plan Timeline – Local Development Scheme – January 2023 – Council noted the amended timelines.

9. PLANNING MATTERS IN GENERAL

- a) To note the release of the Planning Newsletters from the Chief Planner (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) January 2023 – Council noted the release of the newsletter covering amongst others: the consultation on amendments to the NPPF (closing date 2 March 2023); Active England: supporting cycling and walking through the planning system and the launch of a new toolkit for Local Authorities published to maximise the benefits of trees and woodlands in communities across England.
- b) Levelling Up and Regeneration – all were made aware of the proposed forms to the planning system through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The main proposals of interest to the council would be: the process for preparing local plans will be simplified and made quicker; more planning policies will be set nationally; rules about notifying parish councils about planning applications affecting their area will be strengthened – they should be notified of all planning applications not just those submitted to the local planning authority; a locally-set, mandatory non-negotiable levy will replace s106 planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy. The neighbourhood share (15%, rising to 25% if the area is covered by a Neighbourhood Plan) of the new levy will be retained; some aspects of neighbourhood planning will be amended and strengthened, a 'street votes' system will be introduced that would permit residents to propose development on their street and hold a vote on whether it should be given planning permission and local and neighbourhood plans will be given more weight when making decisions on applications, so that there must be strong reasons to override them.

10. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

- a) 15th March 2023 at Thurston Community Library, Norton Road commencing at 7.00pm.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: there being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

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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
PROW	Public Rights of Way
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
SLA	Service Level Agreement
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

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