

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall
On 2 March 2023 starting at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch) and 4 MOP

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23.03.01	Chairman's welcome Cllrs advised of a closed session to discuss matters of a confidential nature.
23.03.02	Apologies for Absence Apologies received from the Parish Clerk, Odile Wladon and County and District Councillor Andrew Stringer
23.03.03	Declarations of Interests (a) Pecuniary Interests – none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests – none
23.03.04	Dispensations: None requested.
23.03.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 2 February 2023.
23.03.06	Reports: (a) <u>County Councillor</u> Suffolk County Council budget voted in for 2023/24. Budget increases tax by 2.99% (2% rise in Social Care Precept and .99% increase in general tax). New highways contract agreed with Milestone Infrastructure (part of M Group Services) worth £800million to £1billion, commencing 1 October 2023 lasting 20 years. The Government have agreed to extend the Household Support Fund, so local councils can support can help residents through the current cost-of-living crisis via grants. (b) <u>District Councillor</u> Council Tax freeze for 2023/24. Reduction of up to 100% for those on the lowest income. Overspend of £893k on 2022/23 budget however, £3million have been placed in reserves. £2million of the reserves have been set aside to help residents with insulation for homes. Cllr Ravenhill confirmed she attended the recent liaison meetings with Mid Suffolk and asked for confirmation of what the reserve monies would be spent on due to this being taxpayer funded. This has partly ben confirmed in the district report.
23.03.07	Public forum: There were no questions or comments received.
23.03.08	Planning: (a) Councillors reviewed and responded to MSDC for the following applications:

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	<p>DC/23/00526: Full Planning Application – conversion, extension and change of use of barn to 1 dwelling, erection of cart lodge. Land adjacent to the Black Horse Inn, The Street, Thorndon.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs noted the concerns from the Black Horse Pub in relation to perceived noise levels that may impact the new dwellings. 2. Cllrs agree that any new resident living in the properties would need to purchase knowingly of pub activities and that the Black Horse is a central and integral service for the village 3. Cllrs noted changes to site access in relation to DC/23/00831 and emergency vehicles 4. Cllrs had no objection to this application and submit comments above. <p>DC/23/00831: Full Planning Application – Erection of 3 dwellings, erection of 1 detached double garage and construction of new vehicular access. Land off, The Street, Thorndon (<i>note previous application has been withdrawn</i>).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs wanted the plans to be clear on bin/cycle storage and parking for 8 vehicles as could only see 5 spaces 2. Cllrs would like to see further information on how the properties would be heated and the positioning of solar panels on the semi-detached plots 3. Cllrs wanted to note that although this land was part of the Neighbourhood planning it has not considered the need for smaller affordable or starter homes 4. Cllrs voted to APPROVE the application with the comments listed above to be considered. <p>(b) Councillors noted the following outcomes of planning applications considered by MSDC: DC/22/06369: Waterloo House, Stanwell Green, Thorndon. GRANTED Cllr Jenkins wanted to note that the window design has changed since the approval was granted</p> <p>(c) Other planning matters: Cllr Milton updated on the works commenced at the Kerrison site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • due to bad state or repair, eye sore, children playing on site and asbestos Burgess Homes decided to clear the site • site demolished, working on levelling and clearance • once complete Burgess Homes will erect improved fencing around the site • not looking to build yet due to delays in the planning process and need to wait to complete ground works in the Summer - this may not happen until Summer 2024 • Burgess Homes will share a project plan and regular updates as the site progresses, to include risk and issues • the trees on site have been tidied and Burgess Homes are aware of those with TPOs. An ecology area has also been screened off for scrub to allow any migrating animals to vacate to e.g., hedgehogs post the demolition
23.03.09	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllrs received no payments for approval b) Cllr Ravenhill requested approval of a payment towards the heating oil at the Village Hall to further support the running of the Thorndon Warm Hub. Cllrs voted in favour of £150 being awarded to support. c) Cllrs approved Dawn Crisp as the Thorndon Parish Council internal auditor d) Cllrs wanted to note that Mr Fiebelkorn has been awarded the grounds maintenance

