

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 1 March 2012

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), PC C Bales, Mr C Tilbury, Mr A Stringer, Mr M Sillett Mr R Jones, Mrs C Aldous, Mrs C Owen, Mr and Mrs P W Tucker, Mr & Mrs M R Pearce, and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.01

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Cattermole, Cllr Horton and Cllr Le Gros (Vice Chairman)

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 2 February 2012

The minutes from the meeting held on 2 February 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		
07.07.11 - 02	Review of products available to Parish Councils from Banks and Building Societies	Complete
05.01.12 - 01	Preparation of questionnaire for the Village Life	Complete
02.02.12 - 01	Obtain quotations for Play Area replacement parts	KF c/f
02.02.12 - 02	Obtain prices for commemorative mugs/other memorabilia for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	AT c/f

07.07.11 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that after a review of deposit accounts there was no good argument for changing Banks.

05.01.12 – 01 The questionnaire drafted by Cllr Faulkner had been distributed to all Councillors who had no comments thereon. Cllr will now forward it to the editor of the Village Life asking villagers to return completed questionnaires by a set closing date of 30 April 2012.

02.02.12 – 01 Cllr Faulkner confirmed that he was still waiting for quotations to be received.

02.02.12 – 02 The Clerk provided a variety of costs for mugs which the Parish Council are proposing to issue to every child in the village under the age of 11 years. It was agreed that a list of all children should be compiled to ascertain the numbers of mugs or other memorabilia to be acquired. At next month's meeting the Parish Council will decide on the issue.

Meeting opened to Public 20.10

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 C Bales from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered his report, a copy of which is attached. PC Bales confirmed that he was the new local officer for Thorndon. Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that she would write to PC N Emerick on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him for his support over the years and wishing him well in his retirement.

Meeting closed to Public 20.25

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

6.1.1 4151/11: Conversion of barn to provide wedding venue/conference centre/multi-purpose meeting centre at Shorts Farm Wetheringsett Road Thorndon. The application was supported.

6.1.2 0401/12: Erection of two storey 4 bedroom dwelling and two bay garage with studio over and creation of vehicular access on land adjoining Gean House Thwaite Road Thorndon. The application was supported.

6.1.3 0612.12: Erection of two storey detached dwelling following demolition of part of existing Post Office at The Old Post Mill The Street Thorndon. The application was supported subject to two observations:- (i) that a brick fascia is preferred and (ii) the height should be the minimum to comply with building regulations.

6.2 Approvals: None

6.3 Refusals:

6.3.1 4167.11: Listed planning consent for the Orangery at The Chestnuts Hestley Green has been refused.

6.4 Listed Building Consent: None received

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £9,149.29 which includes the Play Area account in the sum of £4,423.45.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
02.02.12	Mrs A Thompson	Salary Month 11 & Expenses	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000269 (11/12 - 37)
02.02.12	HMRC	PAYE	202.50		202.50	Agreed	000270 (11/12 - 38)
		TOTAL	£253.10		£253.10		

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.56

8.1 On hearing of more potholes in the village, it was suggested that villagers could report the same to Suffolk County Council themselves. Cllr Bartlett will let the Clerk have an appropriate paragraph for publication in the Village Life giving full details of the website and contact details at the highways department.

8.2 Mr R Jones voiced concern about the speed of traffic on the B1077 between Rishangles and The Wash and wondered whether the Parish Council could pursue the extension of the 30 mph speed limit along this part of the B1077. Cllr Bartlett suggested and agreed to attend a site meeting with a representative from the highways department in order that the problem can be discussed.

8.3 Reference was made to the Easton Harriers Hunt and the fact that the Parish Council did not receive formal notification of the date and time of its meet in Thorndon this year. The meet required the cancellation of the mobile Post Office; returned to the village at the same time as the end of the school day and there was a loose dog around the village, well away from the rest of the pack which had to be retrieved. The Clerk will write to the Master of the Hunt to express the concerns raised and to ensure formal written notification is give in the future.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.14

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

MEETING CLOSED 21.15

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
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