

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 6 October 2016

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous, J Ferrari, N Ferrari, Mr & Mrs Steele, Mr D Youles, Mr I Baker, Ms J Wilson and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Hayward

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 8 September 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
04.02.16 – 03	Ascertain whether the 'Heart of Suffolk' fingerposts are to be replaced	AT c/fwd
02.06.16 – 02	Liaise with Peter Brook re board walk for footpath	PT c/fwd
07.07.16 03	Write to Anglian Water Services Limited to suggest a meeting to discuss infrastructure at Clint Road	Complete
08.09.16 – 01	Identify landowners of blocked watercourses	MR & CC
08.09.16 – 02	Respond to Post Office consultation	Complete
08.09.16 – 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB Defer to Jan '17

03.10.14 – 03 This issue remains ongoing.

07.07.16 – 03 The Clerk confirmed that she has received a reply from Anglian Water who has confirmed that their Local Customer Liaison Manager is prepared to meet with Councillors to address their concerns. Cllr Ravenhill took the letter and will liaise with Anglian Water to set up a meeting to which Mr S Woods will also be invited.

08.09.16 – 01 Apparently the main problem is caused by run off from the roads rather than blocked ditches. Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he is liaising with one landowner where problems are occurring.

08.09.16 – 02 The Clerk read out the response received from the Post Office, which did not properly address the points raised. Anyone concerned at the new timetable for the mobile Post Office is urged to submit their own response to the public consultation to ensure that the impact of the new timetable for Thorndon is made clear to the consultation. In particular, it was noted that the Post Office van has not adhered to the new timetable which has only been in place for two weeks the result of which is villagers are losing confidence in the service and are travelling to neighbouring towns to use their permanent Post Office facilities.

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Bartlett has been in contact with John Howard and has been told that the developers are attending to the planning conditions and building regulations approvals with a view to starting work on site in January 2017. They are to develop the whole site including the Chapel and new builds. Councillors will revisit this issue in January.

Meeting opened to Public 20.20

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 20.38

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications: None

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

1836.16 Application for the erection of two new two-storey semi detached dwellings and one new two-storey detached dwelling with associated gardens garages and vehicular accesses at Hall Road Thorndon.

2425.16 Application for outline planning permission for the erection of two new detached dwellings with garages and construction of two new vehicular accesses on land south of Whistle Thwaite Road Thorndon.

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: None

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 Cllr Jenkins confirmed that 287 households had been invited to respond to the Neighbourhood survey and that 43% had responded. Of those who responded 75% supported a neighbourhood plan. This being the case, Cllrs Hayward and Jenkins will pursue this issue and collate a schedule of costings for consideration at the next meeting in December. **Action Point 06.10.16 – 01**

8. Clerks Report

8.1 **Financial Update:** The current balance is £32,192.05

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
06.10.16	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's Salary	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100714 (16/17 - 22)
06.10.16	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	100715 (16/17 - 23)
		TOTAL	£258.90		£258.90		

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.51

9.1 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that she had attended the SALC Area North meeting. There is not much to report save that funding is available for village websites, something she will investigate.

9.2 Mrs Aldous raised the issue of crackling telephone lines in Fen View and The Street. BT has been contacted since August but to date has failed to resolve the problem. Cty Cllr Stringer asked for a list of telephone numbers and postcodes affected and will contact BT.

9.3 Mr Sillett, referencing the traffic data collected by the VAS from the last meeting, asked at what point the speed is recorded as the sign flashes before the car is within the 30 mph limit, observing that cars can approach the village at speeds faster than 30 mph but have slowed by the time they enter the restricted zone. Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he would investigate this. **Action Point 06.10.16 - 02**

9.4 A newspaper article published today states that there are 1,000 empty homes in Mid Suffolk, over 283 of which have been empty for a long time. It was questioned whether these houses should be refurbished and occupied in priority to new development, although the empty houses levy enabling local authorities to charge increased Council Tax on empty houses may be the reason why this is not happening.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.54

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

MEETING CLOSED 21.25

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06.10.16 - 01	Prepare costings for a neighbourhood plan	JH & RJ
06.10.16 - 02	Confirm at what point the VAS records a motorists speed	RJ