

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,  
on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Tim Cherrett, Robert Jenkins, Stephen Marshall, Emma Milton, Jill Wilson

**In attendance:** Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer, Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch), Sue Downs (Community Action Suffolk - part) and 5 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
<b>23.10.01</b>	<b>Chairman's welcome</b>
<b>23.10.02</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence/Councillor vacancies</b></p> <p>(a) There were no absences.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted that Ms Pears was not eligible for co-option therefore the decision reached at the September meeting was vacated. Ms Pears can reapply in January 2024.</p> <p>(c) There were no applications for co-option.</p>
<b>23.10.03</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interests</b></p> <p>(a) Pecuniary Interests - none</p> <p>(b) Other registerable interests - none</p> <p>(c) Non-registerable interests - none</p>
<b>23.10.04</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> none requested
<b>23.10.05</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Sue Downs – Community Action Suffolk on community led housing</b></p> <p>Sue Downs introduced herself, she works for Community Action Suffolk (CAS) as the Rural and Community Housing enabler. Mid Suffolk had advised CAS to approach the Parish Council given the number of residents in the local area who were on the housing list. Sue Downs gave a presentation on what Community led housing was and how it works using exception sites. Exception sites are those that would not ordinarily be considered for planning but could be brought forward if they provided social housing linked to the need in the local area. It was advised that all residents should be encouraged to register any need they have, even if they consider they would be too far down the list to ever be successful – this would help to evidence local need.</p> <p>A housing need survey would help to identify what the local need is, any survey would last 5 years and could be used to determine whether there is sufficient supply of social housing or whether further investigations are required.</p>
<b>23.10.06</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> Councillors reviewed and <b>approved</b> the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.
<b>23.10.07</b>	<p><b>Reports:</b> Andrew Stringer - County Councillor and District Councillor</p> <p><u>County</u></p> <p>Fire service – SCC have decided to bring back the control centre to Suffolk, currently the centre in Cambridge has failed to hit the required milestones. It is possible that the 2 systems will need to be funded to avoid contractual difficulties.</p> <p>Budget – there is currently an overspend on adult social care and SEND home/school travel</p> <p>RAAC – some schools in the area have had RAAC identified, the cost of temporary class rooms is high.</p> <p><u>District</u></p> <p>Corporate plan – is being refreshed and key performance indicators being updated.</p>

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	<p>Joint Local Plan – final approval will be on the agenda for November 2023 meeting.</p> <p>A140 – there will be delays on the road over a series of weekends due to equipment being transported for the gas fired power station due to be built opposite Roy Humphrey site.</p> <p>Solar Farms – since a recent successful appeal to the planning inspector, a number of sites are coming forward. <i>Cllrs asked why solar pv panels were not being placed on roofs of industrial buildings. Cllr Stringer advised that there was a lack of national policy which prevents this.</i></p> <p>NSIP – the council is working on a position statement for these. <i>Cllrs noted that there is a conference organised by SCC and SALC – Cllr Marshall and the Clerk will try to attend. A member of the public asked whether there would be any grant funding towards warm rooms as there has been in the past? Cllr Stringer said that Locality Budget can help with this. Cllr Milton advised that the Parish Council could also help.</i></p>
23.10.08	<p><b>Public forum:</b></p> <p>Stephen Page, Chair of Governors from Thorndon CE Primary School, introduced himself and stated that the school has looking to forge formal links with the Council. He advised that the point of contact for the school would be either himself, as Chair of Governors, or the Head of School or Executive Head Teacher. The school is excited to be preparing for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. Works to cut back a tree which is causing issues will shortly be commissioned and request for help with a hedge overhanging the pavement on a property adjacent to the school was requested.</p> <p><i>Cllr Stringer reported the hedge online during the course of the meeting.</i></p>
23.10.09	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors noted planning decisions reached by Mid Suffolk: DC/23/0400 – Castle Hill Farm. Discharge of conditions 6 (EV charging), 7 (cycle storage), 8 (bins), and 11 (biodiversity enhancement strategy).</p> <p>(b) Other planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. There was noreport/update from Burgess Homes .</li> <li>ii. Joint Local Plan – the inspectors have written noting that the proposed plan is sound with the main modifications that have been recommended.</li> <li>iii. Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed that the plan does not need to be reviewed at present. Councillors agreed to further investigate the cost of a housing needs survey, which will assist with reviewing the need for social housing and in the future review process.</li> </ol>
23.10.10	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors <b>approved</b> the following payments due in the month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Staff costs &amp; expenses: salary &amp; stamps - £1107.27 (LGA 1972 s.111 &amp; s.112)</li> <li>ii. Thorndon Village Hall: hire fees - £80.00 (LGA 1972 s.111)</li> <li>iii. SALC: payroll costs - £22.80 (LGA 1972 s.111)</li> <li>iv. HMRC: PAYE/NI - £273.40 (LGA 1972 s.111)</li> </ol> <p>(b) Councillors <b>approved</b> the following: Pride in Place grant application form Donation for Poppy Wreath of £200</p>
23.10.11	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>(a) Correspondence: A letter published in Village Life will be forwarded to Kerrison Trust. Town &amp; Parish Liaison meeting, Cllr Milton and the Clerk will be attending.</p>

