

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

on 1 July 2021

Present: 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, Ms E Milton, Ms J Wilson, Mr T Cherrett, Mr C Naylor and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.01

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 – 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 interest was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.03

4. Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 3 June 2021

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman

5. 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
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08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Jenkins advised that he has no update. Cllr Ravenhill commented that during a recent conversation with Crispin Muir he confirmed that work was progressing on the planning application for the next phase of the redevelopment.

02.09.20 – 03 Cllr Taylor advised that he cannot see any evidence that Suffolk County Council has attended on site and that until such time as it does, no further remedial action can be undertaken.

04.11.20 – 02 Cllr Jenkins advised that he has no update. Cty Cllr Stringer advised that he met with the Chief Executive this afternoon and that a communication should follow in the not too distant future.

11.02.21 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill advised that she has no update.

11.02.21 – 02 The Clerk has not yet been able to contact the landowner. It was suggested that as the land is now being marketed for sale that the Clerk write to the selling agents, Durrants, to flag up the drainage issues which need to be resolved.

01.04.21 – 01 Cllr Hayward advised that Burrell Engineering have ceased trading and that he now needs to source an alternate steel fabricator.

01.04.21 – 02 Cllr Ravenhill has not yet been able to meet with Mr G Owen. Cllr Ravenhill advised that funding for the anti-social behaviour project, which included Thorndon, has been withdrawn and that she intends to write to the Police Commissioner, Tim Passmore, on the matter.

Meeting opened to Public 20.16

6. Reports

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

6.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and delivered his report.

Meeting closed to Public 20.28

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.21.02976:** Application for consent to erect a two-storey extension at 7 The Street Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to support this application.
- **DC.21.00488:** Re-consultation for the erection of a garden building in the grounds of Town Farm (Grade II Listed) as building ancillary to principal dwellinghouse at Town Farm The Street Thorndon. Whilst acknowledging that the proposed building is smaller than that detailed in the original application, Councillors felt that the position of the building remains too far from the principal dwelling to fulfil its proposed user and for the same reasons as stated in the objection lodged in response to the first application, Councillors voted unanimously to object to this application.
- **DC.21.03513:** Application for outline planning approval (some matters reserved, access to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of 2no sustainable dwellings (revised scheme to DC.20.04774) on land north of Hall Road Thorndon. Councillors voted unanimously to object to this application for all the same reasons put forward in support of their objection to the original application.

7.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

7.3 Approvals:

- **DC.21.02226:** Planning permission for the change of use of a parcel of land to residential with erection of single storey machinery and grain store at River Croft Stoke Road Thorndon has been granted.

7.4 Refusals: None

7.5 Listed Building Consent: None

7.6 Other:

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Hayward confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan has been passed forward for referendum in late July/August, although given the advertising requirements, he suspects the referendum is most likely to be held in August.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

8.1 Cllr Hayward confirmed that the proposal for the three Quiet Lanes being High Street – Wetheringsett Road, Hall Road – Hestley Green and Clint Road as previously discussed have been accepted and that it is now necessary to hold a public meeting before 31 July. Cllr Hayward will provide Mr Brand with a notice of the meeting for circulation. The estimated cost contribution from the council will be £1,290.00.

8.2 Cllr Hayward advised that the CCTV camera is now functioning and that there are a few teething problems requiring resolution. Moving forward, he suggested that

Councillors need to resolve how the camera is to be managed, something which will be considered at the next meeting. **Action Point 01.07.21 - 01**

8.3 Councillors voted to adopt the terms of reference for the staffing sub committee circulated ahead of the meeting.

8.4 The candidates for the three vacancies on the Parish Council were present at the meeting accounting for their desire to serve on the Parish Council and suitability for the position. Following questions from Councillors, all three, namely Emma Milton, Jill Wilson and Tim Cherrett were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £56,817.84 of which £10,204.09 is the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £46,693.75.

9.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
07.06.21	Mr J Hayward	Refund for CCTV SIM card	40.00		40.00	Agreed	100973 (21/22 - 16)
01.07.21	Richard Buxton	Solicitors account	700.00	200.00	700.00	Agreed	100974 (21/22 - 17)
01.07.21	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100977 (21/22 - 18)
01.07.21	Mrs A Thompson	Clerk's salary	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100978 (21/22 - 19)
		TOTAL	£998.90	£200.00	£1,198.90		

9.3 Cllr Hayward forwarded an email to the Clerk concerning registration of the defibrillator with which Cllr Ravenhill said she would deal.

9.4 The Clerk has received an email from the project officer at Suffolk County Council concerning a 2 year scheme called 'Discovering Suffolk' which will raise awareness of Suffolk's countryside and build upon behavioural changes resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic promoting local outdoor activity across Suffolk. Part of the project will be the installation of new plaques on rights of way fingerposts which will promote the Discovering Suffolk website and countryside code. The email asks for volunteers to assist with the installation of these plaques, something which Cllr Jenkins said he would undertake.

10. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.27

10.1 Cllr Taylor asked whether all village signs have now been cleaned. Cllr Hayward will ask Scott Regan and advise.

10.2 Cllr Jenkins, referencing the plan showing the dog bins around the village has had feedback stating that there are 11 bins and not 10 as indicated on the plan. It was confirmed that there are 10 dog bin locations and 11 bins.

10.3 Cllr Jenkins advised that the footpath at Haggard Lane is so overgrown as to be impassable. Cllr Taylor will investigate.

10.4 Cllr Jenkins reported that the ditch adjacent to the Street Farm development is smelling and in need of clearance. The Clerk will write to the landowner asking that he addresses the problem.

10.5 Cllr Jenkins reported that there a number of overgrown hedges causing an obstruction for both pedestrians and motorists. The Clerk will write to the relevant householders asking that the hedges are cut back.

10.6 Cllr Ravenhill followed up on the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' project discussed at the last meeting confirming that she has contacted Emily Simpson at the school who confirmed that the school would be keen to get involved.

10.7 Cllr Ravenhill advised that Mr R Hunt who has for many years cut the verges around the village has, as a result of illness, had to reduce his workload including the cutting of the verges on approaches to the village from The Wash and Thwaite Road. Cllr Clinton confirmed that, pending further consideration of this issue at the meeting in September, he will cut the verges. Ms J Wilson advised that the entrance to Kerrison is another area no longer being cut back by Mr R Hunt, something Cllr Ravenhill will raise with Crispin Muir albeit the area is a permissive path and as such there is no obligation on the landowner to keep the same clear.

10.8 Cllr Ravenhill referenced the two building plots adjacent to the Black Horse Public House now being marketed for sale suggesting that this could provide an opportunity for the same to be acquired for the benefit of the village upon which a new village shop and post office could be built. Councillors felt that a first step would be to sort out finance before pursuing this suggestion by which time the plots will, no doubt, have been sold.

10.9 Mr C Brand delivered report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed to the Public 22.03

11. Next meeting date is 2 September 2021

MEETING CLOSED 22.04

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