

## THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thurston Planning Committee MEETING held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8.10pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston.

**Present:** Cllrs. Dashper (Chair), Balaam, Morris, Rainbow and West. Also in attendance: Mrs. V Waples, Clerk and Mrs. P Gladwell, Deputy 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) Verified apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Smith and Welham.
  - b) **Council consented to approved the apologies submitted, aif.**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
  - a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-registrable and other interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – there were no interests declared.
  - b) To receive notification of gifts or 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) 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **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:**
  - a) to receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda as written – there were no members of the public present.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL:**
  - a) DC/23/04638 - Householder Application - Erection of first floor to single-storey dwelling and erection of two-storey extension. Location: 3 Orchard Lane – it was noted that the proposal was for extensive works, but the proposal was set in a well screened large plot. **All agreed that the council was supportive of the works to the dwelling but noted the comment from SCC Highways as a statutory consultee, aif.**
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DETERMINATION:**
  - a) DC/23/03829 – removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission DC/19/05114 dated 16.04.20 – to vary Condition 5 (Visibility Splays) - to receive a copy of the comments made by SCC Highways Department with regards to the visibility splays for the access – the meeting was advised that the parish council had been copied into a response from the Development Management Technical Manager at SCC in which it was confirmed that the proposed visibility splays for this application to change Condition 5 were not sufficient for safe vehicular access as they did not provide all parties adequate time to respond. The industry standard was to have data for speeds on the approaches to the location, not at the location. SCC Highways were recommending refusal until further surveys were carried out (not during school holidays nor over a bank holiday period) and in the correct position which would be 60m south of Stoney Lane.

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- b) Bridge 1157 – Barrells Road – to note correspondence received concerning the bridge in Barrell’s Road – the meeting were made aware of correspondence received from a resident concerning the highway / bridge in Barrells Road. The correspondence had indicated that the road was subsiding on the western side which it was believed was attributable to the increase in traffic along the route over the years. There was a concern that the road surface had become crazed and that the camber could cause an accident particularly in freezing conditions. It had been suggested that a weight limit be imposed to stop unsuitable vehicles using the road along with the introduction of a one way restriction. Council was reminded of the response that had been received from Network Rail which had stated that Network Rail had seen no significant deterioration or any defects which would indicate there are any underlying issues. The bridge itself is a 40 Tonne bridge so the increase in HGVs should not be causing an issue, but the team are now aware of it so will ensure they consider this when carrying out their next visual inspection. The meeting noted that yellow markings around the subsidence had appeared on the road and the assumption was that some work is being proposed / undertaken. The Clerk was asked to monitor the relevant websites for updates on work being proposed.

#### **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY:**

- a) DC/23/03964 – Planning Permission - Erection of a single-storey front extension. Location: 16 Cloverfields.
- b) DC/23/00146 – Refusal of Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01182 – Condition 14 (Fenestration, Eaves and Verges – Part Discharge) Location: Grove Farm, Barrells Road.
- c) DC/23/00147 – Refusal of Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01183 - Condition 6 (Fenestration, Eaves and Verges) Location: Grove Farm, Barrells Road.
- d) DC/23/03096 – Planning Permission for the erection of garden fence. Location: Tolcarne, Sandpit Lane.
- e) DC/23/03581 – Planning Permission for the construction of external staircase and landing to existing garage including creation of opening for door to gain access to a first-floor office, insertion of rooflights. Location: Highlands, Station Hill
- f) DC/23/01442 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01249 – Approved Condition 12 (Open Space Boundaries) Location: Land On The North Side Of, Norton Road
- g) DC/23/03277 – Planning Permission for change of use from amenity land to garden land. Location: Land rear of Maplefields, Barrells Road
- h) DC/23/03950 – Planning Permission for the erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions (following removal of rear conservatory) @ Briarden, 11A School Road.
- i) DC/23/04402 – Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/03486 – Approved Condition 26 (Lighting). Location: Land Southwest of Beyton Road.

#### **9. PLANNING MATTERS RELATING TO / CONNECTING TO THURSTON**

- a) Committee to commence the formal review of the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) – all agreed that the exiting format should be retained and infrastructure interrogated and revised using the following categories: rail-related; road-related; indoor facilities; outdoor facilities. It was also agreed that an achievement list should be added as an appendix to ensure that there was an historical aspect to the document and that previous data e was not lost following amendments to reflect the current situation. It was further agreed that the Outdoor and Road-related could also be split further into public and developer led and should include s106asks. All were in agreement that input should be encouraged from the ex-Chair of the NDP; the District Cllrs and the TCC Community Use Project Advisor and Infrastructure Officers at MSDC. The meeting noted that there would be a need for the recategorize of some areas and that input on key priority areas should be sought from the community. The Clerk was asked to place an advert in the December newsletter and on Facebook requesting those willing to assist with the review of the PIIP to register their interest with the Clerk. All agreed that the council should communicate a resume of Neighbourhood CIL monies that it had expended since 2018 within the village newsletter and also on the website.

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**10. PLANNING MATTERS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTING THURSTON**

- a) To receive the Planning Newsletter from the chief Planner – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - the committee noted receipt of the Planning Newsletter and its contents.

**11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- a) 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Thurston Community Library, Norton Road commencing at 7.30pm.

**12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:** there being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

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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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