

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on 5th January 2023 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Cherrett, 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
23.01.01	Chairman's welcome
23.01.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Bridge and Hayward. (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies received.
23.01.03	Declarations of Interests (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests - none
23.01.04	Dispensations: No requests received.
23.01.05	Councillor vacancy: (a) Councillors noted that no election has been called and that the vacancy can be filled by co-option. (b) Councillors considered an application and voted to co-opt Colin Tompkins to the Parish Council.
23.01.06	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 1 st December 2022.
23.01.07	Reports: (a) County Councillor Budget setting is underway with pressures noted on all budgets. Some elements will go through scrutiny. (b) District Councillor Budget under review. Solar carport and battery storage with EV charging facility at Mid Suffolk leisure centre Stowmarket has been opened. Town and Parish liaison meetings are due to recommence in February. A member of the public asked what support is available for carers. Cllr Stringer will take this forward.
23.01.08	Public forum: There were no matters raised.
23.01.09	Planning: (a) Councillors reviewed and approved a response to MSDC for the following planning consultation:

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	<p>DC/22/05991 – full planning application: Erection of 3 dwellings with vehicular access and 1 detached garage. Land off, The Street, Thorndon, Suffolk. SUPPORT with comments regarding Policy THN15, solar panels, working hours and construction traffic.</p> <p>DC/22/06369 – Erection of single-storey rear/side extension (following of existing extension). Waterloo House, Stanwell Green, IP23 7JL. SUPPORT</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted outcomes of planning applications considered by MSDC:</p> <p>DC/22/04695 – Castle Hill Farm WITHDRAWN</p> <p>DC/22/05506 – The Rowans, High Street GRANTED</p>
23.01.10	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) Councillors approved payments due in the month for Staff salary, NI and PAYE totalling £1366.82.</p> <p>(b) Councillors approved the precept for 2023/24 at 2% above 2022/23 level. The figure agreed for the year was £22,000.</p>
23.01.11	<p>Clerk's report</p> <p>(a) Tabled correspondence;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SAAA – notification of appointment of external auditor till 2026/27 as PKF Littlejohn. ii. SARS – Annual report iii. Dementia Group – information and requesting opportunity to speak at a meeting. Councillor Wilson to follow up. iv. Dog litter bins – the matter was raised via email and verbally at the meeting. The Clerk will add a note to the Village Life submission regarding the use of the dog litter bins. v. Water leak – information will be included in Village Life submission on how residents can report a water leak directly. <p>(b) Councillors noted correspondence regarding play park equipment works and agreed to look at the matter at the next meeting.</p> <p>(c) Footpath from car park to school – no update available.</p> <p>(d) Councillors noted that following guidance received from NALC, the meeting in May 2023 can take place on Thursday, 11th May. All other meetings will take place on the first Thursday of the month (excluding August – no meeting).</p>
23.01.12	<p>Training :</p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training.</p> <p>(b) The Clerk attended a webinar on CIL and the slides from the presentation were shared with Councillors.</p>
23.01.13	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received updates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch A report on the effectiveness of schemes was noted by Councillors. Mr Tompkins has received forms to complete to get the scheme underway and there is a list of volunteers. (ii) Lorry Watch Correspondence regarding the increase in lorries due to a road closure in Eye were noted. The co-ordinator advised they were preparing a progress report for Trading Standards which would be shared with the council. Additional signage during the upcoming road closure on the B1077 may be required

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	to reinforce the 7.5t limit in the village. (iii) SID data – data was received but a full review was deferred to the next meeting.
23.01.14	Public Survey: Councillors approved the amended form which has been edited to 2 sides of a single A4 page. Councillors agreed that the survey will be launched at the beginning of February through Village Life and the website where an online version will be available. Paper surveys can be dropped off at the Community Shop.
23.01.15	Community Emergency Plan: Up to date contact information is being sought ahead of a draft being submitted to Councillors for agreement.
23.01.16	Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Councillor Jenkins requested that a review of the play equipment at Fen View be included on the next agenda with a discussion on updating it. Councillor Ravenhill noted that the Friends of the School are looking at equipment needed there.
23.01.17	Neighbourhood Watch report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 new residents have signed up to the email list. • Police Connect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation on a budget increase will commence this week. ○ Arrests were made following the discovery of a cannabis factory in Kenton. ○ Police liaison meeting to take place with Inspector Gary King. • Litter picking – 2 new residents have signed up to join the other 17 who already take part. • Kerrison – there is a considerable amount of debris left on a set aside field near the pumping station following recent activities. Councillor Ravenhill will contact Mr Muir to advise and ask for it to be cleared.
23.01.18	Date of next meeting: 2 nd February 2023

Meeting closed at: 9.10pm

Signed: _____

Date: