

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,
on Thursday, 1st February 2024 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) and 3 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
24.02.01	Chairman's welcome
24.02.02	Apologies for Absence: There were no absences
24.02.03	Declarations of Interests: (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests – none
24.02.04	Dispensations: None received.
24.02.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 11 th January 2024
24.02.06	Reports: County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed budget is challenging and has been through scrutiny. No longer 100% cuts to arts funding, however each organisation must bid for funding moving forward. The team looking a young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs) will only provide the basic requirement. • Work on Sizewell C has begun. • New contact information for Blue Badge scheme has been published. • Flood resilience grants should be paid shortly if they have already been received. District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council tax – likely to be a 2% increase, with rents increasing by more. Amount payable on empty properties is set to significantly increase in April 2024. • Innovation Centre – on Gateway 14 site, cost £19m. Funded from business rates. The Range will be using the current building on site. • SHELF – the Stowmarket project will be split in to 3 or 4 smaller projects to facilitate works. • Cosy Homes – £2m initiative has been launched. • Flooding – A forum was held recently. Representatives of District and County Councils plus the Environment Agency were present. • Local Plan – a call for sites for Part 2 of the plan is underway. Questions: EM – could provision for NEETs be made at innovation centre. EM – what were lessons learned from flood forum? AS – It was noted that a specific area of concern for Debenham was that the alarm did not work, this has been resolved. Discussions on dredging etc.

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24.02.07	<p>Public forum: There were no questions or comments from the public on agenda items</p>
24.02.08	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) Planning consultations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. There were no planning applications for review. ii. Cllr Stringer advised that scoping report opinions for factory extension at Cranswick poultry processing in Eye has been submitted. Councillors agreed these will be reviewed and a response submitted via the Clerk. <p>(b) Decisions reached by Mid Suffolk: DC/24/00150 – Town Farm, The Street, Thorndon GRANTED</p>
24.02.09	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) Councillors resolved to approve payments due in month as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Unity Trust Bank: £500 to open new account ii. Community Council: £250 grant for warm hub iii. Tom Kerry: £75 replacement cheque for soil clearance <p>(b) Councillors received an update on the current situation regarding the Council’s bank accounts with Barclays Bank. The account has been reopened and approximately £850 paid in compensation.</p> <p>(c) Mandate for new account with Unity Trust Bank was signed by the Clerk, Cllrs Milton, Wilson and Cherrett.</p>
24.02.10	<p>Emergency Planning:</p> <p>(a) Cllr Milton is in touch with Suffolk Prepared and is hoping to get a template of an emergency plan from them to share with Councillors. Ben Wilding will come and speak with Councillors at the March meeting. He is proposing to drop off some leaflets for distribution and a pdf version of the website, Facebook and Village Life.</p> <p>(b) Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that the ditches at Kerrison have been cleared. The Fire Service cleared the pipes under Clint Road. Sadly, once the ditches were cleared silt from further up the water network travelled down and the pipes were half filled with silt. Land on the other side of the ditches has been cleared. The pipes are too small and need to be replaced. Cllr Stringer advised he would look into this.</p> <p>(c) The area of Castle Hill/The Wash should be considered when reviewing the plan.</p>
24.02.11	<p>Clerk’s report:</p> <p>(a) Correspondence received by the Clerk:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Two emails have been received from a resident regarding footpaths in the parish. The Clerk was asked to invite the author to the next meeting to discuss the matters raised. ii. A letter regarding a potential expansion of poultry processing was received and noted. Cllr Milton will attend a joint parishes meeting about the matter. <p>(b) Councillor vacancies – one application has been received and will be reviewed at the March meeting.</p> <p>(c) Open Space at Kerrisons – no update available for this meeting.</p> <p>(d) Updates from Thorndon Primary School – 150 year celebrations are planned for throughout the year. Work on updating the curriculum continues and investigations into fencing is underway.</p> <p>(e) Training – Cllr Marshall will be undertaking some online training modules in Councillor Basics and Planning, he will report back at a later meeting.</p>

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24.02.12	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Cllrs received updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch – PCSO Hausler is happy to work with the new team, once it is established. (ii) Lorry Watch – no update for this meeting. (iii) SID data – the data has not yet been analysed. (iv) Path near Church – no update for this meeting. (v) Experimental TRO in Eye : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pre/post survey data has not been shared with Parish Councils. • A joint letter from a number of parishes including Thorndon was submitted. • A copy of a submission from Debenham Parish Council was noted. • It was noted that the 7.5t limit signage is insufficient on the approach to Clint Road from the B1077. • The consultation is now closed. All responses and data gathered are being reviewed. It is likely that the Development and Regulation Committee will be asked to consider the matter at their next meeting in March. <p>(b) To other information was received.</p>
24.02.13	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP:</p> <p>(a) To receive any updates on areas in the plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Youth Council – Cllr Marshall has prepared a draft proposal and timeline which will be circulated to Councillors. Eye Town Council have recently established a Youth Council and this will be looked at. (ii) Other areas – will be reviewed at next meeting <p>(b) PIIP – a link to the information about the PIIP will be circulated to Councillors with a view to agreeing which groups will be contacted, how and by who.</p>
24.02.14	<p>Play Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Spare parts have been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Jenkins (ii) Manning & Woods will start the repairs to the existing equipment on 19th February. (iii) New equipment – weather is not great for installation of the equipment.
24.02.15	<p>Jubilee Wood:</p> <p>A form is being completed to apply for trees from MSDC, once complete this will be submitted and the trees will be ordered. Volunteers will be needed to help plant them before the end of March deadline.</p>
24.02.16	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</p> <p>Email on Quiet Lanes and Footpaths – author of correspondence will be invited to the March meeting.</p>
24.02.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No new residents were signed up in January. 2. Police Connect – 800 vehicles were stopped during the recent Christmas campaign. 3. Castle Hill Flooding & Fly Tipping – some items have been moved from the ditch to the roadside. Mid Suffolk have been contacted. 4. Thwaite Road – fly tipping reported and cleared. 5. Halesworth East – is the new monthly snap shot sent out by the Community Policy Team

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	(formely safer neighbourhood team). 6. Lost and found – on parcel not delivered, as yet untraced. 7. Theft – a mobility scooter battery was stolen.
24.02.18	Date of next meeting: 7 th March 2024.

Meeting closed at: 9.15pm

Signed: _____ Date: