

## THORPE MORIEUX PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chair Cllr Jules O’Brien, Vice Chair John Squirrell, Cllrs Louisa Pepper, Ashley Simpson, Keith Lee and Garry Russell. Parish Clerk, Nicola Sturgeon was present at the meeting. One member of the public was also present at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

- i. Cllr John Gagen sent his apology due to prior commitments;
- ii. Cllrs consented to the apology.

2. Members’ Declaration of Interest:

- i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion:  
Cllr Russell declared an interest regarding item 10 (i) of the Agenda – planning matter relating to The Nook, due to proximity of his own property. Cllr Lee clarified with Clerk that item 10(ii) planning matter relating to Folly Farm had now been withdrawn and would not be discussed at this meeting, otherwise he would need to declare an interest if it remained on the Agenda for discussion. Clerk confirmed with Cllr that she had forwarded notification to them that the planning application had been withdrawn by the Applicant and a such was not for discussion at this meeting.  
Chair Cllr Jules O’Brien declared an interest in any approval of payment to the Thorpe Times.
- ii. To receive declarations of gifts of hospitality received – none;
- iii. To consider requests for dispensation for pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – none.

3. Minutes:

Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Slight amendment was made to reflect that Cllr Pepper was present at the meeting. Thereafter, Cllr Squirrell proposed that the draft Minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting, and Cllr Simpson seconded.

4. Matters arising:

Planning Applications:

DC/22/03430 Woodview, Bury Road. Householder application – erection of single storey flat roofed rear extension. Planning permission has been granted.

DC/22/02237 Rattlesdon Gliding Club. Removal or variation of Condition 3 (Restriction: limit on hours, number and type of aerotow operations). Permission has been granted.

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Green Lane – road classification

Clerk has emailed Ben Cook at Suffolk Highways formally requesting that SCC consider the reclassification. This follows on from the article placed in the Thorpe Times asking for villagers comments/views/concerns, and the responses received by the PC and discussed at the meeting on 28 July 2022.

Footpath signs

Clerk has emailed County Cllr Jessie Carter (in the absence of County Cllr Robert Lindsay) and provided her with details of the reporting number for the footpath sign at Schoolhouse Green. There is still no replacement. Clerk will chase matter along.

Village Triangle

Clerk has contacted SCC Cllr Jessie Carter and awaiting a response about process and cost before the PC can make any further decisions. If the PC are required to contribute financially then it may take several years planning across precepts (and taking into account the current cost of living crisis the PC may not wish to increase at all or by much the Precept) unless there are further CIL monies to be received by the PC. Need more information before any further meaningful discussion can take place.

5. District and County Cllr report:

No Cllr report but Clerk has provided Parish Cllrs with updates from District and County Cllr.

6. Public Forum:

Parishioner addressed the PC regarding item 10(i) of the Agenda – planning application at The Nook. He wanted to clarify that it was only recently that he discovered that the area that he now is applying for change of use to residential garden was not already residential garden. He had taken advice from the planning department ahead of making this application. The conversion of the outbuilding was intended to provide an annex for his daughter and the planning officer had suggested that at the same time he also put on the application 1no.holiday let just in case, in the future, their daughter moved out and they wanted to continue to use the space without having to make another full planning application and the costs associated with that. He was being guided by the planning officer's advice. Cllrs had no questions to ask at that stage and they would discuss the matter under item 10(i) of the Agenda.

7. Correspondence:

All correspondence was circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting.

8. Clerk's Report

(i) Schedule of items awaiting approval:

Items paid after approval at meeting on 28 July 2022

Thorpe Morieux VH (screening £1198.71 and lighting upgrade £459.00)

Cheque 425

Total = £1657.71

## Note:

There remained £1127.61 CIL monies. PC agreed at meeting on 28 July 2022 to pay all of those remaining CIL monies towards the screening. The PC paid the balance (£1198.71 - £1127.61 = £71.10).

In addition, the PC approved to pay the sum of £459 for the lighting upgrade works out of PC reserves.

Therefore the following monies were spent:-

CIL = £1127.61

PC monies = £71.10 + £459.00 = £530.10

TOTAL = £1127.61 + £530.10 = £1657.71

Items awaiting approval:

N Sturgeon	clerks salary	chq426	521.28 LGA1972
Thorpe Times	Grant	chq427	400.00 LGA1972
Thorpe Morieux	PCC Grant	chq428	200.00 LGA1972

Payments approved.

(ii) Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report

Clerk had completed the form to show that the total CIL income balance carried over from the previous year is £1,127.61 and that the total of those monies have now been spent (screening project at the Village Hall). Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chair both signed the form and Clerk will submit to infrastructure team at Babergh.

9. Cllrs reports:

Triangular Green in the centre of the village – this matter was discussed under item 4 of the Agenda.

Broadband – Cllr Russell has no update but will speak with Martin Bowers at Strutt & Parker about the remaining homes in the village as reported at previous meeting.

Paediatrics pads for the defibrillator – Cllr Russell reported that these will go out of date in October. He had spoken to the Clerk and she had recommended that

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because of shortness of time the VH purchase the pads and invoice the PC for reimbursement of those monies. The PC put a sum of money on the Precept every year to replace pads and battery on the defibrillator. Cllrs all agreed.

Cllr Lee reported that DEFRA were allowing for private hedges to be cut outside the normal times in certain circumstances. It was agreed that Cllr Lee would provide an article on this matter for the Thorpe Times.

Cllr Squirrel provided the Police Report from their website as follows: since the last meeting there had been 2 crimes reported (both in the broad category of violence). This brought the 12 month total crimes reported in the village to 7.

Cllr Pepper reminded Cllrs that it is heading t a time of year that people will struggle financially, and even more so in the cost of living crisis, and unfortunately crime rates tend to increase in these circumstances, so she urged Cllrs and villagers to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. For example, fuel theft, and theft from outbuildings were the usual targets and to make sure that these were as secure as possible.

10. Planning:

- (i) Application DC/22/03483 – Cllr Russell declared an interest and took no part in this discussion or vote. The Nook, Almshouse Green, Thorpe Morieux. Full Planning Application – Change of Use of land to residential garden land and conversion of outbuildings to 1no. holiday let/ancillary annex.  
Cllrs considered that with regards to the Annex the footprint would remain the same. It is currently a gym and bedroom with electric in there but no water.  
Upon consideration the Parish Council had no objection to the change of use to residential garden land. The Parish Council had no objection to the conversion of the outbuilding to 1no.holiday let/ancillary annex.
  
- (ii) Application DC/22/04055 – Cllr Lee declared an interest and no part in discussion or vote. Agricultural Building at Folly Farm, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux. Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of a building and any land within its curtilage from a use as an agricultural building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) together with building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and County Planning (General permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q – Conversion of agricultural barn to 5 No. dwellings.

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Clerk had confirmation from Babergh Planning Department that the Applicant had withdrawn this application and therefore the PC did not need to consider it any further at this meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: 3 November 2022 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 9pm