THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON Leisure and Environment Committee are summoned to attend a meeting in Thurston Library, Norton Road, IP31 3PB on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.30pm.

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## AGENDA

| 1.  | To appoint a chair.  | 18.30 |
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| 2.  | Opening – welcome statement  | 18.31 |
| 3.  | Apologies –  a) Meeting to receive apologies for absence. b) Meeting to consent to accept apologies received.  | 18.33 |
| 4.  | Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests:  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.  b) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with council's Dispensation Policy.   | 18.34 |
| 5.  | To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024  | 18.35 |
| 6.  | To receive comments from the members of the public present:  a) On the agenda under discussion.  b) On any other recreational matters within the village of Thurston.  | 18.36 |
| 7.  | To receive and consider matters relating to the monthly Risk Assessments Reports:  a) To receive updates on previous works highlighted in the Monthly Risk Assessments for action.  - Heath Road Play area - Thedwastre Play Park area - New Green Open Space - Recreation Ground Play area  b) To consider matters on the Monthly Risk Assessment reports for the following and agree appropriate action arising: - Heath Road Play Area - Thedwastre Park Play Area - New Green Open Space - Recreation Ground Play area c) To consider attending SALC Routine Playground Inspection Course. | 18.51 |
| 8.  | <ul> <li>Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Deputy Clerk and in particular:</li> <li>a) Update on the vacant position for Tree Warden.</li> <li>b) Update on the installation of inclusive the play equipment</li> <li>c) Update on the installation of the bench.</li> </ul>  | 19.05 |
| 9.  | <ul> <li>Wildlife Garden –</li> <li>a) To receive an update on the work schedule.</li> <li>b) To consider the provision of a lectern and gate signage.</li> <li>c) To consider the provision of seating.</li> </ul>  | 19.10 |
| 10. | To consider a recommendation to Full Council to carry out a tree survey at The Recreation Ground.  | 19.15 |

| 11. | Biodiversity Policy & Action Plan  | 19.20 |
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|     | <ul> <li>To consider carrying out a biodiversity audit of council landholdings, other parish areas and<br/>to review any biodiversity plans already in place in the parish.</li> </ul> |       |
|     | b) To review the Biodiversity Action Plan and consider any actions/strategies needed to ensure compliance with the council's duty to maintain, improve and enhance biodiversity.       |       |
|     | c) To note the feedback from the Network Rail Landscape Recovery Webinar.  |       |
| 12. | Date of the next Meeting:  | 19.34 |
|     | 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 6.30pm in the Thurston Community Library.  |       |
| 13. | Close of the Meeting   | 19.35 |

## Vi & Waples

Victoria S Waples, Proper Officer to the Council 23.02.2024