

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 5 March 2015

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr C Tilbury, PCSO E Wright, Mr M Sillett, Mr S Woods, Ms C Lane, Mrs C Aldous, Mrs C Owen, Mr T Fox and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Cattermole expressed an interest in Planning Application 3794.14

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.01

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail which particular agenda item, if any, they had an interest in. Interest in a report of the Committee Meeting held on 4 March last in respect of Planning Application 3642.14 was confirmed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.02

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 5 February 2015

The minutes 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		
03.10.14 - 01	Liaise with Highways re verge repairs to Thwaite Road triangle	RJ
03.10.14 - 02	File complaint with BT re state of the telephone box	AT
03.10.14 - 03	Liaise with the Church re emergency provisions which can be jointly collated	JH & MR c/fwd
03.10.14 - 05	To look into improving the broadband connection for the Post Office van	PB & MR
06.11.14 - 01	Refer persistent delays regarding the Parish Council application for a vehicle activated sign to Cty Cllr Stringer	JH c/fwd
04.12.14 - 01	Continue to pursue details as to broadband speed upgrade for the Village	PB & JH c/fwd
05.02.15 - 01	Write to Mid Suffolk District Council re trees in Fen View	AT
05.02.15 - 02	Report on Kerrison proposals	PB
05.02.15 - 03	Apply for defibrillator	Complete

03.10.14 – 01 Cllr Jenkins has received a response from John Simpson the cost of the works is to be £757.97, a sum approved by Councillors. The works are now being scheduled and it is expected the same will be undertaken in April.

03.10.14 – 02 Cllr Le Gros confirmed that the telephone is not working and consequently the number cannot be ascertained. The Clerk will write to BT advising them of this and stressing that BT must have a record of the telephone box in their asset legend and asking that the line be repaired in addition to the refurbishment of the box itself.

03.10.14 – 03 The PCC are meeting tonight and it is hoped that following this meeting this issue can be moved forward.

03.10.14 – 05 The box has now been fitted at The Black Horse and the Post Office van has been fitted with a power point. The connection has some bent pins which are causing some difficulties but it is hoped this issue will be resolved shortly.

06.11.14 – 01 Cty Cllr Stringer has no feedback to give but is actively pursuing this matter for both Thorndon and other Parishes in the same predicament.

04.12.14 – 01 Cllr Bartlett has drafted a questionnaire designed to establish the need for increased broadband connectivity in the village which will be circulated via the Village Life once the same has been approved by Cllr Ravenhill. In the meantime, Cllr Farquhar has secured Peter Ingram's consent to attend a Parish Council meeting for a Q&A session. Cty Cllr Stringer is to chase feedback on the data collated from the testing of telephone numbers around the village with which he has been supplied.

05.02.15 – 01 The Clerk read the response received from MSDC to her letter concerning the silver birch trees in Fen View in which MSDC reaffirmed its reluctance to prune the trees, inviting residents on whose properties the same are encroaching to undertake the work themselves. The Parish Council confirmed that it was not in a position to pay for the pruning and that the Clerk should revert to MSDC confirming that it was their responsibility to prune the trees and requesting that the works are now undertaken.

05.02.15 – 02 Cllr Bartlett has received an email confirming that an offer has been received for the sale of Kelly House, Old Chapel and Workshops. No further information is currently available.

05.02.15 – 03 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that an order has been placed for a defibrillator. The box, at a cost of £540.00 + VAT, will be delivered shortly and the Ambulance Service will provide the defibrillator and training free of charge.

Meeting opened to Public 20.30

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: PCSO E Wright from the Police was present at the meeting and delivered a report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.50

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **0531.15:** Erection of a detached two-storey dwelling at The Maples Thwaite Road Thorndon. This application was supported.
- **3749.14** Retention two air source heat pumps on dwelling under construction adjacent to Gean House Thwaite Road Thorndon. This application was supported.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None.

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6.6 Other: Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that the Planning Committee voted to grant Planning Application 3642.14 subject to conditions. This was a great disappointment to those living in the immediate vicinity, but as there is no recourse which can realistically be pursued it was agreed that Cllr Ravenhill would write a letter expressing the intense dissatisfaction felt by the Parish Council and villagers in the way this application was handled, in particular that no site meeting was made, notwithstanding a request for one by the Parish Council.

Meeting closed to Public 21.15

7.1 Having circulated the memorandum from Suffolk County Council it was agreed to publish the same in Village Life.

7.2 The Clerk read out the four responses received from villagers to a request for ideas to expand the Play Area. Given the paucity of interest shown in the idea it was agreed to shelve the proposal and to leave the area as a green space providing flexibility of uses.

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £19,760.04

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.03.15	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100632 (14/15 - 51)
05.03.15	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100633 (14/15 - 52)
		TOTAL	£258.90		£258.90		

8.3 The following donations for the financial year 2014 -2015 were approved:

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| • Suffolk Age UK | £100.00 | Cheque no 100634 |
| • Home-Start | £100.00 | Cheque no 100635 |
| • St Elizabeth Hospice | £150.00 | Cheque no 100636 |
| • Mid Suffolk Axis | £100.00 | Cheque no 100637 |
| • Headway | £150.00 | Cheque no 100638 |
| • Eye Volunteer Centre | £50.00 | Cheque no 100639 |
| • British Red Cross | £100.00 | Cheque no 100640 |
| • First Responders | £100.00 | Cheque no 100641 |
| • East Anglian Air Ambulance | £250.00 | Cheque no 100642 |

- Mr R Hunt £50.00 Cheque no 100643
- The Bank £50.00 Cheque no 100644

8.4 Parish Council elections are to be held on 7 May next. Nomination papers were given to each of the current Parish Councillors and the Clerk has spare copies for any person interested in standing for election as a Parish Councillor. Details will be published in next month's Village Life.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.50

9.1 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that the Eastern Harriers had once again failed to advise the Parish Council of the Hunt held on 18 February last.

9.2 A request was made for an additional dog bin to be acquired and placed near the Church. Observation was made that there is a dog bin in the layby on Clint Road some 20 yards away from another dog bin which is virtually unused and it was suggested that this be relocated. It was agreed to monitor the use of this bin over the forthcoming weeks to see if the better weather results in increased usage, failing which the bin will be relocated. **Action Point 05.03.15. -01**

9.3

9.4 Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils are holding consultations on planning changes in February and March. Cllr Ravenhill will attend on 10 February and would like another Councillor to attend one of the March sessions. The Clerk will circulate the email to all Councillors.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 22.06

9. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 2 April 2015 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 22.08

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