

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 7 November 2019

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

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

Currently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, a position for which Ms J Wilson has applied. Before the start of the meeting Cllr Ravenhill invited Ms Wilson to speak to Councillors about her background and suitability to be a Parish Councillor and Councillors asked Ms Wilson questions relating to her application. Cllr Ravenhill then advised that she has today received interest from other potential applicants which unfortunately were received too late for consideration at this meeting. Cllr Ravenhill will keep in touch with Ms Wilson once Councillors are in a position to co-opt a Councillor.

Meeting Opened 20.06

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Taylor declared an interest in Action Point 05.09.19 – 01

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.08

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, in which they have an interest. Interest in planning application DC.19.03680 was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.09

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

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		
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd
04.10.18 - 02	Contact Mr R Lockwood about the Lych Gate	JH c/fwd
05.09.19 - 01	Village sign cleaning contract: obtain other quotations for equivalent proposal received	Complete
05.09.19 - 03	Inspect blockage to footpath between Thorndon and Stoke Ash	PT c/fwd

04.10.18 – 02 Cllr Hayward has been assured by Mr R Lockwood will inspect the Lych Gate and cost the necessary repairs once he completes his current work commitment.

05.09.19 – 01 Cllrs voted unanimously to award the village sign cleaning contract to Local Service Solutions.

Meeting opened to Public 20.20

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cty Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and provided his report, a copy of which is attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and provided his report.

Meeting closed to Public 20.29

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.19.03680:** Planning Application for the erection of 3 no dwellings comprising 2 no 5 bedroom two storey dwellings and 1 no 3 bedroom bungalow. Creation of new shared vehicular access. Installation of sewage treatment units on land north west of Rose Cottage Hall Road Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to object this application as whilst it was acknowledged that the roof heights have been lowered, all other objections to this application still stand.
- **DC.19.05023:** Application for outline planning permission (with some matters reserved – access to be considered) – Erection of 2 no dwellings with vehicular access and detached garages on land off The Street Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to support this application but asked that the permission includes conditions as to sustainability as detailed in the Design and Access Statement.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.19.03314:** Consent for the continued use of unit of village shop at The Black Horse Inn The Street Thorndon.
- **DC.19.03534:** Consent for the erection of a commercial swimming pool building and creation of vehicular access at Bucks Hall Eye Road Rishangles

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: Cllr Hayward advised that the first draft of the text has now been circulated and changes recommended. The text has now been returned to the Consultant who is to prepare the final text. Cllr Hayward indicated that it is hoped to go for consultation after Christmas

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 £44,236.77 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 £34,116.48.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
07.11.19	Mr R Fiebelkorn	Grasscutting	680.00		680.00	Agreed	100886 (19/20 - 32)
07.11.19	MSDC	VAT on shortfall for dog and litter bin emptying		13.80	13.80	Agreed	100887 (19/20 - 33)
07.11.19	PCN Electronics Limited	Components for sound system for Village Hall	459.00		459.00	Agreed	100888 (19/20 - 34)
07.11.19	Thorndon Village Hall	Multimedia Player	109.00		109.00	Agreed	100889 (19/20 - 35)
07.11.19	Mrs J Botwright	Refund for photographs for Village Hall	86.60		86.60	Agreed	100890 (19/20 - 36)
07.11.19	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100891 (19/20 - 37)
07.11.19	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's salary and expenses	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100892 (19/20 - 38)

07.11.19	Royal British Legion	S137 Donation	200.00		200.00	Agreed	100893 (19/20 - 39)
		TOTAL	£1,793.50	£13.80	£1,807.30		

8.3 It was agreed to make a donation in the sum of £200.00 to the Royal British Legion and Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he would lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

8.4 It was agreed that Cllr Hayward will liaise with the Clerk in considering the precept for 2020-2021

8.5 The Clerk noted that the January meeting is scheduled for 2 January 2020 and wondered whether it would be appropriate to put it back a week to 9 January. Councillors agreed to this, subject to the Village Hall being available.

8.6 The Clerk has received an email from The Thorndon Town Trust asking that Councillors agree to renew Mrs C Aldous' appointment as one of 3 Parish Council nominated trustees, something Councillors agreed to do.

8.7 The SALC AGM is to be held on Tuesday 26 November at Blackbourne Community Centre Elmswell at 7.00. Cllr Jenkins agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

8.8 The Clerk confirmed the next Police Locality meeting will be held at Eye Town Hall on 22 November next between 10am and 11.30am.

8.9 The next meeting of the local group opposing new poultry units in Mid Suffolk is due to meet on 27 November next. Cllrs Hayward and Jenkins confirmed they would attend. Cllr Hayward observed that the group is extremely well organised and knowledgeable on the issues involved and are happy to attend meetings to give a presentation of the concerns which such units pose for Mid Suffolk. Councillors agreed that they should be invited to Thorndon.

8.10 Occold Parish Council have extended an invitation to the Parish Council to attend a planning training session via SALC at a cost to be shared between all attending of £245.00. Councillors confirmed that they did not wish to attend this session.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.06

9.1 Mr Hartwell asked about traffic calming measures in The Street. It was agreed that the data collected by the VAS would be sent to the Police in the hope that they will attend in the Village, as they have in the past, with speed guns. Cty Cllr Stringer advised that it is now possible to acquire an ANPR 'add-on' for the VAS but that at the current time the Police will not sanction their use.

9.2 On 1 November last a Simmons bus reversed into and knocked down the Fen View and playground sign. CCTV footage is available. The Clerk will write to the bus company asking that they oversee its replacement. **Action Point 07.11.19 - 01**

9.3 Mr Atkinson noted surface water on The Street, a problem which Cllr Jenkins will report to Highways using the online reporting tool.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 20.27

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 5 December 2019 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 20.28

Summary of Action Points for next Meeting		
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd
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	PT c/fwd
07.11.19 - 01	Write to Simmons re Fen View & Playground sign	AT