

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 4 February 2016

Present: Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Cattermole, Cllr Farquhar, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman) and Cllr Taylor (Vice Chairman)

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr G Horn, Ms C Clarkson, Mrs C Aldous, Mr M Sillett, Ms J Wilson, Mr I Fox, Mr C Lane, Mr I Baker, Mr D Youles, Mr M Steele, Mrs J Steele and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Botwright, Cllr Bridge and Cllr Jenkins

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.01

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, they had an interest. No specific interest was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.02

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 7 January 2016

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 - 03	Liaise with the Church re emergency provisions which can be jointly collated	JH & MR c/fwd
02.07.15 - 01	Contact BT to ascertain the cost of reinstating the public telephone as a payphone	MR c/fwd
12.11.15 - 02	Contact Richard Anscombe re Neighbourhood Plan	Remove
03.12.15 - 01	Monitoring of the Post Office Van	Remove
03.12.15 - 02	Letter to Dr D Poulter MP re Hartismere Hospital	PB c/fwd
07.01.16 - 01	Confirm preference re Functional Clusters to MSDC	Complete
07.01.16 - 02	Contact the highways department re flooding on the U5305 at the junction with the A140 and at Collingsford Bridge	Complete
07.01.16 - 03	Contact the highways department about the sign advertising Hopkins Homes in Gislingham which impedes the visibility splay at the junction with the A140 at Stoke Ash	Complete
07.01.16 - 04	Provide costings for a stock of sand and sandbags for use in an emergency	Complete

12.11.15 – 02 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that she has not pursued this following the decision taken at the last meeting to shelve the idea of a neighbourhood plan. In this connection Cllrs Hayward and Jenkins will now speak with District Cllr Horn about community led plans. **Action Point 04.02.16 – 01**

03.12.15 – 01 The Post Office van has been reasonably regular in attendance this year. It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda albeit attendance will continue to be monitored.

07.01.16 – 02 The Clerk read the response she has received from Highways relating to the report of flooding at the junction on the A140 with the U5305 in which Highways advise they have attended the site on a number of occasions to jet the gullies at this junction. Whilst Highways are keeping a watching brief on this junction, they would be pleased to receive reports from the parish should the gullies become blocked again. It was agreed that such information should be referred to the Clerk who, in turn, will forward the same to Highways

07.01.16 – 03 The Clerk read the response she has received from Highways in response to her letter raising concerns about the Hopkins Homes sign. Highways advised that they have investigated the site, and having taken Mr Brand's photographs into account, have concluded that the situation of the sign does not impair the visibility splay at this junction. The Clerk was asked to write to Galloways to ask whether they have received any complaints from their bus drivers on this issue and to the planning department at Mid Suffolk District Council to enquire as to whether the sign has planning permission. **Action Point 04.02.16 – 02**

07.01.16 – 04 Cllr Cattermole confirmed that bags for sand cost £0.60 each and a ton of sand costs £40.00 - £42.00. It was agreed to order a ton of sand and 50 bags.

Meeting opened to Public 20.28

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting but provided his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Horn was present at the meeting and delivered his report for the meeting, a copy of which is attached.

5.3 Police Report: No representative from the Police was present at the meeting nor did they did provide a report for the meeting.

Meeting closed to Public 20.48

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **0187.16** Outline application for planning permission to erect a detached dwelling and garage at Thwaite Road Thorndon.
Cllrs voted in favour of objecting to this application (5 votes in favour with 1 abstention) on the grounds that the same is not a sustainable development within the parameters set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: 4287.15 Repairs to roof structure following damage to Holly Cottage The Street Thorndon.

6.6 Other: None

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 None

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £25,325.91

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
04.02.16	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary & Postage	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100686 (15/16 - 42)
04.02.16	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100687 (15/16 - 43)
04.02.16	St Elizabeth's Hospice	S137 Donation	£300.00		£300.00	Agreed	100688 (15/16 - 44)
04.02.16	Eye & District Volunteer Centre	S137 Donation	£100.00		£100.00	Agreed	100689 (15/16 - 45)
04.02.16	Age UK Suffolk	S137 Donation	£100.00		£100.00	Agreed	100690 (15/16 - 46)
04.02.16	Headway	S137 Donation	£200.00			Agreed	100691 (15/16 - 47)
		TOTAL	£958.90	£	£958.90		

8.3 On the basis of requests received to date, it was agreed to make the following donations:

£300.00 to St Elizabeth's Hospice

£100.00 to Eye & District Volunteer Centre

£100.00 to Age UK Suffolk. The Clerk was asked to express the concern of Councillors at hearing the national news this evening about the commercial practices of Age UK in promoting an expensive duelling tariff with EON to pensioners when sending the donation.

£200.00 to Headway

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.20

9.1 In the absence of any update as to the timeline for improved Broadband speeds for Thorndon from Cty Cllr Stringer, it was suggested that enquiries be made as to alternative solutions. This will be placed on the Agenda for April.

9.2 The Clerk circulated an email received from the Communities Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council on 14 January asking for details of any specific projects to which, if planning permission for the Kerrison site were to be granted, the developer could be required to contribute. Cllrs were asked to let the Clerk have their suggestions which would then be collated and circulated before the next meeting.

9.3 Cllr Hayward confirmed that he now has the quotation for the cost of the proposed VAS.

9.4 Mr Brand noted that the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts are missing from outside the Church. The Clerk will enquire as to whether these are to be replaced. **Action Point 04.02.16 - 03**

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

Meeting closed to the Public 221.39

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 3 March 2016 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.40

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
03.10.14 - 03	Liaise with the Church re emergency provisions which can be jointly collated	JH & MR c/fwd
02.07.15 - 01	Contact BT to ascertain the cost of reinstating the public telephone as a payphone	MR c/fwd
03.12.15 - 02	Letter to Dr D Poulter MP re Hartismere Hospital	PB c/fwd
04.02.16 - 01	Speak with D Cllr Horn re Community led plans	JH & RJ
04.02.16 - 02	Write to Galloways & planning re the Hopkins Homes sign	AT
04.02.16 - 03	Ascertain whether the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts are to be replaced	AT