

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the annual meeting held in the Village Hall
on 1st June 2023 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Cherrett, Colin Tompkins, Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), , Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch) and 4 members of the public

Item ref	Description
23.06.01	Chairman's welcome Emma Milton was absent from the meeting. Councillors voted that Cllr Cherrett, as Vice Chair, would Chair the meeting.
23.06.02	Apologies for Absence/Councillor vacancies (a) Apologies were received from Cllr Jenkins. (b) Councillors voted to accept these apologies. (c) No applications for co-option were received.
23.06.03	Declarations of Interests – Cllrs received declarations in subsequent agenda items as follows: (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests - none
23.06.04	Dispensations: There were no requests for dispensations
23.06.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the annual meeting held on 11 th May 2023.
23.06.06	Reports: Cllr Andrew Stringer sent his apologies and his reports were noted.
23.06.07	Public forum: Councillors received comments regarding planning reference DC/23/01861.
23.06.08	Planning: (a) Councillors reviewed and approved responses to MSDC for the following planning consultations: DC/23/01861 – Erection pool house and installation of pool. Ash Grove, High Street Councillors were concerned about the additional water usage given the vulnerability of the Hartismere Water Resource zone. Councillors were also concerned that no lighting is mentioned in the application for the structure, there are LED lights referenced in the manufacturer's information. Councillors noted and supported the concerns of residents at the meeting regarding the following matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proximity of the structure to the boundary and the ability of the home owner to maintain the adjacent ditch edge moving forward. 2. Discharge of pool water - in the event the pool needed to be emptied where will it be discharged to? And concerns about chemicals being deposited in the neighbouring ditch were raised. 3. The impact of noise from equipment associated with the operation of the pool (eg pumps etc) on neighbouring properties. DC/23/02000 – Erection of 1 no. agricultural workers dwelling for the poultry manage at Castle Hill Chicken Ltd. Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill.

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	<p>Councillors noted that the site has not been in operation for 3 years as the poultry units have only recently been completed.</p> <p>Councillors noted that there is already an agricultural worker's dwelling adjacent to the site which is connected to the operation for which the accounts were submitted in the design and access statement.</p> <p>(b) Decisions reached by Mid Suffolk: DC/23/01414 – The Oaks, Hall Road. GRANTED</p> <p>(c) Other planning matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There was no report/update from Burgess Homes (Cllr Milton). ii. Joint Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan – Ian Poole is looking into funding to help update the plan once the joint Local Plan is made by MSDC.
23.06.09	<p>Finance:</p> <p>There were no payments for approval this month.</p> <p>The Clerk will investigate opening an account with Unity Trust Bank and transferring all funds from Barclays, due to the difficulty in getting a complete service from Barclays.</p>
23.06.10	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Correspondence: A few requests for commemorative water bottles have been received and the bottles will be left at the shop for collection. ii. To note that domain name and mailboxes will be thorndon-pc.gov.uk iii. Thorndon Primary School will be celebrating their 150 year anniversary in 2024. Marion Ravenhill has asked Cherry Rick to start sifting through the archive to pull together a display. The Parish Council will look to support and be involved in this important milestone.
23.06.11	<p>Highways:</p> <p>Updates were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch – all forms are sorted. Training is now awaited. (ii) Lorry Watch – no update (iii) Quiet Lanes – signs have all be collected, installed of posts is awaited. (iv) SID data – Cllrs Tompkins and Wilson have taken on the work. It may be necessary to buy a laptop to be able to evaluate the data fully. Cllr Tompkins will investigate the cost of suitable equipment. (v) Path near Church – no update (vi) 30mph roundels – there is a meeting taking place next week which should bring forward an update. (vii) Experimental TRO in Eye – the TRO @ Thorndon has been missed from the Suffolk Lorry Route map, this is in hand. Councillors asked for information on the consultation of the Eye TRO to be circulated.
23.06.12	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan: no update was available for this meeting.</p>
23.06.13	<p>Community Emergency Plan: no update was available for this meeting</p>
23.06.14	<p>Play Equipment: A question has been raised concerning insurance cover if the work is undertaken on behalf of the Council by Mr Lockwood. Clerk to clarify with Zurich.</p>
23.06.15	<p>Ditches and waterways: An article was placed in village life. This item is to be removed from future agendas but will be considered when reviewing planning applications.</p>

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23.06.16	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Cllr Wilson raised the matter of the sports field at Kerrison and the use of it. A member of the public noted that there is a lot of dog poo on the site of the Kerrison Sports Field. A member of the public noted that a style in the area @ Clint Road is wobbly.</p>
23.06.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report 5 new neighbours in the Parish. 2 households have moved, 1 new resident has signed up. 2 parcels wrongly delivered were dealt with. Lost car keys were found. Following a diesel spillage – more grit is required in the grit bins. Litter picking has successfully taken place. A larger fly tip area was cleared very quickly by Mid Suffolk.</p>
23.06.18	<p>Confidential item: The matter was deferred.</p>
23.06.19	<p>Date of next meeting: 6th July 2023</p>

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm

Signed: _____

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