

# BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 6.30 pm at The Nelson Memorial Hall, Burnham Thorpe

Present:

Councillors: Mima Garland (Chair), Valerie Southerland, Sarah Greenall, Barbara Linsley, Chris Yardley and Clerk: Sarah Raven

Members of the Public: 4

1. Apologies for absence:  
Cllr A Bodill gave his apologies (personal) which were PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to accept.
2. Minutes of the last council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.  
Minutes were circulated before the meeting, it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to be signed as a true record with no amendments by the Chair, Cllr M Garland.
3. Declarations of interest from Councillors in any item to be discussed: -  
None.
4. Public participation:
  - None.
5. Resignation by Cllr J Byard:  
The Casual Vacancy Notice had been displayed due to the resignation received from J Byard. The Notice ran until 17<sup>th</sup> August after this date the Borough Council will advise regarding co-option.
6. Planning:
  - a) Advert Application: 1 x externally illuminated front fascia sign at The Lord Nelson Walsingham Road Burnham Thorpe Norfolk PE31 8HL Ref: 21/01441/A:  
A discussion on the sign which was already in place. Main issues are light pollution affecting Dark Skies. PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to place an objection on insufficient information to the light spill issue and to comment on shielding needs to be placed on the light to stop any horizontal light escaping. Also, a timer is needed for the light to be switched off when Pub is closed.

Cllr V Southerland joined the meeting.

- b) Construction of proposed 15m x 6m swimming pool, 2 No. timber pavilions and open fireplace at The Parsonage Creake Road Burnham Thorpe King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8HW Ref: 21/01397/F:  
Discussion on location of the swimming pool. Nuisance to neighbours, Member of Public raised that the previous planning application for the shed and greenhouse on the plans the greenhouse is on the curve of the wall where trees are located for the swimming pool hence the two plans for both applications are not accurate. Victorian septic tanks are at the property which might be destroyed by the location of the swimming pool.  
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object to the planning application with the following reasons:

1. Air source heater will cause noise and/or disturbance to neighbouring properties.

2. Noise and/or disturbance of the use of the swimming pool to the neighbouring properties.
3. Light Pollution: if lighting is being placed around the swimming pool and timber framework conditions on shielding the light and no dusk to dawn lamps in line with the National Planning Policy Framework Clause 125 and Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones both recognise the importance of preserving dark landscapes and dark skies.
4. A condition that proper drainage procedures are adhered to for the drainage of the swimming pool water when being emptied so there is no contamination to the River Burn.
5. There are 4 septic tanks porcelain lined which are Victorian in the location of the proposed swimming pool. This is an historic part of the Parsonage grounds which should be preserved and may be damaged when building the swimming pool.
6. The wall is part of the Rectory which is historic and is located next to where the fire place would be.
7. The plans for this application do not tie in with the plans for application number: 21/01321/F. Where the greenhouse would be situated there are trees on this application.

#### 7. Speed Survey

Low response from the speed survey when completed in March/April. A draft survey to be sent round for Councillors to approve before sending to parishioners. Clerk updated regarding Traffic Regulation Orders and the project by Cllr A Jamieson (County Councillor). AGREED to do this mid-August.

#### 8. Public Participation

- Speed Survey does seem to be quite quick. Leave longer before sending out until September.
- Councillors discussed ways of engaging community involvement in the speed survey. Councillors to take surveys and engage at the door with the survey. Advertise in Newsletter, website and by email from Friends of Burnham Thorpe.

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Date and times of meetings: -

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

All meetings start at 6.30 pm to be held in the Nelson Memorial Hall

## REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL. JULY 2021 FROM SAM SANDELL (BOROUGH COUNCILLOR)

Good Evening.

Since the last Parish Council meeting in May the Borough Council has seen and new Leader who is the process of refreshing the council's vision and values. There is also two new Cabinet members. Each Cabinet member has very specific portfolios. There is also a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. I am one of the new cabinet members and my portfolio is titled People and Communities. This covers a wide spectrum of things including homelessness which I am happy to report we have no homeless people in the Borough. I have been working with the Leader and the Chief Executive to support the Summer of Play Campaign. This is to provide play opportunities for children throughout the summer holidays and beyond this is in partnership with Alive Leisure to offer a significant reduction in activities for young people across the Borough. ALL activities from swimming, roller skating, skate parks and tumble tots will all be £1. 50p to those who hold a concession card. As we know we all saw a life change last year and children got hit hard. This is a great opportunity for them and families to get out and socialise and get active once more. This falls under my portfolio also.

2021 has seen a significant increase in Planning applications from Jan to May 1,216 applications have been received compared to 847 from the previous year. The Local Plan review was presented to Full Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and this plan has been adopted. There has been presentations to Parish and Town Councils to explain the procedures. The consultation period is anticipated to start at the end of July. This will be available via the Borough Council website. I think the easiest thing is to split it into 2 sections. Site allocations and Policies. We are seeing a great deal of interest in new Neighbourhood plans and officers are meeting with the interested Parishes.

From the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 there is a change to the National Planning Policy in relation to first homes. These include a requirement for 25% of affordable housing contributions (via S106 agreements) to be first homes. First homes are sold by developers to first time buyers with a 30% discount which is passed on to future purchases in perpetuity. We are working with the team in Planning policy to take account of these changes.

Some of you may know that the Cllr Jameson has an allowance of £10,000 per year to help Parishes in his ward with funding different projects. The Borough Council are looking into giving its Councillors an allowance of £1000.00 a year to help with things in their wards. I am very much looking forward in being able to support small projects in my ward.

As we have seen from the news Covid Cases in West Norfolk are continuing to rise. I helped out at a vaccination clinic in Snettisham a couple of weeks ago. We saw some 18 year olds having their first vaccine. There are lots of walk in centres in Kings Lynn at the Hospital, the Corn Exchange. The Borough Council are working with the CCG and the NHS doing a vaccine bus that is going round Kings Lynn. If you know of anyone who hasn't had a vaccine or their second one urge them to go to one of these places.

If you have any questions please email me.

Best Wishes

Sam