

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 1 December 2011

Present: Cllr Botwright, Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Horton, Cllr Le Gros (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman), Cllr Taylor and Cllr Theobald

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk),

Meeting Opened 17.45

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett and Cllr Cattermole

Declarations of interest: None

2. Open Meeting to Public – 17.47

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail which particular agenda item, if any, they had an interest in. No interests were specified.

Meeting closed to Public – 17.48

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 3 November 2011

The minutes from the meeting held on 3 November last meeting were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Action Points/matters arising from those minutes

Summary of Action Points arising from Last Meeting		
11.06.09 - 04	PO Boxes, relocation & collection times. Response from Post Office?	MR c/fwd
07.07.11 - 02	Review of products available to Parish Councils from Banks and Building Societies	AT c/fwd
07.07.11 - 03	Paint the posts for the Thorndon Roadside Nature Reserve	BH c/fwd
03.11.11 - 01	Confirm the proposed position of the new Dog Bin is acceptable to Mid Suffolk District Council	Complete

03.11.11 – 01 Mid Suffolk District Council have confirmed the proposed siting for the new Dog Bin and Cllr Taylor confirmed that the same had been installed.

Meeting opened to Public 20.00

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Stringer was not at the meeting but provided a copy of his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Tilbury was at the meeting and provided a copy of his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.3 Police Report: PC C Neale from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.05

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications: 3736.11 for the erection and operation of 2 wind turbine generators (to a maximum tip height of 130m), construction of associated hard standing, temporary access tracks and substation compound. There was no comment on this application.

6.2 Approvals: None

6.3 Refusals: None

6.4 Listed Building Consent: None received

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £11,632.03

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
01.12.11	R Fiebelkorn	Grass Cutting	654.00		654.00	Agreed	000258 (11/12 - 26)
01.12.11	Mrs A Thomposon	Salary Month 8 & Expenses	209.48		209.48	Agreed	000259 (11/12 - 27)
01.12.11	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000260 (11/12 - 28)
01.12.11	BDO LLP	External Auditor's Fee	120.00	24.00	144.00	Agreed	000261 (11/12 - 29)
01.12.11	Suffolk Acre	Insurance Premium	702.63	36.19	738.82	Agreed	000262 (11/12 - 30)
		TOTAL	£1,736.71	£60.19	£1,796.90		

7.3 The Clerk confirmed that the External Auditor had returned the Annual Return which will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.10

8.1 Mention was made to the fact that a lorry has hit the speed limit sign on the left hand side as one enters Fen View

8.2 Claude Brand reported to the meeting on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

8.3 Annette Gray of Suffolk Acre attended the meeting to give a presentation on Parish Plans which are designed to allow local people to identify issues which they consider important to their community, and, with the introduction of the Localism Bill, can be used to influence policies adopted by both district and county councils. The form of plan adopted can vary, dependant on the size of the parish. Larger parishes might have the resources to undertake a parish plan, but smaller parishes, such as Thorndon, might consider a village review. This will identify high priority issues concerning the community, generally about 4 – 8 in number. Suffolk Acre is available to facilitate the undertaking, at the cost, for a village review, of £525 + VAT.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.05

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as – Thursday 5 January, 2012, 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.31

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
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