

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 6 February 2020

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

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

Meeting Opened 20.00

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Hayward and Cllr Page

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Ravenhill declared an interest in planning application **DC.20.00335**

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. No interests were expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.03

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 9 January 2020

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 to April '20
07.11.19 - 01	Write to Simmons re Fen View & Playground sign	AT

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Bartlett advised that he had not been able to contact Mr J Howard but would endeavor so to do in time for the next meeting.

07.11.19 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that she had reverted to Simmons with the details conveyed to her by Cllr Ravenhill, but that to date, no response has been received. Cllr Ravenhill advised that on Wednesday an unmarked white van had appeared on The Street and someone has resurrected the sign albeit the workmanship looks questionable. She will inspect the sign to ascertain whether or not the matter requires further action.

Meeting opened to Public 20.10

5. Reports

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

5.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and delivered his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.19

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.20.00335:** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission 1021/17 at Greenacres Hestley Green Thorndon. Councillors voted to support the application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.19.05719:** Mid Suffolk District Council have issued a confirmation of compliance with conditions in respect of Plots 8-27 inclusive and Plot 2 The Chapel at Kerrison Conference and Training Centre Stoke Road Thorndon

6.4 Refusals:

- **DC.19.05632:** Consent to convert a garage to form 1no dwelling at 1 Stanwell Green Thorndon has been refused.

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: Cllr Ravenhill confirmed the drop-in consultation event to be held at the Village Hall between 10.00 and 15.00 on 15 February next with the six week public consultation running for 6 weeks from 15 February to 28 March next.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 Cllr Jenkins confirmed he would be attending the Cranswick meeting concerning new poultry units next week.

7.2 The Clerk confirmed that the grass cutting contract is due for renewal. She will invite tenders via the Village Life.

7.3 The question of use by Councillors of personal emails has been raised by Cllr Hayward. In his absence, Councillors agreed to refer the matter back to him as his wife operates the village website. **Action Point 06.02.20 – 01**

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £38,138.57 of which £6,058.39 are the grant monies received for the Neighbourhood Plan and the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £32,080.18.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
06.02.20	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100901 (19/20 - 47)
06.02.20	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's salary and expenses	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100902 (19/20 - 48)
06.02.20	Thorndon Church Resoration Fund	S137 Donation	200.00		200.00	Agreed	100903 (19/20 - 49)
06.02.20	Eye Volunteer Centre	S137 Donation	100.00		100.00	Agreed	100904 (19/20 - 50)
06.02.20	Suffolk Age UK	S137 Donation	100.00		100.00	Agreed	100905 (19/20 - 51)
06.02.20	East Anglian Air Ambulance	S137 Donation	350.00		350.00	Agreed	100906 (19/20 - 52)
06.02.20	St Elizabeth Hospice	S137 Donation	400.00		400.00	Agreed	100907 (19/20 - 53)
06.02.20	Citizens Advice Bureau	S137 Donation	300.00		300.00	Agreed	100908 (19/20 - 54)
06.02.20	Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch	S137 Donation	50.00		50.00	Agreed	100909 (19/20 - 55)
06.02.20	Suffolk Air and Rescue	S137 Donation	100.00		100.00	Agreed	100910 (19/20 - 56)

		TOTAL	£1,858.90	£NIL	£1,858.90		
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8.3 The Clerk advised that she has received an email from Ms J Allen concerning the sign cleaning contract accepted by the Parish Council last year. She has said, that following a review of the business in providing a sign cleaning service to Parish Councils and now having seen the length of time it took the Parish Council to accept the tender, she has concluded that the business is not viable.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.30

9.1 Cllr Jenkins confirmed that the grit bins have been stocked with salt.

9.2 Cllr Taylor advised that the pole on Thwaite Road for the VAS can no longer be used as access to the pole which lies on the far side of a ditch is precarious. Cllr Ravenhill will ask Cllr Hayward to liaise with Highways on this matter. **Action Point 06.02.20 – 02**

Meeting closed to the Public 20.55

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 5 March 2020 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 20.56

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 to April '20
07.11.19 - 01	Write to Simmons re Fen View & Playground sign	AT
06.02.20 - 01	Ask the website master about email addresses for Councillors	AT
06.02.20 - 02	Ask Cllr Hayward to contact Highways re VAS pole on Thwaite Road	MR