

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,
on Thursday, 5th December 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Cherrett, Robert Jenkins, Stephen Marshall, Emma Milton (c), Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer, Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch), and 2 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
24.12.01	<p>Chairman’s welcome The Chairman welcomed all to meeting and thanked Cllr Cherrett for chairing the November meeting in her absence.</p>
24.12.02	<p>Apologies for Absence: There were none.</p>
24.12.03	<p>Declarations of Interests: There were none.</p>
24.12.04	<p>Dispensations: There were none.</p>
24.12.05	<p>Minutes: Councillors reviewed and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 7th November 2024.</p>
24.12.06	<p>Councillor vacancy: (a) Councillors noted that no election has been called with respect to the recent resignation. All vacancies can be filled via co-option. (b) There were no applications for co-option for review.</p>
24.12.07	<p>Reports: County Councillor Funding has been allocated to deal with recommendations from S.19 reports following recent flooding have been identified. Closest area for works is Wetheringsett.</p> <p>District Councillor Major area under consideration is devolution and the Government’s desire to move to unitary authorities with elected mayors – that would mean one mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk, with 1, 2 or 3 councils across both counties. If both county councils agreed there is unlikely to be a public consultation on the proposals. White paper for this will be released on 16th December 2024. District Councils will be reviewing proposals and recommending a structure for Suffolk.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins noted that some local potholes have been highlighted with blue paint and was there a timeframe for the works to be carried out. Cllr Stringer responded that all works are shown with a timeframe on the highways portal.</p>
24.12.08	<p>Public forum: there were no comments or questions.</p>
24.12.09	<p>Planning: (a) Councillors noted that a response was made to DC/24/04848 under the scheme of delegation. (b) Councillors noted the following outcomes of planning applications determined by Mid Suffolk: DC/24/01460 – Rydal House, High Street. GRANTED DC/24/04848 – Trinity House, Thwaite Road. GRANTED</p>

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	<p>DC/24/04505 – Lime Tree Place, The Street. GRANTED</p> <p>(c) Joint Local Plan – Councillors noted that the following supplementary planning documents have been adopted by both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils: Housing Intensive Livestock and Poultry Units</p> <p>(d) Councillors noted the sites put forward to Mid Suffolk in the recent call for sites.</p> <p>(e) Wetheringsett Neighbourhood Plan – formal adoption 27th November 2024</p>
24.12.10	Kerrison Trust: no formal update, it was noted that sale not yet complete.
24.12.11	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) HMRC have withdrawn the late penalty fine.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to donate £240 to Thorndon Community Council to help with costs of TLC through to Easter 2025.</p> <p>(c) In month: (i) Councillors resolved to approve the following payments due in month or paid in October to fulfil contractual obligations: £240 grant for Thorndon Community Council. (ii) Councillors noted receipts in month: none</p> <p>(d) Councillors resolved to agree a budget for 2025/26 and a provisional precept figure of £23,000.</p> <p>(e) Councillors noted the CIL schedule prepared by the Clerk which showed a potential CIL fund of £68,812.74 for the Financial Year 2025-26.</p> <p>(f) Councillors noted that O2 pay as you go SIM deal for CCTV is being discontinued w/ef 31/1/25. Councillors resolved to move to a business account £9 per month plus VAT gives 2gb data. A new SIM is required and the Clerk will follow this up.</p>
24.12.12	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed correspondence received by the Clerk. MSDC: Free trees, Hedging and Wildflower Scheme – forward to Councillors, MSDC: Well People, Healthy Places Fund - noted SCC: Loft insulation offer gives Suffolk residents 50% off eco-friendly insulation</p> <p>(b) Any updates from Thorndon Primary School. Apologies were received for the Chair of Governors who expressed thanks to Council for supporting school events over the year. Christmas Fayre takes place on Monday, 9th December 3.30pm – 5pm</p> <p>(c) Housing Needs Survey: CAS has advised that there was a 37% return rate, which is good for such a survey. They are currently inputting the data from paper copies and will be preparing a report from the data once it has been reviewed.</p>
24.12.13	<p>Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings.</p> <p>(a) Training on planning would be useful – possible for February</p> <p>(b) Clerk attended training on changes to employment law.</p>
24.12.14	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received updates on: (i) Lorry Watch – a full will be brought to future meetings. Fewer vehicles have been reported recently. (ii) SID data – laptop has been retrieved. The review of data is currently on hold. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jenkins for retrieving the laptop.</p> <p>(b) There were no other updates.</p>
24.12.15	Emergency Planning: a report from Suffolk Prepared is awaited.

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24.12.16	Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP: a full review will take place in the new year.
24.12.17	Play Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Councillors have received positive comments on the new equipment. (ii) Cllr Milton is visiting the primary school to speak with the children about designing new play equipment – she will also raise the EAAA offer of CPR training. (iii) ROSPA – is under review, no areas had a “high” risk, some repairs to wooden structures may be required, but these maybe replaced when new equipment purchased.
24.12.18	Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Land ownership of area outside Church White paper on devolution Planning training
24.12.19	Neighbourhood Watch report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails with Christmas opening times will be circulated. • No new neighbours. • One household has asked to join the circulation list. • No update on 2nd Community Police Officer • Police connect have sent out details on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Injured person in Mendlesham ○ Risks of drink / drug driving • Missing parcels with Evri continues to be an issue • Missing items have been reunited with their owners.
24.12.20	Dates of meetings for next calendar year: Councillors agreed dates for 2025 9 th January 6 th February 6 th March 3 rd April 8 th May 5 th June 3 rd July August – no meeting 4 th September 2 nd October 6 th November 4 th December

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm

Signed:

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