

UNAPPROVED DRAFT 3

To be approved at the May 2023 Annual Parish Electorate Meeting

THUNDRIDGE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH ELECTORATE

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thundridge Parish Electors
held in The Norman Wodson Pavilion at 6.30pm
Thursday 26th May 2022

PRESENT: Six parish councillors attended as members of the public plus one other member of the public.
Presiding: Cllr Martin Spackman, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council
Minutes taken by Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

1 Introduction: The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6.35pm. He explained that he was presiding in the absence of the Parish Council Chairman.

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Steve Bosson, Parish Council Chairman, Sue Patell

3 Minutes of the May 2021 Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate

RESOLVED: To approve as drafted the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate.

The Vice-Chairman signed the Minutes

4 Review of the Parish activities during the year

Parish Council Chairman Cllr Steve Bosson sent the following overview in his absence:

- Planning permission requests:
 - Of the planning applications received for consultee comments, the Parish Council responded as follows: No Comment: 17; Objected: 6; Supported: 1.
- Neighbourhood Plan: came into force 28th July 2021.
 - Arising:
 - Number of parking spaces increased on Glebe Field development.
 - Interim review of action items (under way).
 - ACV in progress for The Feathers Pub.
 - Under ACV rules, we were unable to progress an ACV for The Anchor.
 - Engagement with Glebe Field Developer (including North Drive upgrade).
- Asset register
 - The asset register was reviewed. The seat near Thundridge VH was replaced; some other assets have been refurbished.
- Administrative:
 - A Code of Conduct complaint was received, investigated and resolved (in the Council's favour).
 - A Subject Access Request was received and responded to within the statutory timeline.
 - A Court Case brought against the council is pending, so no further information is available.
 - Following requests, the Parish Council now produces a report of recent Council activities that is printed in Village Life magazine.

Cllr Deryck Dipper gave the following report:

- Norman Wodson Pavilion refurbishment:
 - The plans for refurbishing the pavilion are underway following a rigorous examination of the various viable options. An architect has been appointed and the tendering process to find a contractor for the work is moving forward. Details of the proposals can be found in the public consultation on the Parish Council's website.
 - Enquiries have been made to ascertain the potential to acquire some additional land at the site.
- Pre-school nurse service:
 - The current service provider has given notice that they are leaving at the end of this school term. Following a tendering process to find a replacement, a new service provider is being appointed.

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- Car Rally:
 - The proposed car rally through our parish for this June was cancelled. However, it is quite possible that it will again be proposed to hold it in future years.
- Ware North development:
 - The Parish Council is represented on the Ware North Steering Group and update reports are regularly given at Parish Council Meetings. Ongoing serious concerns are being pursued about the access road to Moles Farm being seriously flooded in wet weather.

Cllr Brita-May Hawes gave the following report for the Allotment Working Group:

- At the car park end of the allotments, contractors have installed a fence and removed the weeds and rubbish that had gathered there.
- Councillor Martin Spackman has serviced the water butts.
- Councillor Martin Spackman has added a simple latch that holds the gate securely open allowing safe vehicular access.
- To avoid vehicles becoming stuck on the access road over Winter, as per previous years, Councillor Martin Spackman installed in Autumn 2021 a post behind the access gate which prevents the access gate opening for vehicles and removed the post in Spring 2022 when the ground was firm enough to again allow vehicular access. The gate opens wide enough to allow pedestrian access during this time.
- The Tenancy Agreement has been reviewed and updated.
- Five new tenants have been welcomed to the allotments and there is a waiting list of those interested in acquiring a plots as they become available.
- An application has been made to join the National Allotment Society.

5 County and District Councillor reports for the year: No report was given.

6 East Herts Rural Police report for the year: No report was given. However, it was noted that there was recently an incident in High Cross that is pending.

7 Open Forum: No issues or motions raised.

The Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.49pm