

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Peter Bridge, Tim Cherrett, James Hayward, Robert Jenkins, Emma Milton
Jill Wilson, Marion Ravenhill, Andy Rumsby

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), 3 members of the public, Cllr Andrew Stringer
and Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch)

Item Ref	Description
22.12.01	<p>Chairman’s welcome The Chairman advised the meeting that Peter Taylor has resigned as a Councillor. Councillors expressed thanks for his work and wished him well for the future.</p>
22.12.02	<p>Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.</p>
22.12.03	<p>Declarations of Interests (a) Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Jenkins: cheque under finance (22.12.09 (a) (iv)) – abstained from voting. (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests - none</p>
22.12.04	<p>Dispensations: None were requested.</p>
22.12.05	<p>Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 3rd November 2022.</p>
22.12.06	<p>Reports: (a) County Councillor A County deal has been announced by government for devolved powers. There will be a leader elected by the cabinet not the elected Mayor announced in the Autumn Statement. Funds will be available to Suffolk for roads and skills training. (b) District Councillor End of term report 2019-2022: 3698 new homes, 3000 per year built out. No major development overturned in 2 years. Over last 4 years 517 affordable homes, with 86 new council homes with 53 being sold under the right to buy. Cllr Stringer will investigate why the Neighbourhood CIL for Principals House development is not at the full 25%. Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Stringer for his work during the year.</p>
22.12.07	<p>Public forum: Mr Brand asked if a different location had been found for the unused bin at the play park. Councillors advised that none had been found as yet. A query was raised as to why the charge for emptying dog litter bins is higher than other bins, when dog litter can be placed in either.</p>

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22.12.08	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted the response submitted to MSDC for the following planning consultation: DC/22/05506 – Erection of a single storey front extension. The Rowans, High Street Thorndon IP23 7LX. SUPPORT</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the outcome of planning applications considered by MSDC: DC/22/04701 – Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Thorndon. Prior approval refused.</p>
22.12.09	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) Councillors approved payments due in the month: (i) ROSPA Play Safety: annual report - £100.80 (ii) Suffolk County Council: Quiet Lanes contribution - £300.00 (iii) R Fiebelkorn: Grass cutting annual fee - £451 (iv) Cllr Jenkins: SID batteries - £60.48</p> <p>(b) Councillors approved an new bank signatory: Councillor Wilson</p> <p>(c) Councillors Milton and Cherrett met with the Clerk and reviewed the ½ year accounts and a draft budget for 2023/24. A recommendation that the precept increase by 2% was proposed and the Clerk will prepare the precept request form for approval at the January 2023 meeting.</p>
22.12.10	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>(a) Correspondence received by the Clerk: Anders Linders – resigned as Tree Warden, noted by Councillors CAB – donation request, Councillors agreed to wait for a request from the Diss branch.</p> <p>(b) Enquiry re footpath from car park to school - Councillors reviewed response from SCC on ownership of the unregistered land. It was agreed that the Diocese would be contacted with the new information from Suffolk County Council that the unregistered land does not belong to the Council.</p> <p>(c) Dates for meetings during 2023, meeting will remain on the first Thursday of the month, advice is awaited from SALC on the first possible date for a meeting in May following the election scheduled for 4th given the additional bank holiday on 8th May.</p>
22.12.11	<p>Training :</p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training.</p> <p>(b) There were no updates on training undertaken.</p>
22.12.12	<p>Quiet Lanes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors Hayward and Jenkins installed the new signs. • There was an extra sign that needs to be swapped • Councillor Stringer was advised that the newly installed posts did not have caps; he will raise the matter as this will cause the posts to rust more quickly. <p>Thanks were expressed to the Councillors for their work.</p>
22.12.13	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Community Speed Watch – Councillors agreed to support the scheme. This will be led by Councillor Cherrett and Mr Tompkins. The scheme will not start until the Spring. Councillors noted the following actions: Councillor Hayward will download the latest information from the SID The village will be consulted on a 20mph zone. SID, Lorry Watch and Community Speed Watch are all good for evidence gathering. It was suggested that residents might like to purchase 30mph stickers for their bins.</p>

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	(b) Councillors noted that the information from the SCC traffic survey has been received. This survey was undertaken ahead of the introduction of the experimental TRO in Eye.
22.12.14	Public Survey: Councillors reviewed and approved a village survey produced by Cllr Milton.
22.12.15	Fire prevention/protection measures: Councillor Rumsby is preparing a 2 page document bespoke to Thorndon for approval by Councillors at a future meeting.
22.12.16	Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. None
22.12.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <p>1 new resident has signed up.</p> <p>Lost/found: 2 phones, 1 set of car keys, 1 parcel mis-delivered and 1 dog owner traced.</p> <p>Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Operation Sceptre” took place between 14/11 and 20/11 – with 9 arrests during the week. • Rural and wildlife policing matters • Christmas month long drink drive initiative <p>Mr Brand thanked all Councillors for their work over the year and Mr Brand was thanked too.</p>
22.12.18	<p>(a) Councillors voted to close the meeting to the press and public to review matters of a confidential nature.</p> <p>(b) Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt a salary range of SCP 18-23 (LC2 - below substantive range) for the position of Clerk/RFO. A contract for the Clerk, based on the NALC model, was approved with a starting salary point of SCP21. The contract to be dated 1st September 2022.</p>
22.12.19	Date of next meeting: 5 th January 2023

Meeting closed at: 9.00pm

Signed: _____

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