

**THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall**  
**On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 starting at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Tim Cherret, Robert Jenkins, James Hayward, Emma Milton, Marion Ravenhill, Andy Rumsby, Colin Tompkins, Jill Wright

**In attendance:** Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer, Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch) and 1 MOP

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23.02.01	<p><b>Chairman's welcome</b>            Colin Tompkins was welcomed to his first meeting.            The Chairman informed those present of the resignation of Peter Bridge as a Councillor.            Councillors thanked him for his contribution during his term in office.</p>
23.02.02	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            There were no absences.</p>
23.02.03	<p><b>Declarations of Interests</b>            (a) Pecuniary Interests – BJ 23.02.09 (cheque to reimburse expenses)            (b) Other registerable interests - none            (c) Non-registerable interests – none</p>
23.02.04	<p><b>Dispensations:</b> None requested.</p>
23.02.05	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Councillors reviewed and <b>approved</b> the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p>
23.02.06	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>(a) <u>County Councillor</u>            The annual budget is likely to increase by 2.99%            Opposition groups will be suggesting an alternative budget.            Carbon budget is not on track.            At the local government conference climate change was mentioned at every session. It was noted that not everything can be offset.  <i>Question:</i>  <i>AR asked where Suffolk was vis a vis other similar Council.</i>  <i>AS responded Suffolk is very similar.</i></p> <p>(b) <u>District Councillor</u>            There will be no increase in the budget this year.            30% of the precept has been placed in reserves.  <i>Questions:</i>  <i>JH asked why this was?</i>  <i>AS responded that the forecasting hadn't been accurate.</i>  <i>AR was there a plan to use the underspend?</i>  <i>AS responded that a number projects had not yet been completed.</i>  <i>JH asked who would be responsible for forecasting moving forward.</i>  <i>AS responded it was uncertain at the moment as elections are due in May.</i>  <i>CT asked how information about help with cost of living crisis was being advertised?</i>  <i>AS responded that there were leaflets in libraries sign posting where help is available</i></p>

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	<p><i>and regular Facebook updates.</i></p> <p>A solar farm policy was needed to clarify the guidance in the NPPF which states best agricultural land should be avoided, however no grade 1 land in Mid Suffolk therefore should this apply to best available in the area.</p>
<b>23.02.07</b>	<b>Public forum:</b> There were no questions or comments received.
<b>23.02.08</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>(a) There were no consultations for consideration.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted response made to planning consultation using scheme of delegation;  <b>DC/23/00155:</b> Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for proposed: erection, extension or alteration of a building for agricultural or forestry use. Erection of building for storage or machinery, grain and other agricultural materials. Lampits Farm, Bakers Lane. Response: no objection to this application and no comments to submit.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the following outcomes of planning applications considered by MSDC:  <b>DC/22/06125:</b> Land adjoining the Principals House – discharge of condition 21  <b>DC/23/00155:</b> Lampits Farm, Bakers Lane – prior approval not required</p> <p>(d) Other planning matters:  Cllr Milton agreed to liaise with Burgess Homes to bring regular updates on development to the Council meetings.</p>
<b>23.02.09</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>Councillors <b>approved</b> the following payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Anglia security &amp; Fire: CCTV work £126.00</li> <li>ii. Cllr R Jenkins: reimbursement for SID batteries £75.60</li> <li>iii. Town &amp; Country Printers: village survey paper copies £79.20</li> </ol>
<b>23.02.10</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>(a) Tabled correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. GREEN Project update – to be circulated to Cllrs.</li> <li>ii. Zurich insurance update on coverage for Coronation events was noted.</li> <li>iii. Mid Suffolk District Council – updated Street Name &amp; Numbering Policy was noted.</li> <li>iv. Regulation 16 consultation on Wetheringsett cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan was noted as being underway.</li> <li>v. A report on Parish Biodiversity Actions Plans &amp; Ecological Assessments was noted.</li> <li>vi. SALC update on HR &amp; Personnel matters was noted.</li> <li>vii. Mid Suffolk District Council – an email explaining the difference in cost for emptying litter and dog bins was noted.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Footpath from car park to school – contact has yet to be made with the Diocese. Cllr Ravenhill will make contact before the next meeting.</p>
<b>23.02.11</b>	<p><b>Training :</b></p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training.</p> <p>(b) There has been no training undertaken.</p>
<b>23.02.12</b>	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors received the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community Speed Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of volunteers has been collated</li> <li>• Police forms have been circulated</li> <li>• Currently, one form has been sent to the Police for processing.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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	<p>(ii) Lorry Watch There has been a marked increase in lorries going through the village in the last 10 day with the B1077 closed, even though a sign has been added to both end of The Street stating not suitable for diversion. This made an impact initially.</p> <p>(iii) SID data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data shows no improvement in speeding since first used.</li> <li>• Surprise was noted at the 71mph reading.</li> <li>• Cllr Hayward interested in what reports would be useful.</li> <li>• Cllr Wilson will speak to the person responsible for a SID in a neighbouring parish to see what software they use.</li> <li>• A volunteer is required to take on responsibility for the SID.</li> </ul> <p>(iv) Quiet Lanes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Order for Wave 4 was signed off.</li> <li>• Job packs for signage/posts is being prepared.</li> <li>• Currently there are 129 parishes who have designated 377 lanes totalling 300 miles.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Other highways information: Sign at Stanmore Green has been replaced.</p>
23.02.13	<p><b>Public Survey:</b></p> <p>(i) 8 responses have been received online to date.</p> <p>(ii) Paper copies can be left in the shop.</p>
23.02.14	<p><b>Community Emergency Plan:</b> Councillors gave suggestions of what could be included.</p>
23.02.15	<p><b>Play Equipment:</b></p> <p>(i) Cllr Jenkins will review the works required with a view to dismantling any equipment deemed dangerous.</p> <p>(ii) Cllr Milton will review the responses to the survey to see what is required.</p>
23.02.16	<p><b>Meeting was opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</b> Cllr Jenkins suggested an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>
23.02.17	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch report</b></p> <p>(i) 1 new resident has joined the mailing list.</p> <p>(ii) A reminder of the closing date for the survey will be circulated.</p> <p>(iii) Police and Crime Commissioner is recommending a £15 per year rise in precept for a Band D property.</p> <p>(iv) Community Council were thanked for a grant to purchase more litter picking equipment.</p> <p>(v) The first Police Locality meeting for some time took place, however the Inspector was unable to attend. Police noted delays in the 101 service and it was recommended that non urgent matters are reported online. Details of Tea Plus were passed on, should a parish visit be possible. The safer neighbourhood team would appreciate advance notice of any Coronation events.</p>
23.02.18	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</b></p>

Meeting closed at: 9.05

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: