

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 7 July 2016

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Ms R B Pridmore Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous, Mr D Youles, Mr I Baker, and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett and Cllr Botwright

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 in which particular Agenda item, if any, they had an interest. No specific interest was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.03

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 2 June 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	Remove
04.02.16 - 03	Ascertain whether the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts are to be replaced	AT c/fwd
04.02.16 - 04	Write to Highways re blocked gully at junction on U5305 and A140	Complete
07.04.16 - 02	Apply to Community Fibre Partnerships	Remove
02.06.16 - 01	Circulate details of The Centenary Fields Programme	AT c/fwd
02.06.16 - 02	Liaise with Peter Brook re board walk for footpath	PT c/fwd

03.10.14 – 03 The generator was discussed at a recent Community Council meeting. Whilst costings from Robin Moore are still awaited it was agreed at that meeting that the Community Council would contribute £1,000.00 towards the cost of the generator and both District and County Councillors have agreed to contribute £1,000.00. The Parish Council and Church will, it is hoped, fund the balance. Councillors voted unanimously to approve a contribution of £5,200.00 for the generator on the basis that any VAT payable (£1,200.00) would be reclaimed by the Parish Council. Robin Moore will be advised of this decision.

02.07.15 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that no responses to the article in Village Life have been received. This being so, it was agreed to remove this item from the list.

04.02.16 – 03 No further information has been received concerning the replacement of the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts. It is understood that there is an intention to replace the same but that there is no budget available. It was agreed that, if no progress has been made by September, the Clerk will write again and the whole issue reviewed once a response received

04.02.16 – 04 It was confirmed that the gully was cleared on 1 July last.

07.04.16 – 02 In the light of Cty Cllr Stringer's report to the Parish Council in June it was agreed that there was no merit in pursuing this option and that the item should be removed from the list.

Meeting opened to Public 20.15

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 Horn was not present at the meeting and did not provide a report for the meeting.

Meeting closed to Public 20.24

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

2425.16 Application for outline planning permission for the erection of two detached dwellings with garages and construction of two new vehicular accesses on land south of Whistle Thwaite Road. It was agreed to comment on the application in the same terms as previous applications on the basis that the application is outside the settlement boundary and is not sustainable within the terms of the National Planning Policy framework.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

1834.16 Application for outline permission to erect one new detached dwelling and construction of new vehicular access on land opposite Clint Cottage Clint Road Thorndon. This application has been granted.

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: None

Meeting opened to Public 20.30

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 Following the June meeting and presentation relating to Community Led Plans it was unanimously agreed by Councillors to invite villagers to take part in an electronic survey to ascertain what villagers consider is the best way forward on this issue. Cllrs Hayward &

Jenkins will set this up and it will be circulated via Mr C Brand. **Action Point 07.07.16 - 01**

7.2 Cllr Hayward confirmed that he would unpack the VAS this weekend and would ascertain what is actually required vis a vis recharging the batteries for the unit and rota for moving the same. The Clerk will double check to Memorandum of Understanding to confirm the frequency with which the unit needs to be moved. **Action Point 07.07.16- 02**

7.3 Concern remains around the foul drainage infrastructure at Clint Road – the fact that when it rains the drains bubble up immediately and that each planning application is assessed on its own individual merits without reference to the consents (currently about 40) already granted but not yet built. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Anglian Water Services Limited to suggest a meeting at which their proposals to accommodate the increased output can be addressed. **Action Point 07.07.16 - 03**

Meeting closed to Public 21.40

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £26,907.72

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
17.06.16	Radarlux	German 'VAT' on VAS		£438.28	£438.28	Agreed	TT (16/17 - 14)
07.07.16	Mr C Cattermole	Materials for Play Area	£35.68		£35.68	Agreed	100707 (16/17 - 15)
07.07.16	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100708 (16/17 - 16)
07.07.16	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100709 (16/17 - 17)
		TOTAL	£294.58	£438.28	£732.86		

8.3 The Clerk advised of an invitation received from the Halesworth Locality Inspector for a Councillor to attend a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 20 July next. Following the Suffolk Constabulary restructure these meetings will not be open to members of the public.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.40

9.1 Cllr Hayward referred to a gathering of water in parts of the village resulting from blocked ditches and asked what the Parish Council can actually do to ensure that landowners maintain ditches properly. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Officer for Floods and drainage at Suffolk County Council to enquire. **Action Point 07.07.16 - 04**

9.2 Cllr Jenkins advised that Richard Porter at Suffolk County Council had confirmed that he will provide markers to be placed around the triangle on Thwaite Road, although these are awaited.

9.3 There is an overgrown hedge on the right hand side as you exit The Black Horse which is impeding visibility. Details of the landowner will be passed to the Clerk who will then write asking that the same is cut back.

9.4 Cllr Ravenhill advised that she has not yet received a formal response to the complaint she has lodged with the Post Office over the attendance of the mobile van in Thorndon.

9.5 Mr C Brand delivered his report to the meeting on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.09

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 8 September 2016 at 8.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 21.10

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
04.02.16 - 03	Ascertain whether the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts are to be replaced	AT c/fwd
02.06.16 - 01	Circulate details of The Centenary Fields Programme	AT c/fwd
02.06.16 - 02	Liaise with Peter Brook re board walk for footpath	PT c/fwd
07.07.16 01	Prepare and circulate an electronic survey re community led plans	JH & RJ
07.07.16 02	Check Memorandum of Understanding to ascertain how often the VAS needs to be moved	AT
07.07.16 03	Write to Anglian Water Services Limited to suggest a meeting to discuss infrastructure at Clint Road	AT
07.07.16 04	Write to Officer for Floods and Drainage at Suffolk County Council re landowner responsibility for clearing ditches	AT