

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on 9th June, 2022 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Bridge, Cllr Tim Cherrett, Cllr James Hayward, Cllr Robert Jenkins, Cllr Emma Milton, Cllr Peter Taylor, Cllr Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Locum Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer (District & County) and Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch)

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22.06.01	<p>Chairman's welcome In the absence of Cllr Ravenhill, Cllr Milton was voted as Chair of the meeting.</p>
22.06.02	<p>Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors received apologies from Cllr Marion Ravenhill (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies.</p>
22.06.03	<p>Declarations of Interests There were no declarations of interests made.</p>
22.06.04	<p>Dispensations: no requests for dispensations were received.</p>
22.06.05	<p>Councillor vacancy: Councillors noted that no applications for co-option had been received.</p>
22.06.06	<p>Minutes: (a) Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meetings held on 5th May 2022 and 31st May 2022. (b) Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th May 2022.</p>
22.06.07	<p>Reports:</p> <p>(a) County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council passed a motion on further commitment to Suffolk rivers. • A petition has been commenced asking for SCC to produce an in-house bid for the highways contract • A consultation by National Grid is underway and a response from SCC is being prepared. <p>(b) District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC has agreed an action plan linked to the cost of living report, this looks into how residents can be supported in the future. • MSDC unanimously agreed to object to the National Grid consultation on locating pylons through the centre of Mid Suffolk – an alternative undersea option has been suggested as a priority. • Planning reviews are nearing completion with many recommendations for making the service more transparent and easier to engage with. <p>The following matters were raised with Cllr Stringer: Concerns were raised with the report on the survey undertaken by Suffolk County Council to support the experimental TRO in Eye, in particular Councillors raised concerns with what vehicles are counted as HGV and the kerb weights of certain cars which seem inaccurate. Councillors wanted to know what the impact of a HGV ban in Eye would have on Thorndon. Cllr Stringer agreed to fund traffic data collection in 2 points in Thorndon to give a more accurate record of the current situation. Cllrs Hayward and Jenkins agreed to look at</p>

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	suitable locations and send these on a map to Cllr Stringer.
22.06.08	Public forum: Councillors to receive questions or comment from the public on agenda items.
22.06.09	Planning: (a) Councillors noted the outcome of planning decisions reached by Mid Suffolk: DC/21/06625 – Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Thorndon REFUSED (c) Other planning matters: Councillors noted that a representation was submitted to the planning inspectorate in respect of the planning appeal ref: DC/21/03513 Land North of Hall Road, Thorndon
22.06.10	Policies and procedures: Councillors noted a minor amendment to the standing orders for the Council year, as follows and approved the revised standing orders: Point 18 has been updated as follows: points f&g have been removed and replaced with: (f) Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed the threshold specified by the Office of Government Commerce from time to time, the Council must consider whether the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 apply to the contract and, if either of those Regulations apply, the Council must comply with procurement rules. NALC’s procurement guidance contains further details.
22.06.11	Finance Payments: Councillors approved payments due in the month: Under One Roof – play park fencing balance due £5321.51 Places4people – appeal correspondence total cost £240.00 SALC – training for Cllr Milton £124.80 C. Rich – Village recorder, jubilee expenses £200.70
22.06.12	Clerk’s report An email regarding damaged wire on a walk way was responded to and the author advised that the matter had been raised with Suffolk County Council. An email requesting dog bins at Kerrison housing estate will be forwarded to Lacey, Scott & Knight.
22.06.13	Training : Emma Milton has booked on Chair/Leadership Training course which consists of 4 modules.
22.06.14	Quiet Lanes: To receive any update
22.06.15	Highways (a) Councillors noted that the Lorry Watch scheme cannot commence until the 7.5t signs have been replaced at the junction at Castle Hill. Suffolk County Council has advised this will take 14 weeks. The Clerk has asked Cllr Stringer to chase this up as a request for this work was submitted some time ago. (b) To note the survey report carried out by Suffolk County Council with regards to the proposed experimental TRO in Eye which is currently being considered. (c) Signs will be purchased for the car park area near the playing field to replace those that were removed when the fence was replaced.
22.06.16	Neighbourhood Watch report Mr Brand thanked Councillors for making him a Freeman of the Parish of Thorndon, he noted that he felt there were many unsung heroes in the village equally, if not more, deserving of such recognition.

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	<p>He noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes had been reported in the area. • 2 reports of fly tipping had been submitted and the items cleared. • 2 x drains which had been reported as blocked have been cleared. • Stoke Ash Parish Council have requested information on the supplier of the new fencing at Fen View.
22.06.17	<p>Meeting opened to the public for brief matters of report</p> <p>Claude Brand raised the matter of the poor state of some of the litter bins in the village. Councillors asked for volunteers to be sought to help with the work and work to the finger post sign on the grass opposite the Church.</p>
22.06.18	<p>(a) Councillors voted on a motion to close the meeting to the press and public to review matters of a commercially sensitive nature.</p> <p>(b) Playing field: Councillors reviewed quotations two different types of fencing for the area around the planted trees at the playing field. Councillors noted that it has not been possible to obtain 3 quotes for the work. Councillors agreed to proceed a quote as follows: 3 rails and 4ft stock fence wire 4ft high – cost £5005.20</p>
22.06.19	<p>Date of next meeting: 7th July 2022</p>

Meeting closed at: 8.50pm

Signed: _____

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