

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 1 February 2018

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk) Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous, Mr I Fox, Mr I Smith, Mr S Mulcahy, Mrs J Mulcahy, Mr D Wood, Mrs H Wood, Mr R Pattenden, Ms J Wilson Mr C Lane and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bridge and Cllr Hayward

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 interests were expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.02

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Thorndon Parish Council held on 4 January 2018

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		
02.06.16 - 02	Liaise with landowner re board walk for footpath	PT c/fwd
08.09.16 - 01	Identify landowners of blocked watercourses	RJ c/fwd
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd Defer to April `18
03.11.16 - 01	Arrange public meeting to discuss neighbourhood plans with a representative from Mid Suffolk District Council	JH Defer to Feb 18
05.01.17 - 01	Consider making Freedom of Information request to Post Office Ltd re mobile Post Van	PBr c/fwd
02.02.17 - 01	Report flooding on Thwaite Rd using Suffolk County Council's online reporting tool & speaking directly to Richard Porter at Highways	RJ & PB c/fwd

02.03.17 - 01	Monitor Faster Broadband	PB
13.07.17 01	Consider criteria for self-assessment of new VAS pole on High Street	JH
07.09.17 - 02	Compile list of sign in the village which need to be replaced	MR c/fwd
07.12.17 - 01	Consider legality/viability of VAT recovery for Village Hall expenditure	AT c/fwd
04.01.18 - 01	Land Registry mapsearch snapshot of Thorndon	AT c/fwd
04.01.18 - 02	Ascertain costs of cycle rack	Complete

02.06.16 – 02 Cllr Taylor confirmed that the hard landscaping has been completed and that there has been a meeting between Glyn French and the landowner to agree the route of the path to be cut through the wood.

08.09.16 – 01 Cllr Jenkins and Mr N Minter have now spoken. Mr Minter does not have a drawing showing the watercourses and suggested the Parish Council contact Suffolk County Council who are now responsible for watercourses, which Cllr Jenkins has done. Suffolk County Council are willing to assist if the relevant watercourses can be identified. The contact at Suffolk County Council is Mr N Jarvis. The Parish Council knows the identity of two landowners whose watercourses are blocked and an approach on behalf of the Parish Council will now be made.

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Bartlett and the developer, John Howard have been in email correspondence. Mr Howard has confirmed that the conversion works are scheduled to commence on 1 March next and that the new builds are on course for completion in July. Mr Howard has reiterated his intention to give the residents of Thorndon and their relatives first refusal for the units.

02.02.17 – 01 Cllr Jenkins has spoken to Suffolk County Council about the flooding at the Wash, Collingsford Bridge and Thwaite Road and potholes on Stoke Road as highways is the relevant responsible body Councillors wanted to record their observation that the performance of Suffolk County Council in this regard is lamentable.

02.03.17 – 01 Cllr Bartlett reported that some residents have received notice from BT suggesting that following works to the Exchange broadband speeds may improve. Cllr Bartlett referred such correspondence to Cty Cllr Stringer who has responded confirming that there is no change to the position vis a vis broadband speeds as previously reported by him.

13.07.17 01 Cllr Ravenhill on behalf of Cllr Hayward reported that Cllr Hayward has received a response from James Suckling who, in turn, advised that the application is for 3 poles. Mr Suckling is to arrange a site visit with Cllr Hayward to discuss.

07.12.17 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that she emailed Cty Cllr Stringer to enquire about the means of accessing S106/CIL monies attributable to the parish. To date no response has been received.

04.01.18 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that she had asked for more detail of the properties which the relevant ditches abut in order to hone the Land Registry Mapsearch Snapshot.

04.01.18 – 02 It was agreed to purchase a cycle rack for £48.00 + VAT

Meeting opened to Public 20.26

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 not present at the meeting and did not provide report.

Meeting closed to Public 20.30

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **18.00118:** Application for erection of a two storey rear extension single storey side extension and attached double cartlodge at Millstone Cottage Mill Lane Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application subject to the comment that the side extension abuts the boundary of the property and will make maintenance and repair difficult in the future.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **17.04154:** Application for listed building consent for change of use of agricultural barns to 3 residential units including demolition of ancillary barns and structures at Thorndon Hill Farm Rishangles Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent:

- **17.04155:** Application for listed building consent for change of use of agricultural barns to 3 residential units including demolition of ancillary barns and structures at Thorndon Hill Farm Rishangles Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application

6.6 Other: None

7. Specific Agenda Items: None

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £30,383.82

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
01.02.18	Mrs A Thompson	Clerks salary & expenses	£207.12		£207.12	Agreed	100786 (17/18 - 40)
01.02.18	HMRC	PAYE	£51.78		£51.78	Agreed	10077847 (17/18 - 41)
		TOTAL	£258.90	£0.00	£258.90		

8.3 Donations

Councillors agreed to make the following donations:

- Thorndon Church Restoration Fund £800.00
- Eye & District Volunteer Centre C I O £100.00
- Citizens Advice Bureau £150.00
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service £100.00
- East Anglian Air Ambulance £300.00
- St Elizabeth Hospice £400.00
- Suffolk Age UK £100.00

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.52

9.1 Members of the public raised concerns about the recent extensive clearance/maintenance works to the 'set aside' land observing that any such maintenance works should include the watercourses as well. Cllr Bartlett advised that he has been in contact with the Clerk to the Thorndon Town Trustees Frank Lea and his replacement Ms L Lane. They have confirmed that the land is within the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and that rumours that the Town Trust is considering charging for access to the land are false, something which would be in breach of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to which the 'set aside' is subject. Lacy Knight Scott has recently been appointed to manage the land and it was suggested that they be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting in order that villagers' concerns can be addressed. Cllr Bartlett will arrange such a meeting.

Action Point 01.02.18 – 01

9.2 Cllr Jenkins advised that Galloways buses continue to drive over the triangle at Stanwell Green and the verges. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Galloways asking drivers to refrain from so doing. **Action point 01.02.18 – 02**

9.3 It was noted that the pothole filling measures by Highways are not very effective.

9.4 Mr Brand delivered his report for Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.15

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 1 March 2018 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 21.16

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04.01.18 - 01	Land Registry mapsearch snapshot of Thorndon	AT
01.02.18 - 01	Arrange for a representative from Lacy Knight Scott to attend a Parish Meeting to discuss management of the 'set aside'	PB
01.02.18 - 02	Write to Galloways re buses driving over the triangle at Stanwell Green	AT