

# THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 starting at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Peter Bridge, Cllr Tim Cherrett, Cllr James Hayward, Cllr Emma Milton, Cllr Marion Ravenhill, Cllr Jill Wilson, Cllr Andy Rumsby

**In attendance:** Odile Wladon (Clerk), 1 member of the public, Cllr Andrew Stringer and Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch).

Item Ref	Description
22.11.01	<b>Chairman's welcome</b>
22.11.02	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> (a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Jenkins and Taylor. (b) Councillors <b>voted</b> to accept the apologies.
22.11.03	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> – the following declarations were received and noted: (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests – Cllr Wilson: 22.11.08 DC/22/04695 (c) Non-registerable interests - none
22.11.04	<b>Dispensations:</b> There were no requests for dispensations
22.11.05	<b>Minutes:</b> Councillors reviewed and <b>approved</b> the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.
22.11.06	<b>Reports:</b> (a) County Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of living budget: a survey has been opened by the County Council for residents to submit their thoughts.</li> <li>• Cost of living leaflet: 85,000 leaflets have been distribution to Suffolk communities</li> <li>• Winter Matters: a campaigned has been launched to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents.</li> <li>• The Cabinet agreed to spend £2m on new care provision for children and young people in Felixstowe.</li> <li>• Suffolk Local Access Forum: submitted an annual report included concerns about Sizewell C.</li> <li>• Cabinet endorsed the Transport East's new 2050 strategy, which focuses more on green travel and linking rural communities to local economies.</li> <li>• Information on current avian flu outbreak was shared.</li> </ul> (b) District Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council has invited the public to submit names for the fleet of 22 new bin lorries.</li> <li>• The Council has promised updated policy on the subject of photovoltaic panels in the light of recent planning decisions which rejected solar panels on agricultural land but also limited the number of panels on a large building at Gateway 14.</li> <li>• Electric bus working party and agreed that the bus will be a demand response service, using an existing provider.</li> </ul>

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22.11.07	<p><b>Public forum:</b> There were no comments or questions raised.</p>
22.11.08	<p><b>Planning:</b> Councillors <b>agreed</b> a response to the following planning consultation: <b>DC/22/04695</b> – Full application – erection of 1 agricultural worker’s dwelling with detached double garage for farm manager (re-submission of DC/21/06625). Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Thorndon Councillors <b>voted</b> to conditionally support the application subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An agricultural tie must be a condition</li> <li>ii. All other conditions suggested by statutory consultees be included</li> <li>iii. Satisfactory evidence is submitted that the development and in particular the drainage from the surface water and foul water systems will not worsen or contribute to the localised flooding in the area.</li> </ul> <p>A call was made for the vote on this agenda item to be recorded: For: TC/JH/AR/PB/EM      Against: MR      Abstain: JW</p>
22.11.09	<p><b>Finance:</b> (a) The following payments were <b>approved</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Claude Brand – grant for Neighbourhood Watch: £200.00</li> <li>ii. Odile Wladon – stationery costs: £24.59</li> <li>iii. Cherry Rich – costs for village recorder: £151.50</li> </ul> <p>(b) Cllrs <b>agreed</b> that Cllrs Milton and Cherrett would meet with the Clerk ahead of the November meeting (at 7pm) to review the half year accounts and determine a timetable for the budget setting.</p>
22.11.10	<p><b>Clerk’s report:</b> (a) Cllrs reviewed correspondence received by the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Car parked at play area – no longer parked in the area.</li> <li>ii. Trees at Fen View – Clerk to respond that the area will be monitored in the Spring and that dead trees will be replaced in the Autumn of 2023</li> <li>iii. Litter bin at play area – Cllrs will look for a suitable new location for the bin.</li> <li>iv. Speeding and increase in trucks and lorry movements – Cllrs noted the correspondence and noted that the current increase is due to agricultural vehicles associated with the harvest. A discussion took place on the benefits of an ANPR/SID system to identify the most dangerous speeding offenders.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Cllr Stringer will chase an update on CIL enquiry re footpath from car park to school. (c) RoSPA 2022 – Clerk to review the report and draw up a schedule of works. Cllr Milton will carry out enquiries to find a suitable contractor to undertake the works.</p>
22.11.11	<p><b>Training :</b> (a) There were no requests for training. (b) There were no updates on training undertaken.</p>
22.11.12	<p><b>Quiet Lanes:</b> (a) Cllr Haywood confirmed that the cost agreed by the Council was £300. (b) The signs are available for collection. Cllrs Rumsby and Cherrett volunteered to assist Cllrs Jenkins and Hayward with the installation.</p>

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22.11.13	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>(a) Cllrs note that a call for volunteers to help with a community speed watch scheme was placed in Village Life. Cllr Milton volunteered to be the point of contact on this and Cllr Cherrett will help promote the scheme.</p> <p>(b) Cllrs noted the guidance from Suffolk County Council on 20mph zones. Cllr Stringer will request a copy of the data gathered recently by Suffolk County Council to judge whether the area would be able to have a 20mph zone.</p> <p>(c) Cllrs noted the new Community Liaison Officer for Suffolk Highways is Josh White.</p>
22.11.14	<p><b>Public Survey:</b></p> <p>Cllr Milton will draft a questionnaire for review by the whole council. The purpose is to see what residents feel is going well/not well, how can the Parish Council improve the village etc. It was noted that the last survey was undertaken 7 to 8 years ago and one of the outcomes was the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
22.11.15	<p><b>Fire prevention/protection measures:</b></p> <p>Cllr Andy Rumsby will investigate a Community Emergency Plan for the Parish.</p>
22.11.16	<p><b>The meeting was opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</b></p> <p>(a) Cllr Ravenhill relayed an update on the Lychgate: the gates will be taken off and straightened, next phase will be to refurbish the iron work.</p> <p>(b) Wreath laying: Cllr Jenkins will represent the Parish Council and lay the wreath. The Kerrison Trust would like to make a donation towards their wreath and Cllr Hayward will respond with the contact details for the local RBL collector.</p>
22.11.17	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch report</b></p> <p>(a) Mr Brand thanked Councillors for the £200 grant towards the costs of running the scheme.</p> <p>(b) 5 new residents have signed up.</p> <p>(c) Police guidance on staying vigilant now the clocks have gone back.</p> <p>(d) McColls in Eye (Post Office) will close early 2023.</p> <p>(e) Rural police are targeting hare coursing at the present time.</p> <p>(f) Mr Brand declined the offer of an email account funded by the Parish Council.</p>
22.11.18	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b></p>

Meeting close at: 9.10pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: