

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 5 June 2014

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr C Tilbury, PC J Gardner, PCSO E Wright, Mr M Sillett, and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: None, save Cllr Theobald tendered her resignation with immediate effect, which was accepted

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Hayward confirmed that he would withdraw from the meeting when the Agenda item relating to Street Farm Ditch was discussed

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 1 May 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 1 May 2014 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman

4. Action Points/matters arising from those minutes

Summary of Action Points from the Last Meeting		
03.10.13 – 02	Contact Highways Department re faded signs around Village	Complete
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	Complete
02.01.14 – 02	Request repayment of monies expended by the Parish Council in clearing Street Farm ditch in 2006	AT c/fwd
03.04.13 – 01	Apply for Vehicle Activated Sign	Removed
03.04.13 – 06	Enquire as to permission granted for the creation of an opening from the overflow car park opposite the White Horse Public House onto Stoke Road	Complete
01.05.14 – 01	Contact Highways Department re posts for the triangle on Thwaite Road and enquire as to the possibility of kerbing the same	RJ c/fwd
01.05.14 – 02	Contact Darren Hayward re the Headway mobile shop	Complete

03.10.13 – 02 Cllr Bartlett has now spoken to both Fiona Sheldrake at Mid Suffolk District Council and John Simpson at the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council both of whom have been very helpful. A list prioritising the items requiring attention has been agreed and will be actioned accordingly.

02.01.14 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill has now received a letter from Thorndon Town Trust in which it advises that the Trust is unwilling to split its land into separate parcels as proposed by the Parish Council and is, therefore, unable to assist any further.

03.04.14 – 01 Cllr Hayward has now submitted an application and the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council has confirmed the application is 'on the list'. This item will now be removed until the result of the application is to hand.

03.04.14 – 06 Following the last meeting, District Councillor Tilbury followed this matter up and has been able to confirm that the owner of the Stoke Ash White Horse has been invited to submit an application for retrospective planning consent for the overflow car park to regularise the position. Whilst it would seem that both Highways and the planning department are happy with the development any objections to the same concerning visibility can be raised once the application is submitted.

01.05.14 – 01 Cllr Jenkins has now contacted John Simpson at the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council who have recommended laying granite stones to define the triangle, although any such undertaking would need to be funded by the Parish Council. Mr Simpson has indicated that the cost should be about £800.00 - £1,000.00 for an edge 1 stone deep. However, in view of the movement of buses which have caused damage in the past, a surround 2 stones deep was mooted. Cllr Jenkins will now obtain a quotation of costs for further discussion. Any application for such works should be channelled through Mr Simpson who cannot envisage a problem with the same and County Councillor Stringer will investigate whether there is any possible funding available to assist with such a project.

Meeting opened to Public 20.19

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: PC J Gardner from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered their report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.37

6. Street Farm Ditch

Immediately prior to the discussion of this item, Cllr Hayward left the meeting.

Following the last meeting the Clerk wrote to the landowner and the landowner's response was discussed. The landowner is disputing the amount of repayment sought by the Parish Council, and after a full exploration of all the issues involved, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the landowner affirming that it required repayment of all monies expended in clearing the ditch in 2008/9.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications: None

7.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

7.3 Approvals: The following permissions have been granted:

- **0815.14** – Erection of a shed, laying of decking and erection of fence and gates at Standwell Cottage Thwaite Road Thorndon.
- **0855.14** - Erection of detached house and garage (revised scheme) at 2 Soer's Close Thorndon

7.4 Refusals: None

7.5 Listed Building Consent: None

7.6 Other:

- The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the appeal by Eco2 Central Limited against the refusal of planning permission for the Biomass Renewable Energy Plant at Mendlesham will now be dealt with by an Informal Hearing at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 19 August next. The Clerk will contact MSDC to ascertain whether members of the public can attend. **Action Point 05.06.14 – 01**

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £16,820.46.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.06.14	Business Services at CAS Limited	Balance of Insurance Premium following increase in cover	£20.81	£1.06	£21.87	Agreed	100602 (14/15 - 21)
05.06.14	Thorndon Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall	£96.00		£96.00	Agreed	100603 (14/15 - 22)
05.06.14	MSDC	Dog & Litter Bin emptying	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00	Agreed	100604 (14/15 - 23)
05.06.14	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100605 (14/15 - 24)
05.06.14	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100606 (14/15 - 25)
		TOTAL	£635.71	£53.06	£688.77		

8.3 It was agreed to carry forward discussion of the new Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to the next meeting.

8.4 The Clerk has received letters of thanks for donations from Headway, Friends of Thorndon School and East of England Ambulance Service.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.20

9.1 The Clerk has received an email from a resident relating to two highways issues in the vicinity of the Church and School. It was agreed that there was nothing which the Parish Council could usefully do to assist, but that the Clerk will pass the resident the contact details for John Simpson at the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council.

9.2 The Clerk has received a letter from a resident concerned about the overgrown public footpath across a 60 acre field behind the Village Hall. Cllr Taylor will refer the details of this to the appropriate officer at MSDC. **Action Point 05.06.14 - 02**

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.45

11. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 3 July, 2014 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.46

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
02.01.14 - 02	Request repayment of monies expended by the Parish Council in clearing Street Farm ditch in 2006	AT c/fwd
01.05.14 - 01	Contact Highways Department re posts for the triangle on Thwaite Road and enquire as to the possibility of kerbing the same	RJ
05.06.14 - 01	Establish whether members of the public can attend the informal appeal of the Mendlesham REP	AT
05.06.14 - 02	Refer letter re overgrown footpath to MSDC	PT