

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

**Present:** Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Le Gros (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Ravenhill Cllr Taylor and Cllr Theobald

**Also present:** Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Cllr Stringer, Cllr Tilbury, PCSO S Johnson, C Brand, D Hayward, R Hunt, Mrs L Power, Mrs C Owen, D Bland, M Sillett

**Meeting Opened 20.00**

**1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:**

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Botwright, Cllr Cattermole and Cllr Horton

**Declarations of interest:** None

**2. Open Meeting to Public - 20.03**

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 - 20.05**

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 7 July 2011, 27 July 2011 and 11 August 2011**

The minutes from the July meetings were agreed as a true & accurate record of the meeting & duly signed by the Chairman. Approval of the minutes in respect of the August meeting was deferred to the next meeting to allow all Councillors to read the same.

**4. Action Points/matters arising from those minutes**

<b>Summary of Action Points arising from Last Meeting</b>		
11.06.09 - 04	PO Boxes, relocation & collection times. Response from Post Office?	MR c/fwd
04.11.10 - 01	Year 6 consultation re Bike Track	MR c/fwd
12.05.11 - 01	Consult with Bowls Club re 'Grass-crete'	PB c/fwd
12.05.11 - 02	Write to MSDC re Red House Lodge	Complete
07.07.11 - 01	Write to SCC making representations regarding the closure of the recycling centre at Brome	Complete
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
07.07.11 - 04	Write to owner of land on Thwaite Road regarding overgrown hedge	Complete
07.07.11 - 05	Compile a register of thatched properties in the Village	Complete

**12.05.11 - 02** The Clerk did report to the extraordinary planning meeting held on 27 July 2011 that MSDC had written to confirm that the works executed at this property were lawfully carried out.

**07.07.11 - 01** The Clerk confirmed the re-opening of the Brome Recycling Centre on 5 September next.

**Meeting opened to Public 20.10**

## 5. Reports

**5.1 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Stringer was unable to attend the meeting but sent his report, a copy of which is attached.

**5.2 District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Tilbury was unable to attend the meeting but sent his report, a copy of which is attached.

**5.3 Police Report:** A representative from the Police was unable to attend the meeting but sent his report, a copy of which is attached.

**Meeting closed to Public 20.12**

## 6. Planning

**6.1 Planning Applications:** As a matter of courtesy the Parish Council has been sent a copy of Planning Application 2196/11 concerning the provision of new insulation and single skin profile roof covering (overall roof height raised by 240mm) at Huntingdon Life Science Research Barric Lane Occold. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this.

**6.2 Approvals:** 1987/11: Erection of a single storey extension to north elevation White House Farm Barn Hestley Green Thorndon

**6.3 Refusals:** 1377/11: Erection of a dwelling and garage on land adjacent to Gean House Thwaite Road Thorndon

**6.4 Listed Building Consent:** None received

## 7. Clerks Report

**7.1 Financial Update:** The current balance is £9,637.30

**7.2 Payments to be made:**

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
01.09.11	Mrs A Thompson	Salary Month 4 & 5	405.00		405.00	Agreed	000246 (11/12 - 14)
01.09.11	HMRC	PAYE	101.20		101.20	Agreed	000247 (11/12 - 15)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£506.20</b>		<b>£506.20</b>		

**7.3** MSDC Democratic & Legal Services have written to advise that it is undertaking a review of its polling districts and polling stations, a task it is required to undertake every 4 years. MSDC invited the Parish Council to comment on the current arrangements and suggest any revisions. The Parish Council agreed that it had no comment to make.

**7.4** MSDC Waste & Environmental Services have written to advise that as from 1 April 2012 they intend to seek a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of emptying dog and litter bins. The initial annual charge is to be £10.00 per litter bin and £15.00 per dog bin. The Parish Council agreed to accept the fee for this service and agreed to instal an additional dog bin behind the Village Hall, making a total annual cost of £120.00. The Clerk will arrange for the additional dog bin. **Action Point 01.09.11 - 01**

## **8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 22.00**

**8.1** Geoff Karlson reported to the meeting on the initial weeks trading for the Community Shop. The Parish Council extended its thanks to the Steering Committee and all volunteer staff for working so hard to get this venture up and running as quickly as they have.

**8.2** Claude Brand reported to the meeting on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch confirming:

**8.2.1** the closure of Castle Hill, Main Street and Clint Road Thorndon on 17 September next for the Tour of Britain Cycle Race; and

**8.2.2** the culprits responsible for the damage to the Play Area have been identified and there is an expectation that something will be done in connection with the incident.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.00

**9. Next meeting date was confirmed as – Thursday 6 October, 2011, 8.00pm.**

**MEETING CLOSED 21.02**

<b>Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting</b>		
11.06.09 - 04	PO Boxes, relocation & collection times. Response from Post Office?	MR c/fwd
04.11.10 - 01	Year 6 consultation re Bike Track	MR c/fwd
12.05.11 - 01	Consult with Bowls Club re 'Grass-crete'	PB 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
01.09.11 - 01	Arrange for new Dog Bin	AT