

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Village Hall on 5 March 2020

Present: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bartlett, 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, Mr M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous, Mrs C Rich, Mr S Marshall and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.01

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Page

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

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 6 February 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 to June '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	Complete
06.02.20 - 01	Ask the website master about email addresses for Councillors	Complete
06.02.20 - 02	Ask Cllr Hayward to contact Highways re VAS pole on Thwaite Road	MR

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Bartlett advised that he has spoken with Mr J Howard who has confirmed all units are now being marketed for sale with the first occupants taking possession in March.

07.11.19 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that she has received a letter from Simmonds who, without accepting liability have confirmed that they have, as a gesture of goodwill reinstated the damaged sign. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks for this.

06.02.20 – 01 Cllr Hayward advised that he has spoken with the website support concerning Councillor email addresses. He has been advised that the only way forward is for Councillors to use a system necessitating a separate log in process which cannot accommodate access to emails direct to mobile telephones. Councillors agreed that in future current emails would continue to be used, but that the sender would email themselves, blind copying in the intended recipients. This matter will be reviewed in March 2021.

06.02.10 – 02 Concerns raised at the last meeting by Cllr Taylor about accessing the VAS pole on Thwaite Road were addressed. Cllr Hayward does not agree that the same is inaccessible and pointed out that there is no alternative site along Thwaite Road on which to place another pole. In the immediate short term Cllr Jenkins confirmed he is content to install and remove the device and Cllr Hayward confirmed he would carry out a further inspection of the site.

Meeting opened to Public 20.13

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: None

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 confirmed that the public consultation is ongoing and that whilst there has been reasonable interest shown in the plan, that interest is not generating approvals or other responses which is disappointing.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 The Clerk confirmed that she has received two quotations for the grass cutting contract the details of which were discussed by Councillors who voted to accept that provided by Mr Fiebelkorn.

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £39,091.57 of which £8,670.39 are the grant monies received for the Neighbourhood Plan and the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £30,421.28.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
05.03.20	Places4People Limited	Neighbourhood Plan Support	1,993.90	398.78	2,392.48	Agreed	100911 (19/20 - 57)
05.03.20	Mrs C Rich	Village Records	80.86		80.86	Agreed	100913 (19/20 - 58)
05.03.20	Mrs A Thompson	Clerks salary & postage	214.44		214.44	Agreed	100914 (19/20 - 59)
05.03.20	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100915 (19/20 - 60)
05.03.20	Mr J Hayward	Refund printing for Neighbourhood Plan	36.56		36.56	Agreed	100916 (19/20 - 61)
05.03.20	Thorndon under 5's	S137 Donation	400.00		400.00	Agreed	100917 (19/20 - 62)
05.03.20	Mrs C Rich	Refund I Theobald book & postage for Thailand	14.10		14.10	Agreed	100918 (19/20 - 63)
		TOTAL	£2,791.64	£398.78	£3,190.42		

8.3 Following last month's meeting Cllr Ravenhill has contacted the Thorndon Mother and Toddler Group to ask whether a donation would assist them in buying some new toys for the children as the current ones are in need of replacement. The organisers have costed out a 'wish list' the total cost of which is £393.54. Councillors vote to make a donation of £400.00.

8.4 The Clerk confirmed receipt of 'thank you' letter from all recipients of donations made last month.

8.5 The Clerk has received notification of the grass cutting target dates from Suffolk County Council showing Thorndon is diarised for the week commencing 6 July next.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.30

9.1 Cllr Jenkins advised that the flooding at Collingswood Bridge has returned. Cty Cllr Stringer is to pursue this matter.

9.2 Cllr Bartlett noted that Occold appear to have installed vinyl speed signs in the village and wondered if these are an economic alternative to replacement signs. Cty Cllr Stringer will make enquiries and revert.

9.3 Mrs Rich advised that she has received an email requesting a copy of Irene Theobald's book about Thorndon. The individual requested her bank details in order that he can transfer the purchase price and postage. However, on learning that the individual lives in Thailand, she was reluctant to provide her personal account details. Councillors agreed to pay the total sum of £14.10 to cover all costs.

9.4 Mr Marshall asked, on behalf of his son, whether a football goal could be provided at the top end of the play area. Councillors agreed to place the request on the Agenda for the next meeting.

9.5 Mr Brand delivered his report for Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.11

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Thursday 2 April 2020 at 8.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 21.12

Summary of Action Points for next Meeting		
08.09.16 - 03	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	PB c/fwd to June '20
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