

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on 1st September, 2022 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Bridge, Cllr Tim Cherrett, Cllr James Hayward, Cllr Robert Jenkins, Cllr Marion Ravenhill, Cllr Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Locum Clerk), 1 member of the public and Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch) and Cllr Andrew Stringer

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22.09.01	Chairman's welcome
22.09.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Apologies were received from Peter Taylor. (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies
22.09.03	Declarations of Interests (a) Pecuniary Interests: James Hayward – 22.09.10 (b) (b) Other registerable interests: none (c) Non-registerable interests: none
22.09.04	Dispensations: There were none
22.09.05	Councillor vacancy: there were no applications for co-option
22.09.06	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 7 th July 2022.
22.09.07	Reports: (a) District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the proposed sports hub in Stowmarket • Reminder of the Tree for Life scheme – Cllr Cherrett agreed to lead for TPC • Update on a group being set up to oversee the procurement of 2 electric buses. (b) Count Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants to help support the cost of living crisis will be available shortly. • Information on supporting Ukrainian refugees is available • Thanks were expressed for the brilliant work of the Fire Service over the summer. Their skill & determination has meant many lives & properties have been saved because of their dedicated work. <p>The Parish Councillors joined Cllr Stringer in thanking the Fire Service and the Community for working together to save properties during a recent incident in Thorndon.</p>
22.09.08	Public forum: The following matters were raised: The defibrillator at the village hall does not have a location reference number displayed. Highway signs remain at the Church, the Clerk will chase this up.
22.09.09	Planning: (a) Councillors agreed a response to the following planning consultations: DC/22/03801 – Full planning application – conversion of agricultural outbuilding to provide staff facilities / storage and cartlodge extension. Lampits Farm, Bakers Lane. DC/22/03802 – Application for Listed Building Consent – Conversion of agricultural

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	<p>outbuilding to provide staff facilities/storage and cartlodge extension. Lampits Farm, Bakers Lane.</p> <p>Councillors voted to SUPPORT the applications above subject to any comments submitted by Mid Suffolk's Heritage Officer.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the outcome of planning decisions reached by Mid Suffolk: DC/22/02703 – Condition 3 Lampits Farm, Bakers Lane. PART SATISFIED DC/21/06871 – Land adjoining the Principals House, Stoke Road. GRANTED DC/22/03065 - Botters, Thwaite Road GRANTED</p> <p>(c) Other planning matters: Councillors agreed that Cllr Milton would be the point of contact with Burgess Homes on planning reference DC/21/06871. Cllr Wilson will support Cllr Milton with any information but cannot lead on this due to a conflict of interest.</p>
22.09.10	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Councillors approved insurance renewal with Zurich cost: £735.06</p> <p>(b) Councillors approved payments due in the month, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under One Roof – fencing at Fen View £5,651.05 • PKF Littlejohn – audit fee £240.00 • MSDC – bin emptying £655.55 • Bacton Solutions Ltd – treatment of wasps at Fen View £90.00 • James Hayward – reimburse O2 costs for CCTV £60.00 <p>(c) Councillors agreed not to renew the contract for Parish Online.</p>
22.09.11	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received the external report for 2021/22 and noted that the auditors reported that the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR was in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. The Clerk confirmed that notice of conclusion of audit will be published on the website and the noticeboard.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted that the ROSPA inspection for the play park will take place in September/October.</p> <p>(c) Councillors reviewed correspondence received by the Clerk:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. SAAA 2022 Opt out offer – Councillors agreed not to opt out. ii. Email regarding walk way – passed to County Cllr Stringer iii. Email re fencing at Fen View - noted iv. SALC bulletins previously circulated to Councillors - noted
22.09.12	<p>Training :</p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training.</p> <p>(b) Updates on training undertaken: Cllr Milton has completed the Chairman's training.</p>
22.09.13	<p>Quiet Lanes:</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted that a QLS agreement with Suffolk County Council has been signed.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted that the sites suggested for the new signage were adequate. Cllr Hayward has responded on behalf of the Council.</p>
22.09.14	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted that a physical traffic count took place. Councillors thanked the team who took part in the traffic count.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted that Suffolk County Council will undertake mechanical traffic counts before the introduction of the experimental TRO in Eye and once it has come into force</p>

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	<p>to monitor the impact on surrounding areas.</p> <p>(c) Other matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email from a member of the public concerning traffic calming was passed to County Cllr Stringer • Discussions took place about moving the 30mph zone further out on the Stoke Road – it was noted that this would require a TRO and is unlikely to gain support. • A request to relocate the VAS was discussed but it was noted that the VAS has to be deployed in the current locations only. • Cllr Jenkins agreed to take over from Cllr Taylor on the VAS deployment. • It was reported that a sign on Baker Lane was facing the wrong way. • Councillors thanked Cllr Wilson for her work cleaning the white post sign outside the Church. Councillors approved the purchase of exterior white paint to enable the job to be completed. • The Lorry Watch co-ordinator continues to contact Suffolk Highways about the replacement signs.
22.09.15	<p>Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors noted that some of the saplings planted at Fen View may not have survived the recent hot weather. • Councillors noted that there were some saplings not planted and stored elsewhere that could be replanted at Fen View in the spring. • Councillors noted the guidance receive with the saplings which gave advice against regular watering of the trees as this could cause issues with the roots. • Councillors agreed that no action will be taken until the spring when it will be clearer how many saplings have not survived.
22.09.16	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <p>(a) Mr Brand continues to make contact with new residents and supplies them with a welcome pack and encourages them to join his email circulation list.</p> <p>(b) A lost purse was returned to its owner, as well as one set of keys. 1 key remains unclaimed.</p> <p>(c) Litter picking equipment has been distributed; there are still 3 sticks available.</p> <p>(d) Mr Brand will be attending 2 events offered by Suffolk Police.</p> <p>(e) Mr Brand expressed his thanks to the organisers of the recent traffic count.</p> <p>(f) A car has been parked overnight at the play park car park - the Clerk will leave a polite notice on the car.</p>
22.09.17	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report:</p> <p>Cllr Wilson will remove the broken bin from outside the shop and see if it can be repaired.</p> <p>Cllr Milton asked for a discussion on speeding in the village to be included on the next agenda.</p> <p>A CCTV camera has appeared on a private house but appears to be pointing towards the street rather than their property.</p>
22.09.18	<p>Date of next meeting: 6th October 2022</p>

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: _____

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