

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held by Zoom on 11 February 2021

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr S Marshall, Mr & Mrs T Shorter and Mr I Smith

Meeting Opened 19.40

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting opened to Public – 19.41

The Chairman asked members of the public to detail in which particular Agenda item, if any, in which they have an interest. Interest in planning application DC.21.00488 and the Stewardship Land at Kerrison was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 19.42

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 7 January 2021

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 c/fwd
02.09.20 - 03	Investigate smell of sewage near bungalows adjoining the Play Area	PT c/fwd
02.09.20 - 04	Contact Highways re tree in triangle opposite the Church	JH c/fwd
08.10.20 - 01	Research CCTV options for Play Area	JH

04.11.20 - 01	Contact Post Office concerning the Post Box at Stanwell Green	Remove
04.11.20 - 02	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ c/fwd
07.01.21 - 01	Contact Scott Regan re village sign cleaning	JH

08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Jenkins advised that there is nothing to report.

02.09.20 – 03 Cllr Taylor advised that there is nothing to report.

02.09.20 – 04 Cllr Hayward advised there is nothing to report.

08.10.20 – 01 Cllr Hayward has been in contact with a company who need to undertake a survey of the site. Councillors agreed the company be asked to carry out the necessary survey once the weather improves.

04.11.20 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill asked that this item be removed.

07.01.21. – 01 The Clerk has received a quotation from Scott Regan for the cleaning of village signs being £960.00 + VAT to clean the signs in the village or £1,440.00 + VAT to clean the signs in the parish. Councillors felt these figures were too high. Cllr Hayward will discuss the quotation with Mr Regan and report at the next meeting.

Meeting opened to Public 19.58

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 present at the meeting delivering his report, a copy of which is attached.

Meeting closed to Public 20.07

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.21.00488:** Application for the erection of garden building ancillary to principal dwellinghouse in grounds of Town Farm (Grade II) The Street Thorndon. Councillors voted to object to this application. Councillors felt the proposed building is too large whose dimensions are such that it could be a separate dwelling and its location too far from the principal dwelling for an ancillary facility. They were concerned at the adverse impact on the Grade II listed building and environmental impact in general.
- **DC.21.00671:** Application for works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation

Order MS22 T1 – Reduce canopy of (T1) Horse Chestnut and lift to 4m to prevent further damage from delivery drivers at Tylers The Street Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

6.3 Approvals: DC.20.05293: Permission for the erection of a swimming pool building and construction of indoor swimming pool at Hestley Hall Hestley Green Thorndon has been granted

6.4 Refusals: None

6.5 Listed Building Consent: None

6.6 Other:

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Hayward advised that planning consultant, Ian Poole, hopes the referendum version of the plan will be available by the end of this week. The only thing holding matters up is an amendment by Mid Suffolk District Council to its Green Spaces Policy following a High Court challenge to a Neighbourhood Plan in Somerset that resolved that a Neighbourhood Plan cannot make additional restrictions over and above what is in the National Planning Policy Framework and should be consistent with those for Green Belts. Mr Poole has suggested that this wording in the plan is removed in the short term and possibly reintroduced on the review of the plan in, circa, 2 years' time.
- Castle Hill Poultry Units: Cllr Ravenhill understands that an appeal was lodged on 7 January 2021 and validated on 21 January last. To date the Clerk has not received notification of the appeal. Cllr Ravenhill advised that both she and Cllr Hayward were continuing to work with Stradbroke Parish Council and, to some extent, Eye Town Council on the various applications for poultry units but stated that neither she nor Cllr Hayward are able to devote the amount of time it will take to oppose any appeal. She suggested that, together with Stradbroke Parish Council, a solicitor specialising in planning law be engaged to manage the appeal. A quotation of costs in the sum of £1,500 + VAT for Thorndon Parish Council has been given. Councillors voted to instruct solicitors.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

- The Parish Council has been contacted by the Kerrison Trust concerning the conduct of users of the Stewardship Land, in particular that of dog walkers. Cllr Ravenhill has been liaising with Crispin Muir about these concerns. She confirmed that the Trust is conscious that the area is valued by residents and does not want to withdraw public access to the land, however the same requires improved management. It has been suggested that the Parish Council fund signage for the facility. The actual wording remains to be settled but the principle was agreed. Cllr Jenkins will obtain quotations of costs before the matter is taken forward.

Action Point 11.02.21 – 01

- Flooding in the Black Horse car park: It appears that surface water from The Street is causing flooding of the Black Horse car park. The Clerk confirmed that

she has spoken to the landowner of the adjoining building plot who suggested that the two 4" pipes underneath the car park be inspected for blockages. He confirmed that the historic ditched along The Street were piped and filled in with development further up The Street and pipes installed at the Black Horse. He suggested that these pipes are too narrow to take the volume of surface water confirming that when he acquired the building plot he had cleared all ditches around the plot which are themselves now full. The Clerk will approach Darren at the Black Horse to ask him inspect the pipes. **Action Point 11.02.21 - 02**

8. Clerks Report

8.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £52,357.93 of which £9,908.57 are the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £43,449.36.

8.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
11.02.21	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks Salary	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100946 (20/21 - 28)
11.02.21	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100947 (20/21 - 29)
11.02.21	Thorndon Church Restoration	S137 Donation	200.00		200.00	Agreed	100948 (20/21 - 30)
11.02.21	East Anglian Air Ambulance	S137 Donation	500.00		500.00	Agreed	100949 (20/21 - 31)
11.02.21	St Elizabeth Hospice	S137 Donation	500.00		500.00	Agreed	100950 (20/21 - 32)
11.02.21	CAB Stowmarket	S137 Donation	300.00		300.00	Agreed	100951 (20/21 - 33)
11.02.21	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	S137 Donation	200.00		200.00	Agreed	100952 (20/21 - 34)
		TOTAL	£1,958.90		£1,958.90		

8.3 Councillors agreed to make various donations as detailed above.

9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.30

9.1 Following his comments at the last meeting concerning the wire netting on the boardwalk Cllr Taylor advised that having inspected the netting, whilst reparation work has not yet been undertaken, the same is not a trip hazard. Cllr Taylor will continue to monitor the same.

9.2 Cllr Taylor advised that the footpath between the bridge at the Castle Hill Poultry Unit site and Life Science Research has been shut off. He has reported the matter and has received an email from the Rights of Way Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council who will pursue the matter.

9.3 Cllr Taylor confirmed that he would undertake removal of the fencing around the cycle facility and flatten the area as soon as conditions permit.

Meeting closed to the Public 21.31

10. Next meeting date is 4 March 2021.

MEETING CLOSED 21.32

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08.10.20 - 01	Research CCTV options for Play Area	JH Defer to Jan/Feb '21
04.11.20 - 02	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ
07.01.21 - 01	Contact Scott Regan re village sign cleaning	JH
11.02.21 - 01	Signage for Stewardship Land	RJ
11.02.21 - 02	Contact Black Horse re pipes under car park	AT