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	contract for maintaining the communal grassed areas and hedging.
23.03.10	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>a) No correspondence was reviewed.</p> <p>b) Dementia Support Group update: Cllr Wilson advised the group is for carers of dementia patients and the elderly who are awaiting a diagnosis. Item to be removed from the agenda and re issued if a dementia carer comes forward for support. Item opened to the public for comment, no comments raised.</p>
23.03.11	<p>Training :</p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training</p> <p>(b) There has been no training undertaken, with new Cllrs looking to enrol post the May 2023 elections</p> <p>(c) Cllr Ravenhill attended an update meeting regarding the upcoming elections and will circulate the slide deck for review by all Cllrs.</p>
23.03.12	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received the following updates:</p> <p>(i) Community Speed Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 individuals have applied to take part in the community speed watch • the Police advised that 6 are required for the scheme to continue • the Police advised the Parish Council are unable to obtain a speed gun and pass on offenders to the Police as we would be representing the Constabulary without their participation • Cllr Tompkins to add a request for further volunteers in Village Life, tied in with the results of the resident survey and, see if we can link with Eye volunteers • Cllr Tompkins to also email Cllr Andrew Stringer to ask if 30moh markings can be painted on Thorndon roads • Cllr Cherrett to purchase 30mph stickers for local resident's waste bins for buy at the community shop to aid awareness of drivers <p>Post meeting note: 6 volunteers for the Community Speed Watch have been identified</p> <p>(ii) Lorry Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update to advise that lorry traffic has decreased since the diversion closed <p>(iii) SID data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wilson has identified someone who can support with visualising the SID data and Cllr Hayward to make contact and discuss <p>(iv) Quiet Lanes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates received <p>(b) Other highways information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ravenhill met with Suffolk Highways Officers to discuss lorry restriction road signs and future diversion routes for traffic • Highways will look to install further larger signage on the A140 to advise of 7.5 tonne restrictions. • Signage missing at the Wash ordered but not yet delivered.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will also look at adding caps to the new signposts installed for quiet lanes to prevent rusting and damage. • It was also noted that new signage posts have been installed along the road to Eye via the Wash in circa 5 locations but not sure what these will be for. • Path near the Church – not aware of who owns the land and highways are looking to obtain more definitive answers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consideration to be made to the Parish Council registering ownership and completing works to create a path and repair the grass verges. • Cllr Thompkins raised the issue of potholes reported and requiring repair and will follow up with Cllr Andrew Stringer
23.03.13	<p>Public Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 15% return from households on the resident survey closed as of 28 February 2023 (ii) Results to be collated and shared by the middle of March for Cllrs to review ahead of 6 April 2023 meeting.
23.03.14	<p>Community Emergency Plan: Cllr Rumsby has updated the risk assessment following Cllrs comments at the last minute and will circulate once finalised.</p>
23.03.15	<p>Play Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Richard Lockwood has been approached to complete the remedial works to the play equipment and will replace what has been identified, including filling holes with resin. (ii) Richard Lockwood will also finish works to the Lych Gate.
23.03.16	<p>Meeting was opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. No new agenda items identified.</p>
23.03.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) No new residents at the Kerrison site. (ii) New Neighbourhood Watch stickers were purchased to add to the existing signage. (iii) No lost and found updates. (iv) Police campaign to commence for mobile phone use while driving. (v) Waiting on litter picking equipment to be delivered and will then commence a spring litter pick. Claude extends his thanks to all who have helped with litters picks to date and to those individuals who helped to clear waste left following a gathering near the pumping station.
23.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cllrs voted to close the meeting to the press and public to discuss a commercially sensitive matter. (ii) Cllrs agreed on a way forward for a commercially sensitive matter.
23.03.19	<p>Date of next meeting: 6 April 2023</p>

Meeting closed at: 21:10

Signed: _____ Date: