

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 5 December 2019

Present: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Bridge, Cllr Cattermole, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Jenkins, and Cllr Taylor (Vice Chairman)

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mrs C Aldous, Mr M Sillett, Mr D Youles Ms J Wilson and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman)

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.01

The Vice Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, in which they have an interest. No interests were expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.02

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 7 November 2019

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 for next Meeting		
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd to Feb '20
04.10.18 - 02	Contact Mr R Lockwood about the Lych Gate	JH c/fwd
05.09.19 - 03	Inspect blockage to footpath between Thorndon and Stoke Ash	Complete
07.11.19 - 01	Write to Simmons re Fen View & Playground sign	AT

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Bartlett has not been in contact with Mr J Howard and it was agreed to revisit this item in February.

05.09.19 – 03 Cllr Taylor advised that Mr S Page has reported back that there is no problem with this footpath.

07.11.19 – 01 The Clerk has written to Simmons who in response have asked for sight of the CCTV footage which she will now request from the holder of the same.

Meeting opened to Public 20.10

5. Reports

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

5.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting but did provide his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.15

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.19.05432:** Application for consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order at Trinity House Thwaite Road Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to support this application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.19.03680:** Consent for the erection of 3no dwellings comprising 2no 5 bedroom two-storey dwellings and 1no 3 bedroom bungalow. Creation of new shared vehicular access. Installation of sewage treatment units on land to the north west of Rose Cottage Hall Road Thorndon.

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: Cllr Hayward advised that the Neighbourhood Plan was moving ahead and that there was no plan to make the same public until the new year.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 It was reported that Mr S Page has been asking the school management for details of the costs of repairs to the school but to date has not received a response.

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £42,427.47 of which £10,120.29 are the grant monies received for the Neighbourhood Plan and the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £32,307.18.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.12.19	Thorndon Village Hall	Village Hall Hire	255.00		255.00	Agreed	100894 (19/20 - 40)
05.12.19	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100895 (19/20 - 41)
05.12.19	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's salary and expenses	214.44		214.44	Agreed	100896 (19/20 - 42)
		TOTAL	£521.22	£ NIL	£521.22		

The Clerk questioned the payment of a whole days hire of the Village Hall for Thorndon History day (£120.00). Councillors confirmed that this was a legitimate Parish Council expense.

8.3 The Clerk has received a report from Thorndon Town Trust advising of the resignation of Mr J Coy and appointment of Mrs C Horton in his place. The new chairman will be decided at the next meeting. In the meantime requests from local students for donations for equipment to assist with their studies have been satisfied and a contribution to the village school made.

8.4 The Clerk mentioned an anonymous voicemail she has received expressing concern at street lighting at Kerrison. Councillors were unaware of such a facility but between now and the next meeting will inspect the site so the matter can be discussed in more detail in January. In the meantime the Clerk will revert to the caller inviting her to the next meeting to put forward her views.

8.5 The Clerk has received an email from the village tree warden querying whether or not the spinney at Kerrison was to become a building site. Councillors confirmed that this was not the case, and indeed, the spinney is not identified for potential development in the draft neighbourhood plan. The Clerk will respond accordingly.

8.6 The Clerk advised that she has received a copy letter sent by a villager to the Trustees of the Kerrison Trust concerning the lack of maintenance of the ditch along the north western boundary of Kerrison School field.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.27

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

Meeting closed to the Public 20.35

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 9 January 2020 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 20.36

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