

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 17 January 2013

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr C Tilbury, Mr M Sillett, Mr G & Mrs S Ryder and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Theobald

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Botwright declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 3785.12

2. Open Meeting to Public – 20.01

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail which particular agenda item, if any, they had an interest in. No interests were specified although it was confirmed that Mr & Mrs Ryder were in attendance to answer any questions arising from planning application 3785.12.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.02

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 6 December 2012

The minutes from the meeting held on 6 December 2012 were agreed as an accurate record subject to the addition at 8.1 that if any Villager is unhappy with the response received from the Highways Department when reporting potholes, they should refer the matter to the Parish Council.

4. Action Points/matters arising from those minutes

Summary of Action Points from Last Meeting		
06.09.12 01	- Speak to Chairman of Stoke Ash Parish Council about the speed activated sign on the A140	MR c/fwd
01.11.12 03	- Speak to Andrew Weaver at Mid Suffolk District Council re vacant property in Fen View	MR c/fwd
06.12.12 01	- Send recorded delivery letter to the landowners on Thwaite Road re overgrown hedges	AT
06.12.12 02	- Consider photographs for Village website	MR
06.12.12 03	- Speak to the contractors working on the building site adjacent to The Old Post Office	Complete
06.12.12 04	- Speak to the Police concerning the parking of cars around the Church at the end of the school day	MR c/fwd
06.12.12 05	- Report back on the reaction of other Parish Councils to SERCO's job cuts	MR c/fwd

06.12.12 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that, having received the Clerk's letter, Mrs Edwards had telephoned to advise that F A Edwards & Son do not own the land in question, and has

given details of the proprietor to Cllr Ravenhill. Cllr Ravenhill will pass these to the Clerk who can then write another letter.

06.12.12 – 02 Cllr Ravenhill will ask Liz Power to take photographs of all Parish Councillors for the website.

06.12.12 – 05 Following the last meeting Cllr Bartlett has looked into this issue, and established that the original report was released following consultation with staff, but that a further report is due to be released next week which will amend the original proposals. SERCO has indicated that it would be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting and give a presentation. It was agreed that this is a constructive way of moving forward with this area of concern.

Meeting opened to Public 20.13

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting but did provide 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: No representative from the Police was present at the meeting but they did provide a report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.20

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

3825.12: Revised internal accommodation and revision of fenestration to that approved under implemented Listed Building Consent 3829/10 at Barn adjacent to Hestley Hall, Hestley Green, Thorndon. The application was supported.

3784.12: Continued use of former agricultural land as tennis court for private use (use having subsisted for the last 32 years), re-surfacing of tennis court and erection of replacement perimeter chain link fence to height of 2.75 metres at Green Farm, Hestley Green, Thorndon. The application was supported.

3785.12: Erection of a two storey dwelling and detached garage and creation of new access at Cotes Cottage, Thwaite Road, Thorndon. Prior to the discussion of this application, Cllr Botwright had made application for the grant of full dispensation. This was granted, and the application supported.

6.2 Approvals:

3824.12: Non-material amendment sought following grant of planning permission 3828/10: Alteration of first floor layout at north end of main barn (swap position of bedroom 1 and dressing/en-suite) Revised layout of bedroom 2 and 3, wc and en-suites to bedrooms 2, 3 and 4 in east wing. Alterations to fenestration to east wing (north and south elevations) associated with revised layout of bedrooms 2 and 3 and en-suites/wc mentioned above at Barn adjacent to Hestley Hall, Hestley Green, Thorndon.

6.3 Refusals: None

6.4 Listed Building Consent: None

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £10,858.30.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
17.01.13	Suffolk County Council	Cattle Warning Signs	224.48		244.48	Agreed	00293 (12/13 - 30)
17.01.13	Thorndon Village Hall	Village Hall Hire	48.00		48.00	Agreed	00294 {12/13 - 31}
17.01.13	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000295 (12/13 - 32)
17.01.13	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 9	202.50		202.50	Agreed	000296 (12/13 - 33)
		TOTAL	£525.58		£525.58		

7.3 The precept was discussed with reference to the proposed budget circulated prior to the meeting. It was felt that an inflation based increase should be factored into next year's precept and the sum of £7,750.00 was proposed and unanimously agreed. This decision was made on the basis that there are no current projects being undertaken by the Parish Council but in the knowledge that the precept may have to increase at a rate above inflation in the near future as and when this situation changes. It was also agreed that ahead of setting the precept next year the Parish Council would endeavour to identify potential projects and the cost thereof in order that the same can be factored into the precept for 2014/2015.

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.10

8.1 The Councillor vacancy has been advertised on the Village Notice Board, but no one has contacted Mid Suffolk District Council requiring an election. The Parish Council can now co-opt a Councillor. The position will be advertised in the Village Life.

8.2 Cllrs Ravenhill and Bartlett had received an email from Craig Beach, an architect resident in Thorndon, who had noted the issue of social housing in Thorndon referred to in recent minutes. Mr Beach is working with the Metropolitan Housing Association, which is interested in facilitating self-build, eco communities of up to 8 houses. Although the planning permission at Kerrison would not be suitable for one of these projects, it was suggested that Mr Beach and a representative from the Housing Association be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting when their proposals were formulated in around six months to investigate possible collaboration. **Action Point 17.01.13 – 01**

8.3 Mr Brand delivered his report on behalf of neighbourhood watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.20

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 7 February, 2013, 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.21

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17.01.13 01	- Contact Craig Beach to invite him to attend a Parish Council meeting re his self-build proposals	PB