

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 6 February 2014

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr C Tilbury, Mr P Brooke, Ms J Sanderson, Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.01

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman)

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Open Meeting to Public – 20.03

The Vice Chairman asked members of the public to detail which particular agenda item, if any, they had an interest in. No agenda items were specified.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.04

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 2 January 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 2 January 2014 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Vice Chairman

4. Action Points/matters arising from those minutes

Summary of Action Points from Last Meeting		
04.07.13 - 02	Review and cost options for enforcement of speed limit in The Street	JH & PT c/fwd
05.09.13 - 03	Establish whether a bus shelter is available for the Play Area	Complete
03.10.13 - 01	Speak to Kerrison Trust following discussion with Messrs Beech and Bush	Remove
03.10.13 - 02	Contact Highways Department re faded signs around Village	PB c/fwd
02.01.14 - 01	Write to the Chairman of Thorndon Town Trust to enquire whether they can make some land available for overflow parking adjacent to the Church	MR c/fwd
02.01.14 - 02	Request repayment of monies expended by the Parish Council in clearing Street Farm ditch in 2006	AT c/fwd
02.01.14 - 03	Write to Simonds Bus Company concerning the damage to the triange on Thwaite Road	Complete

04.07.13 – 02 Cllr Hayward has spoken to D Stiff who has confirmed that there is a move to adopt a process whereby Parish Councils are to be allowed to acquire and manage their own speed monitoring equipment. Cllr Hayward has provided a proposal for Thorndon and the suitability of the locations for the monitoring equipment are being considered.

05.09.13 – 03 Cllr Le Gros has seen a 'mini Dutch Barn' which he believes will provide sufficient shelter. He will acquire the materials and erect the same.

03.10.13 – 01 Cllr Bartlett has spoken to Col F Lea, the Clerk to Kerrison Trust who has confirmed that they are continuing to develop their plans. Detailed measurements of the site have been taken and the Agents are preparing their proposals. It was agreed to remove this item and to restore the same as and when the situation changes.

03.10.13 – 02 Cllr Bartlett has referred the list of broken/damaged road name signs to MSDC and has spoken to the responsible officer there. MSDC will not replace the bent signs, but have agreed to replace the 'Brisewell Green' sign. All other issues regarding the faded signs have been referred to the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council whose response is awaited.

02.01.14 – 03 The Clerk has had a response to her letter from Simmonds in which they do not accept that the damage to the triangle on Thwaite Road is exclusively caused by their buses. However, as a gesture of goodwill they will put some topsoil on the triangle to make good the damage caused. They have also confirmed that all staff have been made aware of this issue and asked to take extra care when making the turn in Thwaite Road.

Meeting opened to Public 20.18

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 they did provide a report a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 21.26

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications: None

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

6.6.1 Application 0759.12 The Applicant has lodged an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of its application to construct a Biomass Renewable Energy Plant comprising buildings plant 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. The appeal will be decided by the Written Representations procedure between the Applicant, the Council and a site visit by an Inspector.

6.6.2 Details from Progress Power Limited concerning the location of the Electrical Connection Compound and access arrangements have been received. Given the scale of the

infrastructure involved, this application will not follow the usual planning process, rather will be decided by the Secretary of State. Responses to these arrangements should be made no later than 6 March 2014.

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £14,248.96.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
06.02.14	Wicksteed Leisure Limited	Bearings for roundabout	409.05	81.81	490.86	Agreed	100575 (13/14 - 34)
06.02.14	Glasdon UK Limited	Salt & Grit Bin for Rishangles	141.05	28.21	169.26	Agreed	100576 (13/14 - 35)
06.02.14	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100577 (13/14 - 36)
06.02.14	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 11	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100578 (13/14 - 37)
06.02.14	Mrs C Rich	Village Records	60.35		60.35	Agreed	100579 (13/14 - 38)
		TOTAL	£869.35	£110.02	£979.37		

7.2 MSDC have confirmed the precept request for the financial year 2014-2015 is accepted.

7.3 Donations – It was agreed to carry this forward to the meeting in March.

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.50

8.1 Following deliberate damage to the play area in Mendlesham the Clerk is to confirm the insurance arrangements the Parish Council have in place for the Play Area. **Action Point 06.02.14 - 01**

8.2 The flooding at Collingford Bridge was raised as a concern as the same has not drained away in two weeks. The Clerk will refer the same to the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council. **Action Point 06.02.14 - 02**

8.3 Mr Brand delivered his report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.09

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 6 March, 2014 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.10

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
04.07.13 - 02	Review and cost options for enforcement of speed limit in The Street	JH & PT c/fwd
03.10.13 - 02	Contact Highways Department re faded signs around Village	PB c/fwd
02.01.14 - 01	Write to the Chairman of Thorndon Town Trust to enquire whether they can make some land available for overflow parking adjacent to the Church	MR c/fwd
02.01.14 - 02	Request repayment of monies expended by the Parish Council in clearing Street Farm ditch in 2006	AT c/fwd
06.02.14 - 01	Confirm insurance cover for Play Area	AT
06.02.14 - 02	Write to the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council re flooding at Collingford Bridge	AT