

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 9 January 2020

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, Ms S Miller, Mr S Page and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.00

The Chairman invited the second applicant for the Parish Councillor vacancy, Mr S Page, to make a presentation to Councillors as to his suitability for the post and after answering Councillors' questions, Councillors voted for their preferred candidate. Mr S Page was duly elected to the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bartlett

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 20.10

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 – 20.12

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 5 December 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 for next Meeting		
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd to Feb '20
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04.10.18 – 02 Cllr Hayward has spoken to Mr R Lockwood who has now completed a large undertaking and once his backlog of work is cleared will turn his attention to the Lych Gate.

07.11.19 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed she would ask Mrs C Owen for any CCTV footage of the Simmons bus reversing into the sign which Simmons have requested.

Meeting opened to Public 20.14

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 20.31

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.19.04148:** Planning application for the erection of first floor platform and external staircase to rear elevation and replace window with French doors at The Black Horse Inn The Street Thorndon. Councillors voted to support the application.
- **DC.19.05632:** Planning application for the conversion of garage to form 1no dwelling at 1 Stanwell Green Thorndon. Councillors voted to support the application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.19.01310:** Outline planning consent (with some matters reserved) for the erection of 20no dwellings and access (following demolition of existing buildings) on land adjacent to The Principal's House Stoke Road Thorndon has been granted
- **DC.19.05432:** Consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order at Trinity House Thwaite Road Thorndon has been granted.
- **DC.19.05023:** Application for outline planning permission (some matters reserved – access to be considered) – Erection of 2no dwellings with vehicular access and detached garages on land off The Street Thorndon has been withdrawn.

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other: Mr S Page, the chair of the Thorndon Planning Committee, reported that the second Draft Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed it is planned to hold an event at the Village Hall to launch the statutory 6 week public consultation period with the Parish in 6 to 7 weeks. Cllr Hayward has confirmed that he has applied for final additional grant money.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 The members of the Parish Council resolved to approve the second Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Pre-Submission Consultation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations subject to the incorporation of amendments required for typographic, grammatical or factual errors. The Pre-Submission Consultation is the public consultation phase noted in 6.6 above.

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £42,921.82 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 £32,801.53.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
09.01.20	Places 4 People Limited	Preparation of Neighbourhood Plan	2,347.80	469.56	2,817.36	Agreed	100897 (19/20 - 43)
09.01.20	Groundwork UK	Refund underspend on Grant NPG-10643	1,715.00		1,715.00	Agreed	100898 (19/20 - 44)
09.01.20	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100899 (19/20 - 45)
09.01.20	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's salary and expenses	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100900 (19/20 - 46)
		TOTAL	£4,321.70	£469.56	£4,791.26		

8.3 Councillors discussed the precept for the financial year 2020-2021. Based on expenditure for the current financial year of £14,000.00 and applying an increase of 3% in line with increases advised by SALC and Mid Suffolk District Council and factoring £625.00 for the new village sign cleaning contract and increase in Clerk's

salary, Councillors agreed to set the precept at £15,000.00. Noting that the Parish Council has over £30,000.00 in the account, it was agreed that any projects undertaken over the next year can be funded out of these monies.

8.4 The Clerk confirmed that the next Parish Liaison Meeting will be held in Stowmarket on 4 February next. Cllrs Ravenhill, Hayward and Jenkins confirmed they would attend.

8.5 The Clerk has received an email from Ms J Allen concerning the village sign cleaning contract advising that she is reviewing the quotation given 6 months ago and hopes to revert in time for the next meeting.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.00

9.1 Questions about the street lighting at Kerrison were raised. It was confirmed that the lighting is a planning condition. Cllr Hayward further confirmed that he has written to Mr J Howard, the developer, who advised that following a review of the concerns received, the lighting will remain in situ.

9.2 Concerns about the damage to the verges outside the Bowls Club caused by parked cars were raised.

9.3 Mr S Page suggested that the Parish Council might consider creating a path from the Church Car Park to make a safer route for staff from the School using the car park.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.25

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 6 February 2020 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 21.26

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