

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,  
On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

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

**In attendance:** Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer, Claude Brande (Neighbourhood Watch), and 1 member of the public.

Item ref	Description
24.04.01	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
24.04.02	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> There were none – all Councillors being present.
24.04.03	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> declarations in subsequent agenda items (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests – none
24.04.04	<b>Dispensations:</b> none requested
24.04.05	<b>Minutes:</b> Councillors to reviewed and resolved to <b>approve</b> the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
24.04.06	<b>Councillor vacancy:</b> no applications had been received.
24.04.07	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>County Councillor</b> - Information was given on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding of EV charging points</li> <li>• Public consultation on Suffolk Devolution Deal</li> <li>• Scrutiny Committee reviewed a water management report</li> <li>• SEND investment – a director of service has been appointed.</li> <li>• Consultation on Library Service being reviewed.</li> <li>• NSIPs – being monitored.</li> </ul> <p>Questions: Cllr Marshall – would there be any benefits to communities from NSIPs? And will the companies start talking to us? County Cllr Stringer – employment is always referenced as a benefit. MSDC are looking to encourage conditions on energy related NSIPs to contribute to help alleviate fuel poverty in the areas affected.</p> <p><b>District Councillor</b> – Information was given on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSDC have reviewed the Devolution Deal, it was noted that it is not a huge funding deal.</li> <li>• All Parish &amp; Town Councils have been invited to complete a questionnaire about services and facilities in each area. This will support the next phase of Joint Local Plan.</li> <li>• Cosy Homes initiative is still open.</li> <li>• Mid Suffolk District Council, together with Babergh District Council jointly won the Council of the Year at the iESE awards.</li> </ul>
24.04.08	<b>Public forum:</b> There were no questions or comments from the public on agenda items

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24.04.09	<p><b>Kerrison Trust</b></p> <p>The Parish Council wrote to Trustees regarding the proposed sale of the Estate. A response has been received, and the Chair of the Trust has offered to meet with the Chair of the Parish Council. The Clerk will respond and accept the offer; Councillors agreed that the Clerk should attend with the Chair.</p> <p>District Cllr Stringer suggested the Parish Council should investigate establishing a Community Land Trust.</p> <p>Councillors are concerned about the impact on residents in the houses – it was suggested that the CAB should be contacted to see if they could run a session in the village for those in need of help.</p> <p>A housing needs survey will be organised.</p>
24.04.10	<p><b>Emergency Planning</b></p> <p>A call for was made in Village Life for anyone able to help with knowledge, or equipment. No one has come forward to date.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor will become the co-ordination group and the document will be finalised. Liaison with potential rest centres will take place.</p>
24.04.11	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>Councillors reviewed an email from Mid Suffolk on their work on NSIPs. There were no other planning matters.</p>
24.04.12	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>Councillors resolved to <b>approve</b> the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ICO – registration £40 direct debit established</li> <li>b) Suffolk Cloud – support &amp; hosting website £120. Barclays cheque.</li> <li>c) SALC – annual fee £356.75. Barclays cheque.</li> <li>d) SALC – payroll charge £22.80. Barclays cheque</li> <li>e) Thorndon Village Hall – hire fees £96.00 Unity BACs</li> <li>f) Robert Lockwood – honours board. £415.00 Unity BACs</li> </ul>
24.04.13	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>(a) Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sectioning of roadside parking – Clerk to advise that Land Registry would be the place to start.</li> <li>ii. Consultation on Wetheringsett Neighbourhood Plan – noted</li> <li>iii. District CIL Bid Round 13 opens 1<sup>st</sup> May – noted</li> <li>iv. Travel Behaviour Survey for the East – consultation information noted</li> <li>v. Community Development Grants – deadline 21<sup>st</sup> April noted</li> <li>vi. Essex &amp; Suffolk Water – community engagement, circulate via Mr Brand.</li> <li>vii. Footpath &amp; quiet lanes – follow up. Clerk to respond after advice from footpath warden. Councillors noted that the matters raised are not the Parish Council's responsibility and advice was passed on how to report. Potential for the author to join the Community Speed Watch to help with the speeding issue.</li> </ul> <p>(b) No updates from Thorndon Primary School – Easter break.</p>
24.04.14	<p><b>Councillor Training &amp; External meetings or briefings.</b></p> <p>New councillor online training opportunities will be investigated for Cllr Snape.</p>
24.04.15	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors received updates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community Speed Watch – no progress this month.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Lorry Watch – no update received.</li> <li>(iii) SID data – Cllr Snape offered to take on the work. Cllr Milton will arrange to hand over the laptop and data.</li> <li>(iv) Path near Church – no update, may be included in the LCWIP. Note: Cllr Marshall noted an issue with a tree in the Churchyard that will be reported to the Church Warden.</li> <li>(v) Experimental TRO in Eye – current advice is that a decision will be released by mid April.</li> </ul> <p>(b) No other highways information was received.</p>
<b>24.04.16</b>	<p><b>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) All councillors were asked to email Cllr Milton with updates on areas they are dealing with, or would like to take on.</li> <li>(b) PIIP audit – Cllr Milton will recirculate the letter and list for Councillors to take on groups. Cllr Snape offered to contact the Church and Toddler Group. Cllr Wilson has had some response and will send the information to Cllr Milton</li> </ul>
<b>24.04.17</b>	<p><b>Play Equipment:</b></p> <p>Area still closed due to dangerous state of some of the equipment. Manning &amp; Woods will start work as soon as weather permits. Cllr Snape will arrange for a message to be placed on the village Facebook page. The area to the rear will need to be levelled – Cllr Jenkins has arranged this.</p>
<b>24.04.18</b>	<p><b>Jubilee Wood:</b></p> <p>Cllr Jenkins advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All fruit trees were received and have been planted.</li> <li>ii. Tree bark has been place around some trees.</li> <li>iii. More bark has been delivered.</li> <li>iv. Cllr Snape advised that the Forest School will be asked to help with spreading the bark.</li> </ul> <p>This phase of the project is now finished and the health of the trees will be monitored. Cllr Jenkins was thanked for his hard work on the project.</p>
<b>24.04.19</b>	<p><b>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</b></p> <p>Cllr Jenkins advised that work on the Lych Gate will start again shortly. An update on the proposals at Cranswick will be brought to the next meeting.</p>
<b>24.04.20</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations were passed to Cllr Jenkins for his hard work on the Jubilee Wood.</li> <li>• 2 new sign ups in month.</li> <li>• Sgt Brain Calver is the new Rural and Wildlife Crime lead.</li> <li>• Lost key has not been claimed.</li> </ul> <p>Councillors reiterated the offer of a grant to assist Mr Brand with email.</p>
<b>24.04.21</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.</p>

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

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Date: