

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 4 June 2015

Present: Cllr Botwright, Cllr Cattermole, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Jenkins, and Cllr Taylor (Vice Chairman)

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), PCSO M Tucker, Mr G Horn, Mr A Stringer, Mrs C Horn, Mrs C Aldous, Mrs C Rich, Mr M Sillett, Mr W Moore, Mr A Newman and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.04

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Farquhar and Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman)

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.05

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 save for Mr Moore who confirmed his attendance to provide an informal presentation of a proposed development.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.06

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 14 May 2015

The minutes 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		
03.10.14 – 02	File complaint with BT re state of the telephone box	AT c/fwd to September
03.10.14 – 03	Liaise with the Church re emergency provisions which can be jointly collated	JH & MR c/fwd
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 to September
05.02.15 – 02	Report on Kerrison proposals	PB c/fwd to July
05.03.15 – 01	Monitor usage of dog bin in layby on Clint Road	RJ c/fwd to July
14.05.15 – 01	Contact Cty Cllr Stringer about payment for the works to the triangle on Thwaite Road	Complete
14.05.15 – 02	Write to the Planning Department to seek an explanation for the grant of planning permissions before the extension of time afforded to the Parish Council for response had passed	Complete
14.05.15 – 03	Write to Chief Fire Officer to express concern about the issues arising from the recent fire at Holly Cottage	Complete
14.05.15 – 04	Replace the rotting posts in Play Area and provide estimate of costs for redressing the car park for inclusion in next year's financial budget	Complete

14.05.15 - 05	Audit of road signs around the village	RJ c/fwd
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13.10.14 – 03 Cllr Hayward confirmed that he has spoken with the Vicar, who is at a loss as to how this matter can be taken forward given the paltry response from villagers to the questionnaire placed in the Village Life. She feels there is still the potential for a centralised generator to be installed at either the Church or Village Hall. Cllr Hayward agreed to look into obtaining quotations for this.

06.11.14 – 01 Cllr Hayward has written to John Simpson asking for an update as to progress of the application, but has not received a response. It is felt there is no option but to wait for the application to be processed.

14.05.15 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that Cty Cllr Stringer has paid for the repair works to the Thorndon Triangle from his 'quality of life' highways budget.

14.05.15 – 02 The Clerk confirmed that she has received a full apology from the Planning Officer involved, who admitted that she had failed to note the extension of the accolaid system, as a result of which this was overlooked when she finalised the applications.

14.05.15 – 03 The Clerk read out both her letter to the Chief Fire Officer and his response, which in essence outlined the difficulties the Fire Service is currently experiencing in recruiting and retaining fire officers as a result of societal, technological and demographic changes over the past 5 decades. The Parish Council agreed to accept the invitation for the Area Commander to attend the next Parish Council meeting to explain the reasons for the reductions in fire engine availability, to highlight what steps are being taken to improve matters and to answer any questions from Councillors and villagers. **Action point 04.06.15 - 01**

14.05.15 – 04 Cllr Clinton confirmed that the two rotting posts have been replaced and that it will cost in the region of £2,700.00 to re-dress the car park, work which was last undertaken in 2008. This figure will be factored into the budget for 2016-2017.

14.05.15 – 05 Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he has concluded his audit of all road signs around the village and will now collate the data and refer the same to Suffolk County Council.

Meeting opened to Public 20.26

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: Newly elected Cllr Horn was present at the meeting. He does not yet have anything upon which to report, but was happy to take questions from Councillors and the public.

5.3 Police Report: PCSO M Tucker 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. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **1545.15** Proposed erection of a detached timber garden room at 3 Town Garden The Street Thorndon. The application was supported.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None.

Meeting opened to the Public 20.38

6.6 Other: Mr W Moore, Planning Consultant, attended the meeting as part of his pre-application consultation process. He acts for a client who owns the plot of land (0.6 hectares) adjacent to 'Whistle' Thwaite Road, which lies outside the settlement boundary. His client would like to erect two dwellinghouses on the land, keeping its natural features, including access, pond, trees and screening from the road. His attendance was an informal approach to the Parish Council to get its initial feedback on the proposal before a formal application for full planning permission is made. The Parish Council confirmed that whilst the draft proposals looked sympathetic to its environs, the fact that the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary would be an issue for the Parish Council. A query was raised about the access to the site, which was brought before the Parish Council some years ago, and which should be revisited if this application is taken further.

Meeting closed to the Public 20.48

7. Specific Agenda Items:

None

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £23,045.45

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
04.06.15	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100656 (15/16 - 12)
04.06.15	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100657 (15/16 - 13)
04.06.15	Mr C Cattermole	2 Wooden Posts	£13.94		£13.94	Agreed	100658 (15/16 - 14)
04.06.15	Mrs C Rich	Village Records	£151.48		£151.48	Agreed	100659 (15/16 - 15)
		TOTAL	£424.32		£424.32		

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.00

9.1 Reference was made to the ongoing problem of dog fouling at the back of the Play Area. It was agreed to monitor the situation with a view to reinstating a prohibition of dogs on the playing field should the problem persist.

9.2 It was confirmed that Ofsted has recently issued its report on Thorndon Primary School and that the same has improved to 'Good' and was only just short of receiving an 'Excellent'. The Parish Council felt this was a significant achievement and extended their commendations to the staff on the report which it felt reflected all their hard work.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.07

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 2 July 2015 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.08

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