

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 5 April 2012

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), PCSO S Johns, Mr M Sillett Mrs J Wilson, Mrs C Rich, Mrs C Owen, Mr and Mrs P W Tucker, Mr & Mrs M R Pearce, and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.03

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Botwright,

Declarations of interest: None

2. Open Meeting to Public – 20.05

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 – 20.06

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 1 March 2012

The minutes from the meeting held on 1 March 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		
05.01.12 - 01	Preparation of questionnaire for the Village Life	KF c/fwd
02.02.12 - 01	Obtain quotations for Play Area replacement parts	KF c/fwd
02.02.12 - 02	Obtain prices for commemorative mugs/other memorabilia for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	AT c/fwd

05.01.12 – 01 It was confirmed that the questionnaire has gone into this month's Village Life with a deadline for replies as 30.04.12. This will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting once all replies are received.

02.02.12 – 01 Quotations are still awaited.

02.02.12 – 02 The information collected by the Clerk will be circulated between Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting opened to Public 20.15

5. Reports

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

5.2 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Tilbury was not present at the meeting but sent his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.3 Police Report: PCSO S Johns from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.25

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

6.1.1 0759.12

Relating to: Construction of a Biomass Renewable Energy Plant comprising buildings and process materials storage including boiler house, two straw fuel storage barns, wood fuel storage barn, exhaust stack, air cooled condensers, site access, hard standing and vehicle manoeuvring areas with weighbridge, silos, filters, control room, staff welfare facilities, surface water drainage, perimeter fencing and site landscaping including landscape bund to the A140 frontage at Mendlesham Renewable Energy Plant Norwich Road Wetheringsett cum Brockford. The application was supported save for comments to be made as to concern about traffic issues.

6.1.2 0948.12

Relating to: Balance the crown of horse chestnut tree to the front of the property. Take four feet off the ends of selected branches on the south and southwest side of tree. Maximum diameter of branches to be pruned would be around 3 inches and this is only on four or five cuts at Tylers The Street Thorndon. The application was supported.

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 £8,896.85 which includes the Play Area account in the sum of £4,423.77.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.04.12	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000271 (12/13 - 01)
05.04.12	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 12	202.50		202.50	Agreed	000272 (12/13 - 02)
05.04.12	Suffolk Acre	Annual Subscription	25.00		25.00	Agreed	000273 (12/13 - 03)
05.04.12	Cherry Rich	Village Records	80.79		80.79	Agreed	000274 (12/13 - 04)
		TOTAL	£358.89		£358.89		

7.3 Darryl has asked for a contribution towards the upkeep of the Black Horse car park which is in need repair. He has observed that much traffic to the car park is from users of the Post Office mobile van and shop. In the absence of a detailed specification of works together with costings the Parish Council could not discuss the matter in detail. Cllr Faulkner will ask Darryl to provide more information to allow the Parish Council to consider his request.

Action Point 05.04.12 – 01

7.4 The idea that the Parish Council could meet bi-monthly was mooted. It was agreed that Councillors should consider the idea until the next meeting at which a decision can be made. **Action Point 05.04.12 – 02**

7.5 Cllr Ravenhill reminded the meeting that next month is the Annual Parish Meeting and will start at 7.30. She asked that any nominations for Chairman and/or Vice Chairman should be passed directly to the Clerk.

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.58

8.1 Cllr Bartlett confirmed that the pothole outside Hargrave House has been repaired today.

8.2 Cllr Bartlett confirmed that he had had a meeting with Mr Roger Jones and John Simpson of Suffolk County Council's Highways Department to view Mr Jones' concerns about the speed of traffic on the B1077. Mr Simpson does not feel that there is a particular safety issue. There have not been any accidents in the past 5 years to support Mr Jones concerns, although he did make some constructive comment, suggesting that some hedging could be cut back and that some cattle warning signs erected. Mr Simpson also suggested that some 'Slow' markings could be placed on the road, but that these would cost £550.00. Cllr Bartlett is to speak to Andrew Stringer about this and see whether these markings could be paid for from Andrew Stringer's 'Quality of Life' budget. **Action Point 05.04.12 - 03**

8.3 Cllr Bartlett confirmed that the white lines outside Kerrison are to be painted in the next 2/3 weeks.

8.4 Mrs Jill Wilson expressed concern about the control of dogs being walked on the set aside land which adjoins her property following a couple of incidents when her livestock was threatened and she has been bitten by a dog. She suggested that signage containing a code of conduct for dog walkers and horse riders be installed. It was suggested that Mrs Wilson discuss this issue with Col Lee of the Kerrison Trust in the first instance and Cllr Bartlett agreed to follow the matter up once she has spoken to Col Lee.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.20

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as – Thursday 3 March, 2012, 7.30pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.22

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
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02.02.12 - 02	Obtain prices for commemorative mugs/other memorabilia for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	AT c/fwd
05.04.12 - 01	Obtain more information regarding the Black Horse repairs to the car park	KF
05.04.12 - 02	Consider bi-monthly meetings of the Parish Council	
05.04.12 - 03	Ask whether Andrew Stringer's 'Quality of Life' budget could contribute towards road markings near Roger Jones farm on the B1077	PB