

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of Meeting held by Zoom on 4 March 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 R Owen, Mrs C Aldous and Mr I Smith

#### Meeting Opened 19.44

#### 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 – 19.45

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.21.00997 was expressed.

#### Meeting closed to Public – 19.46

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 11 February 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		
<b>08.09.16 - 03</b>	Seek update on Kerrison redevelopment	RJ
<b>02.09.20 - 03</b>	Investigate smell of sewage near bungalows adjoining the Play Area	PT
<b>02.09.20 - 04</b>	Contact Highways re tree in triangle opposite the Church	JH c/fwd
<b>08.10.20 - 01</b>	Research CCTV options for Play Area	Complete

<b>04.11.20 - 02</b>	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ
<b>07.01.21 - 01</b>	Contact Scott Regan re village sign cleaning	Complete
<b>11.02.21 - 01</b>	Signage for Stewardship Land	On hold
<b>11.02.21 - 02</b>	Contact Black Horse re pipes under car park	MR

**08.09.16 – 03** Cllr Jenkins advised he has tried but not yet been able to speak with Alex at Lacey Knight Scott. Cllr Ravenhill advised that her understanding is that the properties are selling and that Phase II is about to start.

**02.09.20 – 03** Cllr Taylor advised that a works order was raised in December but that the task remains outstanding. Cty Cllr Stringer will chase the same.

**02.09.20 – 04** Cllr Hayward advised there is nothing to report. When he pursued the matter, he was advised that the work would be undertaken once contractors are available to carry out the work. Observation was made that the boughs which had caused concern have since fallen. The situation will be reviewed.

**08.10.20 – 01** Cllr Hayward has received a quotation from Anglian Security & Fire Limited for the installation of a solar powered CCTV camera at the Play Area in the sum of £1,95.00 + VAT. In addition a telegraph pole will need to be erected on site bringing the total initial outlay to £2,490.00 + VAT. An ongoing annual service including 4 visits per annum is £300.00 + VAT. Councillors agreed to accept the quotation.

**04.11.20 – 02** Cllr Jenkins has received a letter from Alex at Lacey Knight Scott who was concerned that the Parish Council would require the Developer to fund the bus shelter, and has been assured this was not the case. He also expressed reservations as to siting of the shelter, wanting to ensure the same is not to be placed on any land to be sold. Cllr Jenkins will liaise with Cty Cllr Stringer on this topic.

**07.01.21. – 01** Following the last meeting Cllr Hayward contacted Scott Regan about the concerns expressed at the last meeting at the quotation received. He was reassured by Mr Scott's explanations and as a result Councillors accepted the same and the Clerk confirmed that she has confirmed the acceptance with Scott Regan who, in turn, has advised that the work will be undertaken at the end of March.

**11.02.21 – 01** Cllr Ravenhill asked that the matter be placed 'on hold' in the short term. She is currently organising a group of volunteers to monitor dog fouling and would prefer to delay placing signs until the group is up and running.

**11.02.21 – 02** The Clerk confirmed that she emailed Darren at the Black Horse following the last meeting but has not received a response. Cllr Ravenhill advised that she had spoken to Darren who confirmed that he is aware that the pipes under the car park are inadequate. Cllr Ravenhill will speak to Darren again to see if a solution can be found.

## **Meeting opened to Public 20.02**

## 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 20.10**

## 6. Planning

### 6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.21.00997:** Application for the erection of 4no Poultry Breeder Sheds with capacity for up to 36,500 birds and ancillary development (resubmission of **DC.20.02052**) at Castle Hill farm Castle Hill Thorndon.

The applicant, Mr R Owen attended to meeting and made his representations answering queries raised by Councillors as follows:

- There have been functioning poultry buildings at Castle Hill Farm for the past 60 years. They currently house 40,000 birds whereas the proposed units will only house 36,500 birds;
- Mr Owen has owned and run his poultry business from the site for 12 years and has not received any complaints in that time;
- The proposed operation would not generate any foul odours;
- The new units are to house breeders for the production of eggs whose requirements are significantly different to the broiler birds which are currently including, inter alia, less HGV movements although Mr Owen did not have any data to support this;
- The units would house birds for 48 weeks and be closed for 6 weeks for cleaning;
- No HGV vehicles will travel through Thorndon. The eggs produced in the new units would be transported to the hatcheries at Kenninghall via Eye;
- If both the pending Appeal of the planning refusal of **DC.20.02052** and this application are granted, Mr Owen would favour this application; and
- Less waste would be generated from the units which Mr Owen would sell although he admitted he has not thought this issue through in detail.

Councillors voted to object to the application 5:0 with 2 abstentions. Cty Cllr Stringer advised that he cannot call in the application as he cannot find any policy objection upon which to base such a move.

- **DC.21.01177:** Application for the erection of two storey side extension and porch at Birsewell House Clint Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to support the application.

**6.2 Listed Planning Applications:** None

**6.3 Approvals:** None

**6.4 Refusals:** None

**6.5 Listed Building Consent:** None

**6.6 Other:**

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Page confirmed that the local Green Spaces issue has been resolved and that the referendum could be held in June/July.

**7. Specific Agenda Items:**

None

**8. Clerks Report**

**8.1 Financial Update:** The current balance is £53,357.93 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)
04.03.21	Richard Buxton Solicitors	On account payment	500.00		500.00	Agreed	100953 (20/21 - 35)
04.03.21	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks Salary	215.04		215.04	Agreed	100954 (20/21 - 36)
04.03.21	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100955 (20/21 - 37)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£766.82</b>		<b>£766.82</b>		

**8.3** The Clerk confirmed receipt of thanks from various recipients of donations made last month.

**8.4** The Clerk confirmed that Richard Buxton Solicitors have been engaged to prepare written submissions for the appeal against the refusal of planning application **DC.20.02052**. They are requiring an 'on account' payment of £500.00 which Councillors agreed to pay.

**8.5** The Clerk confirmed that Suffolk Highways is currently restocking grit bins across the County. If any further restocking is required requests should be processed online.

## **9. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 20.41**

**9.1** Cllr Ravenhill referenced the fact that Councillors had wanted to make a donation to a dementia charity and that she had undertaken to ascertain the most appropriate recipient. Her preferred option was 'Dementia Together' but has established that this charity now falls under the umbrella of The Sue Ryder Foundation'. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek a dementia charity based within the locality to which a donation can be made.

**9.2** Mr I Smith was concerned that the Parish Council should not simply remove the fencing erected around the now redundant cycle facility and should look to sell the same. Cllr Page confirmed that he could make use of the wood. The Clerk will confirm the initial cost thereof and Cllr Jenkins will liaise with Mr B Horton in order that a fair price can be established.

**9.3** Mr C Brand electronically submitted a report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

## **Meeting closed to the Public 20.47**

**10.** Next meeting date is 1 April 2021.

## **MEETING CLOSED 20.48**

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<b>02.09.20 - 04</b>	Contact Highways re tree in triangle opposite the Church	JH
<b>08.10.20 - 01</b>	Research CCTV options for Play Area	JH Defer to Jan/Feb '21
<b>04.11.20 - 02</b>	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ
<b>07.01.21 - 01</b>	Contact Scott Regan re village sign cleaning	JH
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