

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall
on Thursday, 7th September 2023 commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Tim Cherrett, Robert Jenkins, Emma Milton, Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch) and 5 members of the public

Item ref	Description
23.09.01	Chairman's welcome
23.09.02	<p>Apologies for Absence/Councillor vacancies</p> <p>(a) There no apologies.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr Tompkins</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted that no election was called, therefore 4 of the current vacancies can be filled via co-option.</p> <p>(d) Co-options: Mr Stephen Marshall was co-opted Ms Amy Pears – was co-opted but may not be able to take up the position until January 2024, Clerk to verify.</p>
23.09.03	<p>Declarations of Interests – Councillors received the following declarations in subsequent agenda items:</p> <p>(a) Pecuniary Interests - none</p> <p>(b) Other registerable interests - none</p> <p>(c) Non-registerable interests - none</p>
23.09.04	Dispensations: No requests were received.
23.09.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 6th July 2023.
23.09.06	<p>Reports:</p> <p>County & District Council updates: Both councils have objected to the Norwich/Tilbury pylon projects SCC are preparing a response to national grid consultation on LionLink Interconnector There is a new Fire & Rescue Training at Wattisham Airfield A number of schools have been identified as having RAAC – not in Thorndon MSDC are awaiting the inspectors' decision on the Joint Local Plan An appeal allowed a solar farm to go ahead in Somersham which could have implications across the district. Pride of Place grants are available, £250 would be available to Thorndon Parish Council and applications should be in by 31st October. A TPO has been placed on trees at Stoke Road in Thorndon</p> <p>AS was asked if there was an update on the Magpie sign on the A140, given it is listed.</p>
23.09.07	<p>Public Forum:</p> <p>Under 5s group was due to closed as there was no one to lead the group. 4 people have now agreed to run the group on a Wednesday morning, every other week. The Community</p>

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	<p>Council and Village Hall committee will help with rent.</p> <p>An update on the primary school was given:</p> <p>150th Anniversary – call out for those who have attended the school at any time.</p> <p>Community Council is working closely with the school.</p>
23.09.08	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) There were no planning applications for review.</p> <p>(b) Decisions reached by Mid Suffolk:</p> <p>DC/23/02694 – Waterloo House, Stanwell Green GRANTED</p> <p>DC/23/02361 – Land Off, The Street Conditions 13, 16, 17 and 18 DISCHARGED</p> <p>DC/23/02756 – Land Off, The Street Vary condition 21 – GRANTED</p> <p>DC/23/02755 – Land Off, The Street Conditions 11 and 19 DISCHARGED</p> <p>DC/23/02066 – Agricultural building at Thorndon Hill Farm – Prior Approval GIVEN</p> <p>DC/23/03047 – Land adjacent The Black Horse Inn, The Street REFUSED</p> <p>(c) Other planning matters:</p> <p>i. There were no reports/updates from Burgess Homes (Cllr Milton).</p> <p>ii. Joint Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan – no new information, as awaiting news on next steps from inspectors.</p>
23.09.09	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Councillors approved payments due in the month, including:</p> <p>SALC – Cllr training: £36.00 (Local Gvt Act 1972 s.111)</p> <p>Zurich insurance – annual renewal: £780.73 (Local Gvt Act 1972 s.111)</p> <p>MSDC – uncontested election costs: £143.46 (Local Gvt Act 1972 s.111)</p> <p>Due to an injury to Cllr Wilson, the Clerk was to sign cheques with the Chair for the foreseeable future.</p>
23.09.10	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>i. Councillors reviewed the information regarding Pride in Place Grants and agreed to claim £250 to help with the costs of repairing the play equipment.</p> <p>ii. Open Space at Kerrisons – no response yet received. It was noted there is Ragwort on the site and these will be followed up.</p> <p>iii. Parish council email accounts have been set up but are not fully operational. Councillors agreed that office 365 should be purchased for the Clerk.</p> <p>iv. Updates from Thorndon Primary School, including 150th anniversary : see notes in public forum</p>
23.09.11	<p>Highways:</p> <p>To receive any update on:</p> <p>(i) Community Speed Watch – new co-ordinator required. Amy Pears was happy to take this on. Cllr Milton is catching up with Mr Tompkins and will pass on any information to Amy.</p> <p>(ii) Lorry Watch – SCC have advised Lorry Watch signs not necessary, as prevention is better than cure the possibility of purchasing Lorry Watch signs will be looked into.</p> <p>(iii) Quiet Lanes – all signs up, new posts have caps on this time which should prevent rusting.</p> <p>(iv) SID data – Cllr Milton will be getting laptop and SID data. Stephen Marshall offered to look at the data moving forward.</p> <p>(v) Path near Church – no update for this meeting.</p>

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	<p>(vi) 30mph roundels – no update on this matter. Discussions took place on whether 30mph stickers on bins would be better than roundels painted on the roads which will wear away quickly.</p> <p>(vii) Experimental TRO in Eye – a formal response to the consultation will be prepared once survey data for pre and post implementation is available to review.</p> <p>(viii) Dog & Litter Bin: what3words locations for the bins will be gathered.</p> <p>(ix) Other: Accident: <i>From Cllr Stringer: It appears this is a single car accident in the early hours of the morning that the Police or ambulance did not attend. If this is true then this is not a recorded incident, and will not feature in any data or safety audit, SCC do recommend if there is a serious accident to report it to the Police, and insist they come out to make the road safe again, residents should not attempt to clear up a serious accident, they are putting themselves at huge risk.</i></p>
23.09.12	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan: Councillors will let Cllr Milton know what actions they can pick up. The Plan will be made available of the Parish Council's page of the website.</p>
23.09.13	<p>Community Emergency Plan: No update</p>
23.09.14	<p>Play Equipment:</p> <p>(a) Repairs: A quote from Paul Durrant & Son of £1220 (plus VAT) was accepted. The Pride in Places grant will be used to fund this.</p> <p>(b) RoSPA inspection booked for September.</p> <p>(c) A deep hole was reported on the field near the barrier. Cllr Jenkins offered to investigate.</p> <p>(d) Cllr Jenkins will ask Robert Fiebelkorn to cut back the brambles and hedge.</p>
23.09.15	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Items for the next meeting: Sue Downes will be coming to speak with Cllrs about community led housing. Jubilee Wood – update on number and type of trees that need replacing CIL – play equipment. ETRO – response Resident comments: Hedgerows in the village are overgrown – in particular “Kerrison Corner”. Why isn't the car park at the Church used instead of parking on the road and causing a danger. Marion Ravenhill stated she would speak with the head of school about this.</p>
23.09.16	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report Properties visited in Kerrison, 27 signed up previously, 2 moved out and 5 newly signed up. 1 parcel misdelivered and 2 dogs founds. Neighbourhood Watch AGM will take place on 19th September. Email shared with the Parish Council on den and rubbished between set aside and Fen View. Is there a footpath warden? Cllr Wilson volunteered to take on the role. Details of a recent accident were shared.</p>
23.09.17	<p>Date of next meeting: 5th October 2023</p>

Meeting closed at: 9.05pm

Signed: _____

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