

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,  
on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Tim Cherrett, Robert Jenkins, Stephen Marshall, Emma Milton (c), Andrew Owens, Will Sherlock, Ian Smith, Jill Wilson

**In attendance:** Odile Wladon (Clerk), District & County Cllr Andrew Stringer, Mr Claude Brand – Neighbourhood Watch and 3 members of the public.

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25.11.01	<b>Chairman's welcome</b>
25.11.02	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> there were none, all Councillors were present.
25.11.03	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> No declarations were made
25.11.04	<b>Dispensations:</b> No requests for dispensations were requested.
25.11.05	<b>Minutes:</b> (a) Cllr Wilson apologised for being absent from the meeting and not submitting apologies. (b) Councillors <b>resolved</b> to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025.
25.11.06	<b>Councillor vacancy:</b> (a) Councillors noted that one vacancy remains which can be filled by co-option. (b) One enquiry has been received and the relevant documents sent out.
25.11.07	<b>Reports:</b> <u>County Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 elections will take place in May 2026, Suffolk County Council under new boundaries and Norfolk/Suffolk Mayor.</li> <li>• Updates given on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Get Suffolk Working Plan</li> <li>○ Dental services in Suffolk</li> <li>○ Budget survey</li> <li>○ Nature recovery strategy map – available online</li> <li>○ New water infrastructure proposed – consultation underway</li> <li>○ Norwich to Tilbury Grid proposal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <u>District Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New call for sites underway – Parish Council encouraged to respond once draft proposals are published and review Neighbourhood Plan accordingly. Thorndon's target is still that issued in March 2025: 110 dwellings</li> <li>• Updates given on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Green Skills Summit for Schools</li> <li>○ Bin collection changes in April 2026</li> <li>○ Purchase of new green space in Thorndon</li> <li>○ Essex &amp; Suffolk Water – consultation on major new projects for the Eye area</li> <li>○ Council grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
25.11.08	<b>Public forum:</b> no comments or questions were received.
25.11.09	<b>Planning:</b> Councillors reviewed the following planning consultation received: <b>DC/25/04703</b> – Proposed new access and access track to hardstanding parking area at rear

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	<p>of property. Ivy Cottage, The Street.</p> <p>Councillors <b>resolved</b> that a response was to be submitted to Mid Suffolk noting that given the lack of clear information on access the Parish council objects to the application and recommending refusal. Additional comments: The Parish Councillors were concerned that any visibility splay would fall within the boundary of the neighbouring property and not within the red line plan for this development.</p>
<p><b>25.11.10</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>(a) Prior to the meeting commencing, Cllr Smith reviewed a bank reconciliation and signed the bank statements to confirm that the account balances tallied with the reconciliation.</p> <p>(b) Councillors <b>resolved</b> to approve payments as follows:  £80.00 – Thorndon Village Hall for meeting costs  £5,000 – NP CIL to Community Centre for car park works  £206.40 – PlaySafety for RoSPA inspection  £75.00 – SLCC for annual membership fee  £6.00 – Unity Trust Bank for bank charges  £815.36 – Freethought Services for M365 licences to support .gov.uk emails  £1,065 – Mr Fieblekorn for grass cutting  £449 – 121 Computers, laptop to enable monitoring of SID information.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted receipts in month:  £4,766.38 NP CIL from Mid Suffolk.  £15.33 Wayleave payment from UK Powernetwork</p> <p>(d) Councillors received a request for budget items to be submitted to the Clerk by 24<sup>th</sup> November to allow time for a draft budget to be prepared for review at the December meeting. Precept to be agreed at the January 2026 meeting. Clerk will recirculate PC Acton Plan.</p>
<p><b>25.11.11</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>(a) Correspondence reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SID device – grant funded by Locality, able to loan to other areas.</li> <li>• Suffolk &amp; Essex Water consultation on new infrastructure – public meeting Eye community centre 12<sup>th</sup> November 1pm to 7.30pm</li> <li>• Lorry watch request for information from another parish – Cllr Cherett to respond</li> <li>• TLC thanks for the Grant – meeting Thursday's 2pm to 4pm</li> <li>• Wreath Laying – Cllr Jenkins to represent the Parish Council</li> <li>• Notice of Community Governance Review</li> <li>• National grid – notice of application for development consent order (pylons)</li> <li>• Email from Village Hall thanking the Parish Council for the CIL grant.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Updates from Thorndon Primary School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of interest was generated from the recent Open Days.</li> <li>• Road signs are working</li> <li>• Request for the Trust to arrange for gutters to be cleared.</li> </ul> <p>(c) LGR/Devolution: no update for this meeting, consultation expected to start in November 2025</p>

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	(d) Kerrison Land: Public Open event hosted by Mid Suffolk District Council has been arranged for 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. (e) Policies: Councillors <b>resolved</b> to approve and adopt the CCTV Policy and DPIA.
25.11.12	<b>Councillor Training &amp; External meetings or briefings.</b> (a) Requests for training – clerk to circulate link to SALC website (b) Updates from training or external meetings/briefings: Clerk attended briefing by Essex & Suffolk Water – it was noted that the company are looking for responses with local knowledge of areas which might assist them in their decision making.
25.11.13	<b>Highways:</b> (a) Councillors received updates on: (i) Lorry Watch – 4 HGVs reported over 3 weeks in October. (ii) SIDs – laptop has been purchased and information reviewed for one location – Thwaite Road. Maximum speed recorded 60mph. Monthly updates will be possible from now on and this information can be used to determine further action. (b) Other highways information: Cllr Jenkins reported to Cllr Stringer (County Council) that white lines on A140 are faded.
25.11.14	<b>Emergency Planning:</b> Councillors agreed a budget of £450 for the purchase of emergency bags.
25.11.15	<b>Play Equipment:</b> Cllr Milton met HAGs on site and the works are scheduled to start on 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025. Parking will be closed off for safety with Heras fencing. The Primary School will be asked if they want any of the equipment before it is disposed of.
25.11.16	<b>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</b> Burgess Homes have started work on 7 dwellings on site.
25.11.17	<b>Neighbourhood Watch report – update given on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch meeting – Mr Brand spoke to police inspector about longer term vacancy for community police officer.</li> <li>• Drop-in session at Eye Library, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• New Neighbourhood Watch signs will be installed where necessary.</li> <li>• Flooding – sweeper vehicle came and swept up all debris.</li> <li>• 2 new neighbours have moved in.</li> <li>• 8 parcels have been misdelivered during September and October.</li> <li>• Bus timetables have been put in the shop.</li> </ul>
25.11.18	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

Meeting closed: at 8.50pm

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Date: