

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at Thorndon Bowls Club on 4 November 2020

Present: Cllr Hayward, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Page, Cllr Ravenhill (Chairman) and Cllr Taylor (Vice Chairman)

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr T Cherrett and Mr B Atkinson

Meeting Opened 19.32

Cllr Ravenhill announced the death of former Councillor Paul Bartlett on 29 October last, passing on the condolences of the Parish Council to his wife Anne and family. Cllr Ravenhill acknowledged the contributions made by Mr Bartlett whilst a Councillor including his relentless pursuit of better broadband for the village, his vigilant watch over flooding at Collingsford Bridge and the A140 as well as overseeing the redevelopment at Kerrison, keen to ensure that the Developer's stated intention of giving villagers a right of first refusal for the units once complete was honoured.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bridge and Cllr Cattermole

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 19.34

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, in which they have an interest. No interest was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 19.35

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 8 October 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	RJ
02.09.20 - 01	Contact David Cattermole of the Bowls Club re financial assistance requested	Complete

02.09.20 - 03	Investigate smell of sewage near bungalows adjoining the Play Area	PT
02.09.20 - 04	Contact Highways re tree in triangle opposite the Church	JH
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02.09.20 – 03 Cllr Taylor confirmed he has had a 2 hour site meeting with the Environmental Officer from Mid Suffolk District Council during which the Environmental Officer investigated the ditch from whence the foul smell is emanating. They established that there was no sewage passing into the ditch and that the smell could be the result of standing water in the ditch caused by a blocked pipe. It appears that responsibility for the pipe lies with the Parish Council. They looked down a manhole into which the blocked pipe together with various road gullies should flow to discover the same is silted up. Cllr Taylor will now approach Suffolk County Council to ask whether they will assist in resolving the problem.

02.09.20 – 04 Cllr Hayward confirmed he has heard nothing in response to his reporting of the problem nor has any remedial action been taken.

08.10.20 – 01 Cllr Hayward confirmed that that since the last Parish Council meeting there have been no further incidents of vandalism at the Play Area. This action point will be reviewed in January/February.

Meeting opened to Public 19.44

5. Reports

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

5.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting delivering his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 19.52

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.20.04604:** Application for consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a tree preservation order MS135/G1 – T1 (oak) – 2m reduction, clean canopy of deadwood, remove crossing branches and prune at Acorn House Thwaite Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application.
- **DC.20.04774:** Application for outline planning permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered) for the erection of 4no sustainable dwellings on land north of Hall Road Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to object to this application citing the following reasons:

- The application site lies outside the settlement boundary as set in both the existing and proposed joint local plans;
- The application site is listed in Thorndon's Neighbourhood Plan as being in the middle of an area designated an important view;
- Thorndon does not, currently, have a local need for housing which requires to be satisfied as set out in paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Councillors referenced the many vacant units at the Kerrison site in support of this objection;
- Mid Suffolk District Council currently has its five year land supply meaning that the provisions of the joint local plan, which designates the application site countryside, needs to be taken into consideration;
- The application site has 3 listed buildings in the immediate vicinity and the proposed units are not in keeping with such surroundings;
- Whilst it is possible to walk into the village from the application site, it is a long walk along roads with no pavements, unlikely to be undertaken by parents with young families who, inevitably, will drive there instead thereby increasing traffic movements on the single carriageway road to which the application site abuts;
- The Parish Council do not feel confident in placing any reliance on the illustrative plans submitted with the application given the number of variations to planning consent DC.19.03680 which have been submitted;
- The proposed development will result in too many vehicular accesses onto the single carriageway road within close proximity of existing accesses;
- There are a significant number of existing planning consents for development within the village which have yet to be implemented; and
- The Parish Council have registered an interest in designating Hall Road a Quiet Lane.

