

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 6 June 2013

Present: Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Botwright, Cllr Cattermole, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Le Gros, Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman), Cllr Theobald, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Tucker

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

Meeting Opened 19.56

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Open Meeting to Public – 19.57

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 – 19.58

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 9 May 2013

The minutes from the meeting held on 9 May 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		
09.05.13 01	- Confirm costings for Play Area repair works	Complete

09.05.13 – 01 Cllr Tucker confirmed that the additional cost for labour was to cover the requirement for an additional person to dismantle the roundabout. The works have been commissioned and problems have been encountered in removing the bearing, once removed it will be clear whether the same can be repaired or will need to be replaced. The cost of replacement will be circa £200.00. In the meantime the cost of work undertaken is £515.00 plus VAT.

Meeting opened to Public 20.20

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 Police was present at the meeting but the provided a report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.40

6. Planning

6.1 **Planning Applications:** None

6.2 **Approvals:**

- **Planning Application 1007/13**

Continued use of former agricultural land as tennis court for private use. Resurfacing of the 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.

6.3 **Refusals:** None

6.4 **Listed Building Consent:** None

6.5 **Other:**

- The Clerk has received an email from MSDC who have received a request for pre-application advice in respect of a proposal for the redevelopment of the Kerrison Site for residential use. MSDC are hoping to organise a site meeting with the agent and applicant for the week commencing 1 July 2013 and have invited Parish Councillors to the meeting. Cllrs Ravenhill, Bartlett and Taylor confirmed they would attend.
- Following on from May's meeting, there has been an 'Open Day' at the Eye Airfield relating to the proposal to build a gas burning plant generating electricity as a backup to the wind turbines. It is understood that any cables connecting into the National Grid will be laid underground. The Project Manager confirmed that the Operator would be happy to put together a presentation for local Parish Councils.
- Cllr Tucker advised that the local model aircraft club have been looking for sites from which to fly their aircraft and understands they have identified a field on Thwaite Road.

7. Clerks Report

7.1 **Financial Update:** The current balance is £14,376.15.

7.2 **Payments to be made:**

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
06.06.13	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 2	202.50		202.50	Agreed	100548 (13/14 - 08)
06.06.13	HMRC	PAYE	50.60		50.60	Agreed	100549 (13/14 - 09)
06.06.13	Action Play & Leisure Ltd	Play Equipment	515.00	103.00	618.00	Deferred	
		TOTAL	£253.10		253.10		

7.3 Before approving the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct the Chairman asked that the same be circulated to Councillors. This will be done before the next meeting.

7.4 The three monthly review of responses to the Village Questionnaire was undertaken as follows:

7.4.1 Post Box installation near to The Black Horse/Village Shop: No progress has been made.

7.4.2 Pot Holes: This matter has been addressed.

7.4.3 Road Signage Cleaning: This has been deferred until September/October.

7.4.4 Speeding: This matter is in hand with the conduct of a traffic survey imminent. This survey should provide the data necessary to ascertain the extent of the problem.

7.4.5 Hedge Cutting: The hedge on Thwaite Road remains uncut. The Clerk will once more revert to the owner. **Action Point 06.06.13 - 01**

7.4.6 Affordable Housing: This was deferred until September when the meeting at Kerrison referred to at 6.5 of these Minutes will have taken place. Further, at the meeting of the Parish Council in January, it was suggested that, in response to an approach by Mr C Beach an Architect resident in Thorndon and working with the Metropolitan Housing Association, Mr Beach and a representative from the Housing Association be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss facilitating self-build, eco communities of up to 8 houses. The proposal was that this should be in six months' time, but it is now suggested that the meeting in September would be appropriate. Cllr Bartlett is to contact Mr Beach. **Action Point 06.06.13 - 02**

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.00

8.1 Following up from the Annual Parish Meeting, comment was made that there has been no improvement in the parking of cars, in particular a silver 'people carrier' between the school and Church which causes a significant hazard for cars on The Street. Cllr Hayward will refer the concerns to Mrs W Coulson, Chair of School Governors. **Action Point 06.06.13 - 03**

8.2 Cllr Taylor as Footpath Monitor advised that he has obtained a strimmer from Paul Robinson, but the same requires some essential maintenance work. A budget of up to £100.00 was agreed to allow Cllr Taylor to get the strimmer back into working order.

8.3 An email has been received by Cllr Taylor from a villager drawing attention to the overgrown footpath at the rear of the Village Hall. This is a designated Right of Way and as such is the responsibility of MSDC. Cllr Taylor will raise the issue with MSDC. **Action Point 06.06.13 - 04**

8.4 A request has been received from the school for a canopy to provide some shade on the field next to the Play Area. The school has been asked to submit a formal application with details of what is required to allow the Parish Council to discuss the matter fully.

8.5 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that the next meeting of SALC is to be 12.06.13 which will be attended by a representative of SERCO. She will report on that meeting at the next Parish Council meeting.

8.6 Congratulations were offered to Mr C Brand. He has been short listed for a national award for fighting crime sponsored by the NFU.

8.7 Mr C Brand made a report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.14

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 4 July, 2013, 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.15

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
06.06.13 - 01	Speak to F A Edwards re the overgrown hedge on Thwaite Road	AT
06.06.13 - 02	Contact Mr C Beach to suggest he attends the Parish Council meeting in September re self-build eco housing	PB
06.06.13 - 03	Speak to Mrs W Coulson re the parking of cars between the school and Church	JH
06.06.13 - 04	Speak to MSDC re the overgrown footpath a the rear of the Village Hall	PT