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	<p>SALC: information on the Local Council Conference was noted.</p> <p>SALC: information on NSIPs, Cllr Marshall agreed to attend, details will be sent.</p> <p>(b) Open Space at Kerrisons: noted the following response: <i>The Trustees continue to review their options for the use of the land but no decision has been made yet.</i> The matter of Ragwort has also been raised with Trustees.</p> <p>(c) Any updates from Thorndon Primary School – see public forum.</p> <p>(d) Training – there were no requests this month, most recent SALC bulletin on training will be circulated to all Councillors.</p>
23.10.12	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors received the following updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community Speed Watch – Cllr Milton has collected the equipment and this is a work in progress.</li> <li>(ii) Lorry Watch – Suffolk Trading Standards have confirmed that no Lorry Watch signs will be supplied. Trading Standards feel that the 7.5t limit signs are sufficient.</li> <li>(iii) Quiet Lanes – all works are completed. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jenkins. The item will be removed from future agendas.</li> <li>(iv) SID data – Cllr Milton is hoping to download the data shortly and will circulate this to Councillors when complete.</li> <li>(v) Path near Church – Cllr Stringer will chase up, and look at the potholes request.</li> <li>(vi) 30mph roundels – Councillors agreed this should be removed as an agenda item.</li> <li>(vii) Experimental TRO in Eye – the data from the “before and after” traffic surveys will be requested and looked at to help prepare a formal response.</li> <li>(viii) Dog &amp; Litter Bin update – Cllr Milton will send the Clerk the “what3words” locations of all bins.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Other highways information- the hedge by the Kerrison site has been cut.</p>
23.10.13	<p><b>Parish Council 4 year plan:</b></p> <p>Cllr Milton to lead on: SID/Speed Watch/ Youth Council</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins to lead on: Jubilee Wood and play area</p> <p>Other Councillors were requested to review the plan and contact Cllr Milton with the areas they wish to lead on.</p>
23.10.14	<p><b>Community Emergency Plan:</b></p> <p>Councillors agreed for this to be removed from the agenda.</p>
23.10.15	<p><b>Play Equipment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Cllr Jenkins has requested a formal quote for 4 x pieces of gym equipment to be placed adjacent to the basketball hoop. Councillors agreed that Cllr Jenkins could approach a contractor to remove the heap of soil and flatten the area.</li> <li>(b) Works to repair equipment due to take place this month.</li> <li>(c) Works to the roundabout require balancing, company to be contacted. New roundabout could cost up to £15,000</li> <li>(d) Clerk to chase the RoSPA inspection which was due to take place in September.</li> </ul>
23.10.16	<p><b>Jubilee Wood</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Update on condition of the trees planted in 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 8 saplings have survived.</li> <li>12 trees are left over from previous planting and will be replanted on site.</li> <li>All dead trees have been removed and the stakes retained.</li> <li>MSDC are offering trees and the tree of life scheme will be starting again.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Mr Feibelkorn has been asked to cut back the area.            (b) Hole in near the barrier: Cllr Jenkins has filled the hole.</p>
<b>23.10.17</b>	<p><b>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</b>            Agenda items:            Housing Needs Survey &amp; next steps            Upload on Parish Council plan – Cllr leads to be confirmed.            Budget items from Councillors            Matter of report:            Footpath behind the Black Horse – should be reported to SCC as it is not clear.</p>
<b>23.10.18</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch report</b>            2 x new residents have been signed up            Mr Brand attended the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> September – Tim Passmore (Police &amp; Crime Commissioner) and Andy Pursehouse (Chief Inspector) addressed the meeting. A leaflet “redesigning the local policing operating model to keep Suffolk safe” was distributed, an electronic copy has been requested.            Community Policing Teams: bedrock of policing, with 50 new community policing areas with 80 community policing Officers. It is intended for Officers to be more visible and have local ownership of the areas served. Thorndon is under the East Area based in Halesworth which covers, Debenham and Eye – and has been allocated 2 CPOs.</p>
<b>23.10.19</b>	<p><b>Confidential item:</b>            (a) Councillors voted on a motion and closed the meeting to the press and public to review matters of a confidential nature.            (b) Councillors agreed a way forward on a Parish Council led event.</p>
<b>23.10.20</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023</b></p>

Closing date: 9.40pm

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