

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,
on Thursday, 4th December commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Cherrett, Stephen Marshall, Emma Milton (c), Andrew Owens, Ian Smith

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Mr Claude Brand – Neighbourhood Watch and 2 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
25.12.01	Chairman's welcome
25.12.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors received apologies from: Will Sherlock Jill Wilson Bob Jenkins (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.
25.12.03	Declarations of Interests: No declarations were received.
25.12.04	Dispensations: All Councillors are granted a dispensation to set a budget and precept.
25.12.05	Minutes: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 6 th November 2025.
25.12.06	Councillor vacancy: Councillors to note that one vacancy remains, one enquiry has been received and the relevant documents sent out, however completed forms have not yet been received.
25.12.07	Reports: County Councillor and District Councillor Apologies received from Cllr Andrew Stringer as he was unable to attend. Councillors noted the reports previously circulated and Mr Brand will circulate the reports shortly as usual.
25.12.08	Public forum: no comments or questions received.
25.12.09	Planning: Councillors reviewed the following planning consultation: DC/25/04703 – Proposed new access and access track to hardstanding parking area at rear of property. Ivy Cottage, The Street. RECONSULTATION Councillors resolved to resubmit the previous comments objecting to the application on highways grounds.
25.12.10	Finance: (a) Councillors resolved to approve the following payment due in month: Unity Trust Bank charges £6.00 (b) Councillors noted there were no receipts in month. (c) Councillors resolved to agree a budget for 2026/27 as per the schedule appended to the minutes in the minute book.

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	<p>(d) A provisional precept figure of £23,740 for 2026-27 was also agreed.</p> <p>(e) Councillors reviewed information on the Unity Trust Bank savings accounts. Councillors asked for the Clerk to review the 32-day notice account at the year end. Councillors also agreed to review implications should the Parish Council bank balances be over the FSCS compensation limit, which is currently £120,000.</p>
<p>25.12.11</p>	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed correspondence received by the Clerk. Carol Service – 21st December</p> <p>(b) Updates from Thorndon Primary School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children excited for Christmas • Christmas fair on Thursday, and nativity on Friday morning for the community. • Friends of the school are buying a new shed and setting up an enrichment fund. • Curriculum has been broadened and covers a huge range of subjects. • The Governing Body is fully engaged in the school. • Good results have been achieved. <p>(c) LGR/Devolution update: Mayoral elections postponed until May 2028 Consultation on proposals submitted by all 6 Suffolk councils is currently underway</p> <p>(d) Land off Clint Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the public meeting held: Well attended, excellent presentation, comments left for MSDC • Potential future uses that could be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council: Suggestions orchard and allotments – may need a water bowser etc. Men's Shed. • Possible names for the area: Brackenham, Ganderwich, Glebe <p>(e) Freedom of the parish request – it was agreed to grant freedom of the parish to Clinton Cattermole.</p> <p>(f) Policies for approval: None for this meeting.</p>
<p>25.12.12</p>	<p>Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings.</p> <p>(a) Requests for training to be submitted to the Clerk, possible IT skills training when new email accounts set up.</p> <p>(b) Updates from training or external meetings/briefings - none</p>
<p>25.12.13</p>	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Updates on:</p> <p>(i) Lorry Watch – w/e 29th November: 6 lorry watch reports. Recruitment is still ongoing and information will be shared in Village Life.</p> <p>(ii) SIDs –updates Stoke Road (Kerrison) The Average speed Incoming above 31mph was 33.02mph The Average speed Outgoing above 31mph was 33.42mph The Maximum speed Incoming was 51mph The Maximum speed Outgoing was 58mph The number of Vehicles Incoming at 31mph or more was 765</p>

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	<p>The number of Vehicles Outgoing at 31mph or more was 1494 Of the 765 Vehicles Incoming: Under 40mph = 757 41-50 = 7 51-60 = 1 61 & above = 0 Of the 1,494 Vehicles Outgoing: Under 40mph = 1,451 41-50 = 41 51-60 = 2 61 & above = 0</p> <p>Rishangles Road (Church) The Average speed Incoming above 31mph was 34.69mph The Average speed Outgoing above 31mph was 34.71mph The Maximum speed Incoming was 54mph The Maximum speed Outgoing was 65mph (9 November 12.30pm) & 64 mph (25 November 08.00am)</p> <p>The number of Vehicles Incoming at 31mph or more was 1,598 The number of Vehicles Outgoing at 31mph or more was 7,514 Of the 1,598 Vehicles Incoming: Under 40mph = 1,464 41-50 = 126 51-60 = 8 61 & above = 0 Of the 7,514 Vehicles Outgoing: Under 40mph = 6,952 41-50 = 523 51-60 = 37 61-70 = 2 71 & above = 0</p> <p>NB: Most speeds above 30 mph appear to be between 06.30am and 08.30am.</p> <p>Thwaite Road (Thwaite) The Average speed Incoming above 31mph was 34.01mph The Average speed Outgoing above 31mph was 34.13mph The Maximum speed Incoming was 58mph The Maximum speed Outgoing was 55mph The number of Vehicles Incoming at 31mph or more was 556 The number of Vehicles Outgoing at 31mph or more was 1,623 Of the 556 Vehicles Incoming: Under 40mph = 524 41-50 = 30 51-60 = 2 61 & above = 0 Of the 1,623 Vehicles Outgoing: Under 40mph = 1,528 41-50 = 91 51-60 = 4 61 & above = 0</p> <p>A request to the Police & Crime Commissioner would need to be submitted for Police enforcement. To be reviewed in the new year.</p> <p>(b) Other highways information. Cllr Smith to report blockage at The Wash to highways using the online portal. It was</p>

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	noted that during a recent incident at LabCorp access was hindered by flood water.
25.12.14	Emergency Planning: Clerk update: it has not been possible to purchase the emergency bags – will do so as soon as possible.
25.12.15	Play Equipment: installation delayed, but work has now started.
25.12.16	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</p> <p>Comments were received concerning unsightly signposts which are tipped over or rusted, with road signs missing. The Clerk will circulate the previous report to Cllr Cherrett and a member of the public who volunteered to look at the signs and report back.</p> <p>New neighbourhood watch signs have been received and Cllr Owens offered to install them.</p>
25.12.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas opening times will be circulated. • Police drop in session scheduled for 9th December in Eye library • Vehicle collision on Kerrison Bridge – driver unharmed. • 1 x new resident • 2 x sold, currently empty • 1 x set of keys lost • 2 x missing parcels located • Bottle bank receipts now up to date – no further action needed. • Suffolk recycling newsletter including links circulated. • Link for presentation on land at Clint Road has been circulated. <p>Mr Brand thanked all for their hard work over the year.</p>
25.12.18	Date of next meeting: 8 th January 2026

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm

Signed: _____

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