

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at All Saints Church Thorndon on 8 October 2020

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr T Rowe, Mrs C Aldous and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 19.30

Cllr Ravenhill announced she has received resignations from Cllrs Bartlett and Baker. Vacancies for these positions will now be advertised. In the meantime Cllr Ravenhill extended the thanks of the Parish Council to both Councillors for their contributions and hard work whilst on the Parish Council, particularly Cllr Bartlett who has invested so much time and effort working with the Kerrison Trust and monitoring Collingford Bridge.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: Cllr Cattermole

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 19.33

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 – 19.34

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 2 September 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
04.10.18 - 02	Contact Mr R Lockwood about the Lych Gate	Complete
02.09.20 - 01	Contact David Cattermole of the Bowls Club re financial assistance requested	RJ

02.09.20 - 02	Contact owner of Rowan Cottage re overgrown hedge at Rowan Cottage	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

08.09.16 – 03 Following the resignation of Cllr Bartlett Cllr Jenkins agreed to take over responsibility for this matter.

04.10.18 – 02 Cllr Hayward has now received a report from Mr R Lockwood who has provided a quotation for the works in the sum of £2,500.00. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quotation and to appoint Mr R Lockwood to undertake the works.

02.09.20 – 01 Cllr Jenkins has spoken to Mr D Cattermole of the Bowls Club which, following a fire inspection, has had to spend over £10,000.00 refurbishing the clubhouse. The club mower has now broken and needs to be replaced at a cost of £6,200.00, monies the club does not have, nor with the current pandemic, the ability to host fund raising events. Councillors unanimously agreed to contribute £3,100.00 towards the cost of a new mower, utilising the CIL monies for the balancing sum of £3,100.00.

02.09.20 – 02 Cllr Page confirmed he had made contact with the owner of Rowan Cottage and that the hedge has now been cut back.

02.09.20 – 03 Cllr Taylor confirmed he has spoken to someone at the Environmental Health Department of Mid Suffolk District Council. The first step is to establish the nature of the drain causing to odour i.e. whether it is a private drain or a shared drain. If the former, the landowner is liable to undertake the necessary works of repair, if the latter, Anglian Water Services Limited are responsible. It has been agreed that a representative from Mid Suffolk District Council will attend on site, accompanied by Cllr Taylor, to ascertain the nature of the drain.

02.09.20 – 04 Cllr Hayward confirmed he has reported to problem using the requisite online reporting tool. No action having been taken, e will chase.

Meeting opened to Public 19.50

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report: Cty Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting but provided his report, a copy of which is attached.

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

Meeting closed to Public 19.52

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.20.03808:** Planning application for the construction of vehicular access to Plot 1 at land north west of Rose Cottage, Hall Road, Thorndon. Councillors voted to object to this application as this would result in an excessive number of vehicular accesses along a short length of road.
- **DC.20.03809:** Application under S73 for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission **DC.19.03680** dated 15.11.2019. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to vary Condition Numbers: 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) 4. Vehicular Access 6 (Parking), 7(Landscaping) to enable Plot 1 separate access and plots 2 and 3 shared access at Land north west of Rose Cottage, Hall Road, Thorndon. Councillors voted to object to this application as the same would result in a significant change to the frontage of the development quite out of keeping with its surroundings.
- **DC.20.03966:** Submission of Details (Reserved Matters application) for Outline Planning Permission **DC.20.01398**. Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for erection of one and a half storey dwelling, single storey garage and new vehicular access at land adjacent to 13 Kerrison Cottages, Stoke Road, Thorndon. Councillors voted to support the application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals:

- **DC.20.03005:** Discharge of conditions application for **DC.19.03689** – Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme) on land north west of Rose Cottage, Hall Road, Thorndon has been granted.
- **DC.20.03313:** Householder Application for erection of glazed swimming pool enclosure. Green Farm, Hestley Green, Thorndon has been granted.
- **APP.W3520.W.20.3246934:** Appeal under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission application ref **DC.19.05632** for the conversion of garage to dwelling at 1 Stanwell Green, Thorndon has been granted.

