

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thurston Planning Committee MEETING held on Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 7.00pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston.

Present: Cllrs. Rainbow (Chair), Balaam, Haley, Morris, and West. Also in attendance: Mrs. V Waples, Clerk.

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 apology 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 and other 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) 20th July 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:** – to receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda items as listed under Agenda Item 6 below:
 - a) From members of the public present – there were no members present.
 - b) Written representations submitted prior to the meeting – none had been received for items on the agenda.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**
 - a) DC/22/03655 – Householder Application – Erection of three bay cart lodge inside garden relocating the existing garden shed @ Whitefriars, Thedwastre Road – it was queried as to whether a shed was currently in place and the need for the cart lodge with three integral garages. Concerns were raised over the impact that this would have given it will be in a prominent position on the site and whether this would appear intrusive and not in conformity with the street scene. Area is open space, and the side garden makes a significant contribution to the wider street scene. Could lead to a loss of an important green space gap which adds to the appearance of this area. Of an equal concern was the impact that this would have in terms of highway safety at the junction of Thedwastre Road and Beyton Road. **All were in agreement that the application should be recommended for refusal on these grounds, aif.**
 - b) DC/22/03649 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (amended scheme to approved application DC/19/04914). Construction of a rear dormer extension following removal of existing dormer). Removal of existing hipped roof to side elevation and first floor extension to create a gable end instead of a hipped roof @ 3 Heather Close – noted that the previous application had no significant impact on neighbouring properties and overall the revised plans were deemed to be acceptable. **All agreed that the proposal be supported, aif.**

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- c) DC/22/03628 - Householder Application - Installation of 90 no. freestanding, ballasted Photovoltaic Panels, for domestic usage only, and associated development works connecting the Photovoltaic panels to the main dwellinghouse @ Thurston Place, Beyton Road – noted that the dwelling is situated on a large plot and the panels would be screened from public views and have no impact on the setting of the house. The layout was noted to have no impact on the trees which were covered by TPOs. **All agreed that the proposal be supported, aif.**
- d) DC/22/03773 - Erection of single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage/workshop), single storey detached cart lodge and loft conversion @ 11 Heather Close – it was agreed that whilst this was a large proposal it would replicate that which was already in existence on another property. **The meeting agreed that it would support the application as presented, aif.**
- e) DC/22/03856 - Application for Works to Trees Subject to Tree Preservation Order MS52/A1 - Reduce and thin 1 No. Canadian Maple by 1/3 @ 10 Blackbird Close – it was noted that the tree was not overly large but nicely shaped. The meeting agreed that as long as the proposal was to reduce by 1/3 only, the application was to be supported, aif.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY:

- a) DC/22/03436 – Non material amendment to DC/21/04519. Increase the as approved Hardiplank boarding Heather Moss colour to each side of the front elevation at first floor level only @ Tolcarne, Sandpit Lane
- b) DC/22/02943 – Planning permission for the erection of timber dining huts and decking to rear garden @ Victoria Inn, Norton Road.
- c) DC/21/047089 – Certificate of lawful existing use or development issued for the use of land as runways and taxiways for the private, recreational use of General Aviation aircraft up to 200 flight movements per calendar year and development of two hangers and a windsock ancillary to that use @ Little Haugh Hall, Ixworth Road, Norton.
- d) DC/22/02689 – Planning permission for the erection of single storey extension @ 43 Cloverfields.
- e) DC/22/03987 – Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/01643 – Condition 4 (Access Surface Treatment) @ 18 Oakey Field Road.

8. PLANNING MATTERS RELATING TO / CONNECTING TO THURSTON

- a) Members to note that the final report and Action Plan to address the recommendations following the Peer Review of the Planning Committee processes, supported by the Local Government Association and the Planning Advisory Service has been issued by MSDC and will be discussed at full Council: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/mid-suffolk-planning-peer-challenge> - the committee noted the publication of the review and that this would be considered by full Council at its meeting of 7th September 2022.

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

- a) 21st September 2022 at Thurston Community Library, Norton Road commencing at 7.00pm.

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: there being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.26pm.

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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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