

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr C Tilbury, Mr P Brooke, Ms H Barton, 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: None

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Theobald declared an interest in Planning Application 3601.13

2. Open Meeting to Public – 20.03

The 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 6 February 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 6 February 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 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	Complete
06.02.14 - 02	Write to the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council re flooding at Collingford Bridge	Complete

03.10.13 – 02 Cllr Bartlett noted that two signs have been repaired, otherwise he has not received a response from the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council regarding the faded signs. Cllr Bartlett will continue to pursue this matter.

02.01.14 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill has written to the Thorndon Town Trust asking them to consider whether they will consider releasing a piece of land adjoining the car park of the Church to facilitate additional car parking.

02.01.14 – 02 Cllr Hayward has spoken to G Edgecombe concerning the request for repayment of the monies expended by the Parish Council and discussions have centred around the proportion of the sum requested properly attributable to G Edgecombe. The Clerk will locate the old files which contain plans with detailed measurements which should enable the parties to agree on quantum.

06.02.14 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that the insurance policy covers the play equipment for damage up to £30,000.00 and advised that there are 8 items specified on the policy which were placed on the policy in September 2006. In order to ensure that the cover is sufficient to replace the current equipment Cllr Clinton agreed to review the costs of replacing these items. **Action Point 06.03.14 – 01**

06.02.14 – 02 The Clerk confirmed her exchange of email correspondence with John Simpson at the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council regarding the flooding at Collingford Bridge. Evidently the issue was looked at by Highways contractors, but the problem recurred within days of the contractors attendance. Cllr Jenkins will pursue this with the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council. **Action Point 06.03.14 - 02**

Meeting opened to Public 20.18

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting and did not deliver his report before the meeting.

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: 3601.14 Erection of a double garage and paved driveway to the front of the house at The Old Barn Cottage, High Street, Thorndon. It was agreed that the Parish Council would approve the application subject to comments as to the positioning of the garage which it is felt is too close to the road.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

The deadline for responses to the proposal for a gas powered electricity station in Eye by Progress Power Limited is today. However, in view of the strength of feeling of some villagers regarding this application the Parish Council is trying to arrange a 'question and answer' session with Progress Power before the end of March.

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £13,269.59.

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
06.03.14	Mrs A J Thompson	Salary Month 12	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100580 (13/14 - 39)
06.02.14	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100581 (13/14 - 40)
		TOTAL	£258.90		£258.90		

7.2 Donations – It was agreed to carry this forward to the meeting in April.

8. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.50

8.1 The triangle on Thwaite Road has not been repaired by Simmonds Bus Company. It was agreed the Clerk would write to them once again to remind them of their agreement in this regard. **Action Point 06.03.14 - 3**

8.2 Apparently Japanese Knotweed is now growing between 'The Loundes', and John Wallace's Drift. The Clerk will look into which Agency this should be reported. **Action Point 06.03.14 - 4**

8.3 Cllr Cattermole advised that one of the litter bins is in need of repair. The Clerk will forward the link for the company the Parish Council usually uses in order that he can establish the cost of replacing the same. **Action Point 06.03.14 - 5**

8.4 Mr Brand delivered his report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch. He also asked whether some of the money he was awarded to assist with crime prevention in the village could be used to fund panic alarms and torches for the school as well as maintenance for his computer. He will put together a proposal for approval.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.00

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 3 April, 2014 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.00

Following the closure of the meeting Ms Hannah Barton gave a presentation of the services offered by the Citizen's Advise Bureau.

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06.03.14 - 01	Confirm the current cost of replacing the items of play equipment for insurance purpose	CC
06.03.14 - 02	Pursue Highways Department re flooding at Collingwood Bridge	RJ
06.03.14 - 03	Write to Simmonds Bus Company to confirm the triangle on Thwaite Road remains to be repaired	AT
06.03.14 - 04	Investigate to whom the existence of Japanese Knotweed should be reported	AT
06.03.14 - 05	Confirm cost and style of litter bin in need of replacement	CC