

**THORPE MORIEUX PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8PM**

***This meeting was held in the Village Hall and in accordance with permitted government guidelines in place at that time.***

Present: Cllrs John Squirrell, Jules O'Brien, Garry Russell, Ashley Simpson, John Gagen and Keith Lee together with the Clerk, Nicola Smith. No members of the public present at the meeting. District and County Cllr Robert Lindsay sent his apologies to the meeting as he was unable to attend due to health reasons.

1. Apologies for absence:

- i. Chair Cllr Louisa Pepper sent her apologies as she was away on holiday.
- ii. Consented to Cllr Pepper's absence. Cllrs agreed for Cllr Squirrell to chair this meeting.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest:

- i. Declarations of interest – none;
- ii. No declarations of gifts of hospitality received;
- iii. To consider requests for dispensation –not applicable.

3. Minutes:

Cllrs had been provided with a copy of the draft Minutes for the meeting on 22 June 2020 ahead of the meeting. Cllr Lee proposed and Cllr Russell seconded that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting. All Cllrs present agreed.

4. Matters Arising:

Chevrons on the corner on Bury Road. County Cllr Lindsay has been following this matter up with the Highways Officer. We are now approaching the 14 week deadline for the chevron to be installed, and it should be installed within the next few days (if not already done so) to meet the 14 week deadline.

Fly tipped bumper on the double bend in Green Lane. Cllr Gagen removed the item and disposed of it in his skip.

Pothole/badgers sett under the road near Flemings – highways were asked to look into this as a matter of urgency as Cllr Squirrell indicated that the badger sett was currently empty and any repairs would need to be carried out before another badger takes up residence and weakens the road structure further. Highways sent a Community Engineer out to look at the matter with a view to undertaking any urgent works required.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Church Lane – Farm Manager for S & P have been advised of the problem with waste being dumped here. PC agreed to monitor and consider further steps, if that becomes necessary.

Planning application DC/20/02051 – Folly Farm Barn, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux. An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: change of use of agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. ***Applicant has withdrawn the application.***

Planning application DC/20/02248 – Land opposite Wheelwrights, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux. Full planning application – erection of a detached dwelling (in lieu of the dwelling approved under DC/19/05766). ***Application refused by Babergh Planning Department.***

Planning application DC/20/02103 – Plum Tree Barn, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux. Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission B/14/01197/FUL/BEL; to allow the insertion of solar panels. ***Application refused by Babergh Planning Department.***

Cllrs raised the following matters:

Cllr Russell – an update on the defibrillator that the Village Hall is purchasing – the British Heart Foundation staff have been furloughed and therefore progress has been slow but it has been determined that the defibrillator received is not suitable and therefore it has been returned. The Village Hall Committee will continue with buying a defibrillator. Clerk will put them in contact with the gentleman at Long Melford who deals with purchasing and installing defibrillator and who several parishes have used.

Cllr Russell enquired about the diversion at Green Lane because of the potholes. Does Anglian Water have a responsibility because the potholes appear after the road gets flooded there. Cllr Squirrell reported that he had prepared a background article for the Thorpe Times, a draft of which Cllrs were provided with. Great Fields and Church Corner had had 4 bursts this year. New pipework is required but that would mean a significant road closure. He is asking parishioners what they would prefer (a) frequent burst pipes) or (b) new pipework and the road closure for the time it would take to install. Update at subsequent meetings.

Cllr Squirrell raised the issue of the wildflower meadow at Whitethorn Ley. Should it be managed differently? There are a lot of docks, nettles and thistles. It could be cut short for one year and still manage it as a wild flower meadow, or alternatively it could be cut down over Winter and then keep it cut down over the next year to try to reduce the number of docks, nettles and thistles so that wild flowers have the room to grow. Planning permission is for a wildflower meadow and if it is not going to be managed as a wildflower meadow then will need to consider planning permission implications. It was agreed that Cllr Lee will flail late Autumn/Winter and then the Parish Council will consider over the next 12 months how to manage it.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Cllrs asked about “ducks crossing signs”. Clerk indicated only if it was on privately owned land.

Cllr Squirrell gave a short update from the Suffolk Police website. In the 12 months up to July 2020 there had been a total of 10 crimes in the village.

5. Public Forum:

No members of the public present at the meeting.

6. Correspondence (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting)

7. Clerk/RFO's Report

(i) Schedule of items awaiting approval

N Smith (salary 29/05/20 and 03/09/20)	chq398	233.40	LGA 1972
HMRC	chq 399	41.00	Inc&Taxes Act

All Cllrs approved the payments

(ii) Income and Expenditure to date (2020-2021 financial year)

INCOME

Precept (1 of 2 payments)	1727.50
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EXPENDITURE

PC Insurance	350.52
SALC annual subscription	141.67
N Smith (clerk salary)	202.00
HMRC tax and NI	33.20
Thorpe Morieux PCC (grass cutting)	200.00
Thorpe Times (grant)	100.00
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	1027.39

8. Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2019/20

Cllrs firstly approved the Certificate of Exemption for 2019/20 and then went on to approve the following;

- (i) Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20;
- (ii) Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2019/20;
- (iii) Accounting Statement 2019/20.

Signed.....

Dated.....

25/2020

Cllr John Squirrell as Chair of the meeting signed the paperwork along with the Parish Clerk.

9. Date of next Meeting: - 5 November 2020 at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....

Dated.....