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Page confirmed that the finanl examiner's report has been received and that Mid Suffolk District Council are now looking to hold a referendum in May 2021. As previously advised, a result of restrictions in place due to Covid 19, and fact a referendum cannot be held at present the rules have

been temporarily relaxed so that now the plan is awaiting referendum it will have the same weight as if it had been passed in 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: Cllrs Ravenhill and Hayward have been working in conjunction with Stradbroke Parish Council in respect of traffic flows and potential impact increased lorry movements may have through The Street Thorndon as a consequence of issues encountered in Eye. Cllr Ravenhill has written to Bron Curtis, the Principal Planning Officer for Strategic Projects and Delivery at Mid Suffolk District Council, providing a background to the imposition of the weight restriction on The Street in 1999 and confirming that the circumstances giving rise and reasons relating thereto remain unchanged. The reports seen to date fail to reference the 350,000 birds at Wetheringsett which is felt to be a significant omission. The public raised their own concerns about releases of ammonia into the atmosphere and effect the same may have on those with respiratory conditions. Cllrs Ravenhill and Hayward will continue to liaise with Stradbroke Parish Council and Cllr Taylor will set up a petition urging villagers through the Village Life and Mr Brand's email circulation list to become involved in the matter and submit objections to the application. The petition will be placed in the Community Shop, at T Plus, the Black Horse and Church Porch.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

7.1 Quiet Lanes: Cllr Page confirmed he has registered Thorndon's application to designate 3 Quiet Lanes, namely Clint Road to the crossroads; the Church to the B1077 via Hestley Green and the Church to Wetheringsett Road. If approved, the roads are designated as available to all, not just motor vehicles. Cllr Page has put himself forward as the lead volunteer for the process.

7.2 Play Area: Reports of vandalism at the play area were given and discussed. Apparently the culprits are known to some residents who were not prepared to divulge their identities. Concerns for the safety of users were expressed and solutions to the issue sought. The installation of CCTV was considered a viable way forward providing a sufficient deterrent. Cllr Hayward will research the cost and effectiveness of CCTV cameras. It was agreed to remove the cycle area and reinstate the fence between the play area and cycle facility. **Action Point 08.10.20 – 01**

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £48,887.79 of which £14,408.57 are the grant monies received for the Neighbourhood Plan and the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £34,479.22.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
08.10.20	Places4People Limited	Neighbourhood Plan Support	400.00	80.00	480.00	Agreed	100931 (20/21 - 13)
08.10.20	Playsafety Limited	RoSPA Inspection fee	82.50	16.50	99.00	Agreed	100932 (20/21 - 14)
08.10.20	Mr J Hayward	Play Area Expenditure	36.54		36.54	Agreed	100933 (20/21 - 15)
08.10.20	Mr R Fiebelkorn	Grsscuttering @ Church	170.00		170.00	Agreed	100934 (20/21 - 16)
08.10.20	HMRC	PAYE	163.86		163.86	Agreed	100935 (20/21 - 17)
08.10.20	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks salary & Expenses	361.74		361.74	Agreed	100936 (20/21 - 18)
08.10.20	Thorndon PCC	Hire of Church for meeting	25.00		25.00	Agreed	100937 (20/21 - 19)
		TOTAL	£1,239.64	£96.50	£1,336.14		

8.3 The Clerk confirmed receipt of the latest CIL payment in the sum of £6,950.17.

8.4 Cllr Ravenhill proposed a payment of £25.00 to the Church for facilitating the meeting to cover the costs of lighting and heating which was unanimously agreed by Councillors.

8.5 The Clerk confirmed that the annual RoSPA inspection report for the Play Area has been received and circulated to Councillors.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.56

9.1 Concern was expressed at the need for patients to queue outside Mendlesham Health Centre due to the Covid restrictions. Cllr Jenkins will write to the Mendlesham practice to pass on the concerns of the Parish Council.

9.2 Reference was made to the unkempt condition of some public footpaths around the village. Cllr Taylor confirmed that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council rather the individual landowner.

9.3 Mr T Rowe confirmed that the Church is planning a memorial service for 11 November, details of which will follow in due course.

9.4 Mr Brand delivered his report for Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.03

10. Next meeting date is to be confirmed by the Clerk liaising with Mr T Rowe.

MEETING CLOSED 21.04

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08.10.20 - 01	Research CCTV options for Play Area	JH