The Clerk will request a site visit.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.20.02923:** Consent for the erection of 2no dwellings with vehicular access and detached garages (resubmission of DC.19.05023) at land off The Street Thorndon
- **DC.20.03808:** Consent for the construction of vehicular access to Plot 1 on land north west of Rose Cottage Hall Road Thorndon
- **DC.20.03809:** Consent for the variation of conditions numbered 2 (Approved plans and documents), 4 (vehicular access), 6 (parking) and 7 (landscaping) to enable Plot 1 separate access and Plots 2 and 3 shared access on land north west of Rose Cottage Hall Road Thorndon
- **DC.20.03966:** Approval of reserved matters for outline planning application DC.20.01398 – Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of one and a half storey dwelling with new vehicular access and submission of details under condition 5 (manoeuvring and parking) and condition 6 (refuse/recycling bins) on land adjacent to 13 Kerrison Cottages Stoke Road Thorndon

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Page confirmed that Mid Suffolk District Council's sign off of the plan is still awaited before moving forward to approval for a referendum.
- Planning application **DC.20.2052** for the erection of 4no. poultry houses with associated admin block, store, feed bins and alterations to vehicular access at Castle Hill Farm Castle Hill Thorndon: Cllr Jenkins confirmed that there are 2 complete pages of signatures to the petition placed in the shop. Petitions have also been placed at the Church, school and Darren will leave it at the takeaway pick-up point. It was agreed, given the new lockdown as of midnight, to email all villagers via Mr C Brand urging them to sign the petition. Once complete, the petition will be sent directly to the Planning Officer.

7. Specific Agenda Items: None

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £59,772.52 of which £9,908.57 are the grant monies received for the Neighbourhood Plan and the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £49,863.95.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
04.11.20	Mr R Fiebelkorn	Grasscutting	680.00		680.00	Agreed	100938 (20/21 - 20)
04.11.20	Thorndon Bowls Club	Monies for new mower	6,200.00		6,200.00	Agreed	100939 (20/21 - 21)
04.11.20	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks salary & Expenses	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100940 (20/21 - 22)
04.11.20	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100941 (20/21 - 23)
04.11.20	Royal British Legion	S137 Donation	200.00		200.00	Agreed	100942 (20/21 - 24)
		TOTAL	£7,338.90	£	£7,338.90		

8.3 Councillors voted unanimously to make a donation of £200.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.35

9.1 Cllr Hayward asked how the Parish Council would facilitate the removal of the cycle area. Clearly with the impending lockdown, nothing can be done immediately, but once the same is over, Cllr Jenkins confirmed he would assist Cllr Hayward with the project.

9.2 Following the grant of planning consent for the conversion of the garage at 1 Stanwell Green into a residential unit, Cllr Jenkins asked what, if anything, will happen to the post box. Whilst this is not strictly of concern to the Parish Council at the moment, Cllr Ravenhill will nevertheless contact the Post Office to see whether or not they will relocate the post box. **Action Point 04.11.20 – 01.**

9.3 Cllr Jenkins commented that school children waiting for buses at Kerrison have been drenched by the recent wet weather and asked whether or not a bus shelter could be provided. It was agreed that Cllr Jenkins will contact the developer, John Howard and Suffolk County Council, on whose land the same would be placed to ascertain whether or not they are agreeable to the proposal. **Action Point 04.11.20 – 02.**

9.4 Cllr Jenkins confirmed that he will happy to collect prescriptions etc during this current period of lockdown.

9.5 Mr Atkinson raised the issue of speeding motorists on The Street asking what can be done to control the problem. Councillors advised that the Police do attend periodically with their speed camera van but that until the use of ANPR software in conjunction with the VAS is authorised, an issue which has been discussed by Suffolk County Council, the Parish Council is impotent to take the matter further.

Meeting closed to the Public 20.57

10. Next meeting date is 10 December 2020.

MEETING CLOSED 20.58

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04.11.20 - 01	Contact Post Office concerning the Post Box at Stanwell Green	MR
04.11.20 - 02	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