

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 2 February 2012

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), PC N Emerick, Mr C Tilbury, Mr M Sillett and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.03

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: 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 – 20.04

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 5 January 2012

The minutes from the meeting held on 5 January 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?	Remove
07.07.11 - 02	Review of products available to Parish Councils from Banks and Building Societies	AT c/fwd
05.01.12 - 01	Preparation of questionnaire for the Village Life	KF c/fwd
05.01.12 - 02	Confirm the expiry date for the grass cutting contract	Complete
05.01.12 - 03	Cost of hire of machinery to cut back the brambles on the playing field	Complete

11.06.09 – 04 Cllr Ravenhill proposed that this item be removed from the Summary given the lack of response she is receiving from the Post Office on the understanding that it will be reinstated once a decision is received. This was agreed.

05.01.12 – 01 Cllr Faulkner has prepared a questionnaire which will now be distributed to all Councillors for comment.

05.01.12 – 02 It was confirmed that the grass cutting contract is due for renewal in October 2012.

05.01.12 – 03 Cllr Le Gros confirmed that he can access the requisite equipment free of charge.

Meeting opened to Public 20.15

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and delivered his report, a copy of which is attached.

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

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

Meeting closed to Public 20.45

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications: None

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 £9,401.56 which includes the Play Area account in the sum of £4,422.69.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.01.12	Mrs A Thompson	Salary Month 9 & Expenses	202.50		202.50	Agreed	000267 (11/12 - 35)
05.01.12	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000268 (11/12 - 36)
		TOTAL	£253.10		£253.10		

7.3 ROSPA Report

Cllr Faulkner circulated a summary of issues identified by the annual ROSPA report, confirming that those items of general repair and maintenance will be undertaken. There are a number of items requiring replacement and/or monitoring. Cllr Faulkner is to obtain quotations for these. It was also suggested that a log of all repairs and replacements to the Play Area be maintained, and this was agreed. **Action Point 02.02.12 - 01**

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.56

8.1 A new pothole by The Wash was identified as requiring repair.

8.2 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that she has been in contact with the Post Office concerning the mobile unit and the fact that its car battery regularly fails in the cold weather, urging the acquisition of a new unit. The repeated inability to start the van prejudices Thorndon, being the first 'stop' of the day. Further Thorndon generates the most users for the service. She will diarise this issue to raise with the Post Office again in July/August.

8.3 Cllr Taylor referred to the discussions at January's meeting regarding the precept for the financial year 2012-2013 where mention was made that Thorndon has one of the highest precepts in the District. Cllr Taylor has looked at Mid Suffolk District Council's website where the precepts for all parishes and the numbers on their respective electoral rolls are published. Cllr Taylor was able to confirm that, contrary to comments made at the last meeting, the reality is that Thorndon is in the lower half of the 'league tables' whichever way the same are compiled.

8.4 Cllr Ravenhill mentioned the Queen's forthcoming Diamond Jubilee noting that the Parish Council gave each child in the Village aged under 12 years a commemorative mug for the Millennium. She suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider a similar gesture to mark the Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk will acquire some prices for the next meeting where the same can be considered in more detail. **Action Point 02.02.12 - 02**

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.05

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as – Thursday 1 March, 2012, 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.06

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
07.07.11 - 02	Review of products available to Parish Councils from Banks and Building Societies	AT c/fwd
05.01.12 - 01	Preparation of questionnaire for the Village Life	KF
02.02.12 - 01	Obtain quotations for Play Area replacement parts	KF
02.02.12 - 02	Obtain prices for commemorative mugs/other memorabilia for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	AT