



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in the Community Centre on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Winnett Chairman Cllr D Hooker Vice- Chair  
Cllr T Hooker Cllr J Mumford  
Cllr R Gadsby  
Wendy Murphy Clerk  
Cllr Saul Penfold - NCC

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DIUSPENSATIONS**

None

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 which had previously been circulated were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

**4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising

**5. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES.**

No one has come forward for co-option. This will be advertised again on Social Media platforms, Noticeboards and Website.

**6. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Recent Floods was discussed and it was noted that there has been a problem with sewage Cllr Saul Penfold confirmed that he would speak to the Highways engineer. Issues can also be reported online at NCC (report a problem) It was agreed that the community needed to work together with Highways and the farming industry to try to solve this problem.  
Cllr T Hooker is waiting from updates from BT regarding the alterations to infrastructure and will report back at the next council meeting.

## **7. REPORTS**

7.1 Cllr Penfold confirmed that the County deal had been agreed on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. NCC are looking at their Budget settings and are looking at food poverty within this. It is predicted that the NCC Council tax will be 4.99%. Cllr Penfold confirmed that he would be happy to use some of his members fund to go towards the rest of the Parish Partnership that has been submitted.

## **8. FINANCE**

- 8.1 It was proposed by Cllr Winnett and seconded by Cllr D Hooker to APPROVE the balance sheet and bank reconciliation.
- 8.2 A payment list of Invoices had already been circulated – This was approved and BACS payment will be set up. The list will be put on the website.
- 8.3 The Clerk has the paperwork for the John Bacon Charity to be close. This will be filled in and brought to the next meeting to be signed. The money that is in the bank account can then be sent to Priscilla Bacon Lodge.
- 8.4 It was proposed by Cllr Mumford and seconded by Cllr T Hooker to APPROVE the 2024/2025 Budget.
- 8.5 It was proposed by Cllr Mumford and seconded by Cllr T Hooker to APPROVE the Precept at £13,000.
- 8.6 It was proposed by Cllr Gadsby and seconded by Cllr D Hooker to ADOPT the Bench policy and for it to be renewed every 3 years.
- 8.7 It was proposed by Cllr Gadsby and seconded by Cllr D Hooker to ADOPT the Tree policy and for it to be renewed every 3 years.

## **9. THE GREEN**

- 9.1 Wildlife Area Management Committee – No report
- 9.2 Parking on the Green – It was proposed by Cllr Winnett and seconded by Cllr D Hooker for the Parish Council to take action on some areas of the green to prohibit parking temporarily allowing the green to recover. Hazard fencing and notices will be put around the areas that have been affected.
- 9.3 Play area and other assets – The Clerk has now received the ROSPA report and this has been sent out to Councillors.
- 9.4 Village Green Tidy – Ongoing
- 9.5 To agree the placement of a temporary plant stall on The Green near the cricket roller – Cllr D Hooker will make more enquires to find out how long this will be required and if this will be taken in at night. An update will be given at the next meeting.
- 9.6 To discuss and agree tree works – It was proposed by Cllr T Hooker and seconded by Cllr Mumford that the poplar on the Green to be pollard at a cost of £920.00 + VAT as suggested on the tree survey. The other works recommended will be considered in the next financial year.

## **10. PLANNING**

- 10.1 To discuss and make observations on any applications received. – Nothing received
- 10.2 Update on PF/20/0578 – Still ongoing – decision pending

## **11. PARISH MATTERS**

Drainage – Cllr D Hooker and Cllr Winnett will arrange a meeting with the parishioner who is having the problem with flooding and drainage to try and offer a solution.

Letter Box Gully – Ongoing

Cllr Winnett gave thanks to Cllr Gadsby for arranging the Christmas festivities. The singing around the Christmas Tree was well attended along with the visit from Father Christmas. The council would like to thank Carmine de Grands for leading and providing the music.

## **12. TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDANCE**

The Clerk has received a quote from Garden Guardian for 2024/2025 grass/verge cutting. It was agreed for her to contact the Cricket Club to see if they would be interested in cutting The Green.

## **13. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Grass Cutting Contract

John Bacon Charity

BT alterations to infrastructure

## **14. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

4<sup>TH</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm

There being no further discussions the chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm