

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 3 July 2014

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

**Also present:** Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr C Tilbury, PCSO R Brunning, Mrs I Theobald, Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Owen, Mrs C Aldous, Mr B Farquhar and Mr C Brand

#### Meeting Opened 20.00

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman)

**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 – 20.02

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 – 20.03

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 5 June 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 5 June 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		
<b>02.01.14 – 02</b>	Request repayment of monies expended by the Parish Council in clearing Street Farm ditch in 2006	Complete
<b>01.05.14 – 01</b>	Contact Highways Department re posts for the triangle on Thwaite Road and enquire as to the possibility of kerbing the same	RJ c/fwd
<b>05.06.14 – 01</b>	Establish whether members of the public can attend the informal appeal of the Mendlesham REP	Complete
<b>05.06.14 – 02</b>	Refer letter re overgrown footpath to MSDC	Complete

**01.05.14 – 01** Cllr Jenkins has spoken to John Simpson of the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council who is going to prepare a quotation of costs and let us have it as soon as possible.

**05.06.14 – 01** The Clerk confirmed that the informal appeal hearing on 19 August next is open to members of the public, but that if anyone wants to speak at the hearing

they must first apply to the Inspector. If anyone requires confirmation of the contact details and reference, please contact the Clerk.

**05.06.14 – 02** Cllr Taylor has responded to the letter received concerning overgrown footpaths to clarify the powers which the Parish Council have. Further, following this year's harvest Cllr Taylor will liaise with the landowners of the footpath to ensure that, going forward, there is no recurrence of the problem. Should the problem persist, the matter will be referred to the Rights of Way department at Suffolk County Council

## **Meeting opened to Public 20.10**

### **5. Reports**

**5.1 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting and did not provide a report.

**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:** PCSO R Brunning from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered their report, a copy of which is attached.

## **Meeting closed to Public 20.20**

### **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 offering to reimburse the Parish Council for one half of the actual cost expended to clear the ditch was discussed. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the monies offered, although did so with reservation. Councillors appreciated that it was not in the best interests of those concerned to become involved a protracted disagreement or, indeed, litigation. The Clerk will respond to the landowner to confirm the decision.

### **7. Planning**

**7.1 Planning Applications:** None

**7.2 Listed Planning Applications:** None

**7.3 Approvals:** None

**7.4 Refusals:** None

**7.5 Listed Building Consent:** None

**7.6 Other:** None

### **8. Clerks Report**

**8.1 Financial Update:** The current balance is £16,317.51.

**8.2 Payments to be made:**

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
03.07.14	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100607 (14/15 - 26)
03.07.14	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100608 (14/15 - 27)
03.07.14	J N E Marketing Limited	Property Marking Kits - Crimefighter's Award	£286.00	£57.20	£343.20	Agreed	100609 (14/15 - 28)
03.07.14	Realise Futures CIC	Signs from Crimefighter's Award	£206.90	£41.38	£248.28	Agreed	100610 (14/15 - 29)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£751.80</b>	<b>£98.58</b>	<b>£850.38</b>		

## 9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.50

**9.1** The current state of the telephone box was raised as a concern. Cllr Le Gros confirmed that he would look at the same. **Action Point 03.07.14 - 01**

**9.2** Various items for the Agenda in September were proposed, namely a review of how the Parish Council and Councillors deal with matters which have financial element; confirmation of Grit Spreaders and Minute protocol

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

## Meeting closed to the Public 21.55

**11. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 4 September, 2014 at 8.00pm.**

## MEETING CLOSED 21.56

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
<b>01.05.14 - 01</b>	Contact Highways Department re posts for the triangle on Thwaite Road and enquire as to the possibility of kerbing the same	RJ
<b>03.07.14 - 01</b>	Inspect Telephone Box	JLG