

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present: Cllr Baker, 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 S Page, Mr N Ferrari, Mr D Youles and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

Cllr Ravenhill announced that she has received and accepted the resignation of Ian Smith as a Parish Councillor. Thanks for all his work whilst a Parish Councillor were extended to Mr Smith by Councillors.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Bridge, Cllr Cattermole

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Taylor declared an interest in 'Action Points/matters arising' item 04.07.19 - 01

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.02

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, in which they have an interest. Interests in Planning Application DC.19.03606 were expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.03

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 4 July 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
04.07.19 - 01	Village sign cleaning contract: confirm number of signs around village	Complete

08.09.16 – 03 In conveying his apologies Cllr Bartlett confirmed that he has been in contact with John Howard, the developer who has confirmed that following the financial failure of his contract builder all is now progressing well, that services should be connected in September with the first six units should be available for sale in October. It is hoped that the whole project will be completed by Christmas, at the same time as the newbuilds.

04.10.18 – 02 Cllr Hayward has spoken to Mr Lockwood who has promised that this item is the 'next on his list'.

04.07.19 – 01 Cllr Jenkins advised that he has counted 107 village signs some of which are 'bleached' but otherwise the same are in good order. He questioned whether or not those 'bleached' signs would be replaced by Highways at Suffolk County Council. Cty Cllr Stringer confirmed that all defective signs should be reported using the online reporting tool and where appropriate, the County Council will replace. He did advise that the criteria had changed but that the County Council could evaluate whether or not signs need replacement. As regards the proposal received from a new start-up business it was to obtain a quotation based on an equivalent service for consideration at the next meeting. **Action Point 05.09.19 - 01**

Meeting opened to Public 20.18

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, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.33

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.19.03680:** Planning Application 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 north west of Rose Cottage Hall Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to object to this application as the proposal is an inappropriate over development of the site which has 3 listed buildings in close proximity.
- **DC.19.03606:** Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion Request for the development of a Poultry Production Unit with a capacity to house 288,000 birds at Castle Farm Occold. This request invites Councillors for their opinion on a proposal and obviates the need for a full Environmental Impact Statement. Councillors commented that this application should not necessarily be viewed in isolation as a number of new production units have already been built with a number of other proposed sites identified for further units. Councillors noted that the processing plant on the Eye Industrial Estate

can process 1,200,000 birds per week and the increase in traffic movements that this processing plant and additional production units will generate along roads not suitable to accommodate large heavy vehicles and environmental impact of such additional traffic is a concern together with the smell which emanates from such units and ammonia escaping into the atmosphere which cannot be removed.

- **DC.19.03534:** Planning Application for the erection of a commercial swimming pool building and creation of vehicular access at Bucks Hall Eye Road Rishangles. Councillors voted to support this application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: None

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

- Cllr Hayward advised that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is to be considered at the next Committee meeting after which it is proposed to hold another public consultation in the Village Hall.
- The Clerk confirmed that there will be a public drop-in event between 14.30 and 17.30 on 10 September next in Eye for people to consider the draft Joint Local Plan.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 Councillors were advised that the school has a schedule of repairs for which they are seeking funding and asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to advance some of the CIL monies it holds. Councillors confirmed that they would support such an application. In addition the Clerk confirmed that Mid Suffolk District Council is opening the next round of bids for CIL monies and provided Mr Page with the application form and D Cllr Stringer took a copy of the list of works indicating that he could make some of his locality budget available.

7.2 Cllr Ravenhill advised that at the last meeting of the Community Council a couple of outstanding jobs at the Village Hall were discussed, namely upgrading the lighting in the alcoves of the Hall and Lounge Bar and replacing the sound system. The works are estimated to cost £700.00. D Cllr suggested that he and Cllr Ravenhill should discuss these proposals. Subject to the outcome of these discussions Councillors confirmed that they would support an application from the Community Council for CIL monies to help fund these works.

7.3 Cllrs confirmed that the insurance renewal terms are adequate for the Parish Council's current needs.

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £39,963.83 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 £29,843.54.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.09.19	MSDC	Litter and Dog Bin emptying	405.00	81.00	486.00	Agreed	100874 (19/20 - 20)
05.09.19	MSDC	Parish Election Recharges	107.78		107.78	Agreed	100875 (19/20 - 21)
05.09.19	Geosphere Limited	Parish Online	75.00	15.00	90.00	Agreed	100876 (19/20 - 22)
05.09.19	Carne & Co	Insurance Renewal Premium	541.71		541.71	Agreed	100877 (19/20 - 23)
05.09.19	Mrs A Thompson	Clerks Salary & Expenses	414.24		414.24	Agreed	100878 (19/20 - 24)
05.09.19	HMRC	PAYE	103.56		103.56	Agreed	100879 (19/20 - 25)
		TOTAL	£1,647.29	£96.00	£1,743.29		

8.3 The Clerk advised that she has received notification of a new mechanism for ordering grit for grit bins. Cllr Ravenhill will confirm the location of all grit bins in the Village to the Clerk who will then process the application. **Action Point 05.09.19 - 02**

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.10

9.1 Cllr Jenkins advised that there has been some damage to the Play Area and the Clerk confirmed that the annual RoSPA inspection was scheduled to take place this month. This being the case Cllr Jenkins will replace the missing screw from the swing.

9.2 Cllr Jenkins advised that following a change of ownership of a farm abutting the footpath leading from Thorndon to Stoke Ash that part of the footpath has had barbed wire placed over stiles and signposts have been removed. Cllr Taylor will investigate the position. **Action Point 05.09.19 - 03**

9.3 Mr Page passed on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee passed on its thanks to the Parish Council for the support it has received for the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.38

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 3 October 2019 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 21.38

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 - 01	Village sign cleaning contract: obtain other quotations for equivalent proposal received	AT
05.09.19 - 02	Advise the Clerk of the location of grit bins around Village	MR
05.09.19 - 03	Inspect blockage to footpath between Thorndon and Stoke Ash	PT