

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 7 February 2013

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

**Also present:** Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr C Tilbury, Mr M Sillett, Mr P Tucker, Mrs J Tucker, Mrs C Aldous and Mrs C Rich

#### Meeting Opened 20.01

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bartlett

**Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** None

#### 2. Open Meeting to Public – 20.02

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 – 20.03

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 17 January 2013

The minutes from the meeting held on 17 January 2013 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman

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

**06.09.12 – 01** Cllr Ravenhill has now spoken to the Clerk to Stoke Ash Parish Council who has confirmed that the Parish Council are keen to ensure that the speed activated sign is reinstated on the A140. She will revert to the Stoke Ash Parish Council for an update on progress they are making in this matter.

**01.11.12 – 03** The feedback from Mid Suffolk District Council on the vacant property in Fen View is that, so long as there are no rent arrears, the Council do not consider there is a

problem. District Cllr Tilbury confirmed that this situation was not satisfactory and that if the Chairman forwards details of the property concerned to him, he will follow the matter up with the relevant department.

**06.12.12 – 01** Cllr Ravenhill will forward the details of the owners of the land in question to the Clerk enabling her to write to them.

**06.12.12 – 02** The Clerk confirmed she will contact Liz Power asking her to attend a Parish Council meeting to take photographs of all Parish Councillors for the website.

**06.12.12 – 05** County Councillor Stringer advised that whilst he is not on the Scrutiny Committee he will attend a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee with SERCO next week after which he should have more information on this issue.

**17.01.13 – 01** This matter will be deferred for six months.

## Meeting opened to Public 20.09

### 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:** No representative from the Police was present at the meeting nor did they provide a report. There has not been a Police representative at a Parish Council meeting for some months. The Clerk will try to establish why this is. **Action point 07.02.13 - 01**

## Meeting closed to Public 20.20

### 6. Planning

**6.1 Planning Applications:** None

#### 6.2 Approvals:

**3545.12:** Erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to existing dwelling at Poplar Farm Thwaite Road Thorndon.

**4150.11:** Change of use and conversion of barn to provide wedding venue/conference centre/multi-purpose meeting centre at Shorts Farm Wetheringsett Road Thorndon

**6.3 Refusals:** None

#### 6.4 Listed Building Consent:

**4151.11:** Change of use and conversion of barn to provide wedding venue/conference centre/multi-purpose meeting centre at Shorts Farm Wetheringsett Road Thorndon

### 7. Clerks Report

**7.1 Financial Update:** The current balance is £10,381.68.

#### 7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (&
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07.02.13	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	000297 (12/13 - 34)
07.02.13	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 10	202.50		202.50	Agreed	000298 (12/13 - 35)
07.02.13	East Anglian Air Ambulance	S137 Donation	150.00		150.00	Agreed	000299 (12/13 - 36)
07.02.13	Eye Volunteer Centre	S137 Donation	50.00		50.00	Agreed	000300 (12/13 - 37)
07.02.13	British Red Cross	S137 Donation	100.00		100.00	Agreed	000301 (12/13 - 38)
07.02.13	Suffolk Age UK	S137 Donation	100.00		100.00	Agreed	000302 (12/13 - 39)
07.02.13	Mrs C Rich	Village Records	63.91		63.91	Agreed	000303 (12/13 - 40)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£717.01</b>		<b>£717.01</b>		

**7.3** Charitable donations were discussed for the current financial year, and it was agreed to make the following donations:

East Anglian Air Ambulance:	£150.00
Eye Volunteer Centre:	£50.00
British Red Cross:	£100.00
Suffolk Age UK:	£100.00

**7.4** Two candidates have responded to the advertised Parish Councillor vacancy. Cllr Ravenhill proposes to invite both candidates to attend the next meeting when Councillors will have the opportunity to question the candidates and a vote taken to elect a new Councillor.

## **8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.44**

**8.1** Mrs Aldous commented she has heard, regarding the vacant property on Fen View (see **01.11.12 - 03** above) that the leaking roof has been repaired and that a new tenant will shortly take up residence.

**8.2** Cllr Ravenhill raised the issue of buses driving along Clint Road and the fact that they appear to be oblivious to Villagers walking along the road with their dogs. On the same issue it was observed that the verge outside the Bowls Club is badly churned up. Cllr Ravenhill will write to both Galloway and Simmonds bus companies asking that drivers are made aware that some of the roads down which their routes take them should be driven with caution and respect accorded to Villagers and the Village generally. **Action point 07.02.13 - 02**

**8.3** Following up on the undertaking of a traffic survey by the Highways Department County Councillor Stringer confirmed that the same has been booked, but he has no indication as to when the same will take place as there is a long waiting list. Further, in order to ensure an accurate picture of traffic movements and speeding in Villages, dates as to when these surveys will be undertaken are not generally publicised. He will, however, endeavour to get an indication as to when the same is scheduled.

**8.4** Parking outside the school by parents was raised as the cars create a hazard for other road users, yet the Church car park remains empty. The Clerk will speak to Wendy Coulson to ask that this issue is brought to parents' attention with a request that they do utilise the Church car park, if possible. **Action point 07.02.13 - 03**

**8.5** Fast running water down Pole Hill was identified and the matter will be referred to Cllr Bartlett.

**Meeting closed to the Public 20.56**

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

**MEETING CLOSED 20.57**

<b>Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting</b>		
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07.02.13 01	- Contact the Police to ascertain why no representative has been present at a meeting for some months	AT
07.02.13 02	- Write to Galloway and Simmonds bus companies concerning the manner in which buses drive down the minor roads	MR
07.02.13 03	- Speak to Wendy Coulson concerning parents parking outside the school	AT