

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 2 April 2015

Present: Cllr Bartlett, 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, Mrs C Aldous, Mrs C Owen, Mr T Fox, Ms C Lane and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Botwright and Cllr Cattermole

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.02

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 – 20.03

The Chairman thanked Councillors and the public for all their support throughout the last year.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 5 March 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 & BF
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
05.03.15 - 01	Monitor usage of dog bin in layby on Clint Road	RJ

03.10.14 – 01 Cllr Jenkins has not received any further update as to commencement of these works beyond the information furnished to the last meeting, namely that the works are expected to be undertaken in April.

03.10.14 – 02 The Clerk confirmed that she has received a response from BT who have located the telephone box in their records and are now asking about the nature of the fault reported. It was confirmed that there is no dial tone but that the handset is connected to the apparatus.

03.10.14 – 03 Cllr Ravenhill advised that she has not seen Julia to discuss this issue and it was agreed that Lent and Easter have probably taken up much of her time recently. Once Easter is over it is hoped Julia might have more time to discuss emergency procedures.

03.10.14 – 05 Whilst the box is now in situ and the plug fits, it would appear that the Post Office van is still encountering difficulties and has reverted to using the mobile signal. The problem has been reported to BT whom have confirmed that the matter is 'in hand'. It was agreed to continue monitoring the situation and, if necessary, pursue the matter with the Post Office.

06.11.14 – 01 Neither Cllr Hayward nor Cty Cllr Stringer had any no feedback to report.

04.12.14 – 01 Cllr Farquhar has been corresponding with Peter Ingram who has agreed to attend a Parish Council meeting for a Q&A session in the Autumn. Cllr Farquhar will now arrange this for the September/October meeting.

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 acknowledged that it has responsibility for these trees. MSDC do not, however, consider that pruning the trees will limit leaf fall and could indeed exacerbate the problem. MSDC consider that the best way of dealing with the problem is to install filters in the existing gutters and drains. Currently such works have not been scheduled for this site. The Clerk will now reply to MSDC asking for a time frame for execution of these works.

05.02.15 – 02 Cllr Bartlett has no further information on this, but will chase before the next meeting.

05.03.15 – 01 Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he has checked the dog bin on three occasions immediately before the same was emptied and on two occasions there were 2 bags, and on the other, 3 bags. He will continue to monitor the bin as the better weather unfolds before a final decision is taken about relocating the bin.

Meeting opened to Public 20.25

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 not present at the meeting but he provided his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.3 Police Report: No representative from the Police was present at the meeting but they provided a report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.30

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **0663.15:** Retention of garden shed and 2 pergolas at Portman House Pond Farm The Street 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.

6.6 Other: The Clerk read an email received from SALC clarifying the basis upon which, pursuant to the new Joint Planning Charter agreed by Babergh and MSDC, planning applications may be referred to Committee. Objection by a Parish Council is no longer a basis for referral at MSDC but District Councillors may request such a referral.

7. Specific Agenda Items: None

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £18,301.24

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
02.04.15	Babergh & Mid Suffolk Crime Prevention Panel	24 Reflective/Flashing Armbands (Crime Fighter's Award)	£48.00		£48.00	Agreed	100645 (15/16 - 01)
02.04.15	SALC	Membership Renewal	£290.00		£290.00	Agreed	100646 (15/16 - 02)
02.04.15	Community Action Suffolk	Membership Renewal	£30.00		£30.00	Agreed	100647 (15/16 - 03)
02.04.15	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary & Postage	£219.84		£219.84	Agreed	100648 (15/16 - 04)
02.04.15	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100649 (15/16 - 05)
02.04.15	WEL Medical Limited	Defibrillator Box	£540.00	£108.00	£648.00	Agreed	100650 (15/16 - 06)
		TOTAL	£1179.62	£108.00	£1287.62		

8.3 Thank you letters have been received from the following charities to whom donations were made:

- Suffolk Age UK
- Home-Start
- St Elizabeth Hospice
- Mid Suffolk Axis
- Headway
- Eye Volunteer Centre
- British Red Cross
- East Anglian Air Ambulance

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.45

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

Meeting closed to the Public 20.49

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 14 May 2015 at 8.00pm.

Villagers are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will precede the Annual Meeting of Thorndon Parish Council at 7.30pm.

MEETING CLOSED 20.50

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