

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

on 20 May 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 M Sillett, Mrs C Aldous, Mr T Rowe, Mr T Cherrett, Ms J Wilson, Mr S Marshall and Mr C Brand

Meeting Opened 20.01

1. Election of Officers: The existing Chairman (Cllr Ravenhill), the existing Vice Chairman (Cllr Taylor) and RFO (Clerk) were proposed, seconded & re- elected.

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of pecuniary interests: None

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Cattermole declared an interest in planning application DC.21.02226

3. Meeting opened to Public – 20.06

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.21.02830 was expressed.

Meeting closed to Public – 20.07

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Thorndon Parish Council held on 1 April 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

02.09.20 - 03	Investigate smell of sewage near bungalows adjoining the Play Area	PT Defer to July
02.09.20 - 04	Contact Highways re tree in triangle opposite the Church	Remove
04.11.20 - 02	Contact John Howard and Suffolk County Council re bus shelter at Kerrison	RJ
11.02.21 - 01	Signage for Stewardship Land	MR c/fwd
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08.09.16 – 03 Cllr Jenkins advised that he has no update.

02.09.20 – 04 Cllr Hayward suggested in the absence of any work the item should be removed from the list of actions.

04.11.20 – 02 Cllr Jenkins has had a meeting with Mr S Barnett of Highways and Cty Cllr Stringer. Mr Barnett agreed in principle to the erection of a bus shelter and sent a letter to Cllr Jenkins detailing costings for the project the details of which, following his recent re-election, he now needs to discuss with Cty Cllr Stringer.

11.02.21 – 01 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed that discussions are ongoing and that she will be meeting with Crispin Muir next week.

11.02.21 – 02 Cllr Ravenhill asked that this item be removed on the basis that the ground is too hard and ditch too full of detritus to be able to locate the pipe. This being the case, the Clerk was asked to contact the landowner requesting the ditch is cleared.

01.04.21 – 01 Cllrs Cattermole and Hayward have inspected and measured the area. It is suggested that a 3m steel gate is installed plans for which have been sent to Barrow Engineering who will provide a quotation for the proposed gate with either a galvanised or painted finish. A groundworker, Mark Bancroft, has quoted £850.00 to install the gate.

Meeting opened to Public 20.35

6. Reports

6.1 County Councillor's Report: Cty Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting nor did he provide a report.

6.2 District Councillor's Report: D Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting nor did he provide a report.

Meeting closed to Public 20.36

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.21.02226:** Application to change use of parcel of land to residential with the erection of single storey machinery and feed store at River Croft Stoke Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to support this application.
- **DC.21.02830:** Application for outline planning permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered) for the erection of 5no dwellings with new vehicular access to Stoke Road at The Eves Stoke Road Thorndon. Councillors voted to object to this application based on the provisions of the neighbourhood plan which, whilst the same identifies this parcel of land as suitable for development, states there should be no development before 2026 and should accommodate no more that 3 dwellings. The proposed development is inappropriate comprising too many dwellings with no garaging, storage or bin collection area with concern for the poor drainage in the area and possibility of flooding.

7.2 Listed Planning Applications: None

7.3 Approvals:

- **DC.21.01177:** Consent for the erection of a two storey side extension and porch at Briswell House Clint Road Thorndon has been granted.
- **DC.21.01397:** Consent for the application of exterior render at Greenways High Street Thorndon has been granted.
- **DC.21.00997:** Consent for the erection of 4no poultry breeder sheds with capacity for up to 36,500 birds, egg store, admin building, feed bins and ancillary development following demolition of existing poultry buildings at Castle Hill Farm Castle Hill Thorndon has been granted.

7.4 Refusals: None

7.5 Listed Building Consent: None

7.6 Other:

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Hayward has been in touch with Paul Bryant who handles the neighbourhood plan who advises the delay in moving the same forward is that the Kerrison Trust have objected to the inclusion of its playing field meaning the same could not be developed before 2036 and have threatened Judicial Review.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

None

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Financial Update: The current balance is £61,250.18 of which £10,204.09 is the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy giving a net balance of £51,046.09.

9.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
20.05.21	Mrs M Ravenhill	Refund payment to R Fiebelkorn to level former cycle facility	70.00		70.00	Agreed	100965 (21/22 - 08)
20.05.21	MSDC	Litter & Dog Bin emptying	546.29	109.26	655.55	Agreed	100966 (21/22 - 09)
20.05.21	Mr D Crisp	Internal Auditor fee	27.69		27.69	Agreed	100967 (21/22 - 10)
20.05.21	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks salary	207.12		207.12	Agreed	100968 (21/22 - 11)
20.05.21	HMRC	PAYE	51.78		51.78	Agreed	100969 (21/22 - 12)
		TOTAL	£832.88	£109.26	£942.14		

9.3 Councillors approved the annual audit which has now been passed by the internal auditor and completed the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements.

9.4 Following the recent resignation of Stephen Page from the Parish Council there are now 3 vacancies. The earlier vacancies were advertised last October but the subsequent lockdowns have resulted in a failure to co-opt Councillors. It was agreed that the process will now be repeated.

9.5 Cllr Ravenhill confirmed she will attend the Eye Mayor's Parade and Service on 4 July next.

9.6 Cllr Hayward agreed to undertake the Quiet Lanes application initiated by Stephen Page pending the co-option of new Councillors one of whom he hopes will assume conduct of the application.

10. AOB and Meeting opened to the Public 21.00

10.1 Cllr Hayward advised that the CCTV system will be installed on 21 June next. The system will require a data SIM and it was agreed to install a 'pay as you go' SIM rather than a contract. Cllr Hayward will ask the supplier to clarify exactly what is required.

10.2 Cllr Hayward confirmed that repairs to the Lych Gate are underway.

10.3 Cllr Hayward confirmed that Thorndon has been selected to trial the ANPR VAS.

10.4 Cllr Taylor advised that there is a fallen tree blocking the public footpath at Fen View and will contact the owner asking that the same is removed. He will also re-report the deteriorating state of the netting on the boardwalk.

10.5 Mrs Aldous expressed her thanks to both Cllr Ravenhill and all volunteers at the Community Shop for their efforts during lockdown

10.6 Mr Sillett advised that there are 3 youths with bicycles who have been climbing on the roof of the Village Hall and causing bother at the Church. Councillors confirmed that their identity is known and that their activities have been reported to the Police.

10.7 Ms Wilson asked that a VAS pole be erected on Clint Road. Councillors confirmed that this suggestion has already been investigated and it was concluded that it would be inappropriate.

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

Meeting closed to the Public 21.39

11. Next meeting date is 1 July 2021

MEETING CLOSED 21.40

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