

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,
On Thursday, 7th November 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Tim cherrett (c), Robert Jenkins, Stephen Marshall, Jill Wilson

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

Item ref	Description
24.11.01	Chairman's welcome
24.11.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors were received from Cllr Milton. (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies
24.11.03	Declarations of Interests: there were no declarations received.
24.11.04	Dispensations: there were no requests for dispensations
24.11.05	Minutes: Councillors review and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 3 rd October 2024.
24.11.06	Councillor vacancy: (a) Councillors noted the resignation of Councillor Joel Snape (b) There were no applications for co-option to review.
24.11.07	Reports: There were no reports this month from County Councillor or District Councillor
24.11.08	Public forum: there were no comments or questions received.
24.10.09	Planning: (a) Councillors to review and approve a response to the following planning application: DC/24/04505 – erection of single storey side/rear extension (following removal of conservatory and rear extension). Lime Tree Place, The Street. SUPPORT Councillors resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to: DC/24/04848 – consent to carry out works to tree protected by a tree preservation order. Trinity House, Thwaite Road (b) NSIPS: EN0110003 – NSIP consultation on scoping opinion for an environmental statement, for White Elm Solar Farm (between Wickham Skeith and Mendlesham). Councillors agreed a response which the Clerk will submit. Reference will be made to the impact of the loss of agricultural land, flood prevention, deer population and during the construction phase the impact on non-vehicle road users, eg cyclists.
24.11.10	Kerrison Trust: there were no updates for this meeting.
24.11.11	Finance: (a) In month: (i) Councillors resolved to approve payments due in month or paid in October to fulfil contractual obligations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PKF Littlejohn paid in Month – external audit fee £252 • Service charges for Unity Trust current account: £5.40 • Sovereign Play – gym equipment £30673.45 (net £5061.21 VAT £1012.24) • Suffolk Cloud – website training for webmaster £70.00 • Robin Moore Electrical – works to bollards in car park at Church £159.60 (net

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	<p>£133.00, VAT £26.60)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playsafety Ltd – annual ROSPA inspection: £112.80 (net £94.00 VAT £18.80) <p>(ii) Councillors noted receipts in month: CIL payment of £13,358.73 – to be transferred to the deposit account.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved that the recent updated pay scale should be back dated to 1st April 2024.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted that HMRC have yet to determine whether the fine will be revoked. SALC have advised that they will pay the fine if it stands, as they are responsible for the returns.</p> <p>(d) Councillors noted that changes to employers National Insurance contributions will apply to Parish Councils.</p>
24.11.12	<p>Clerk’s report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed the correspondence received by the Clerk and agreed actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church re shed and tree works – Councillors have no objections to the works. • Village Hall regarding payment of invoices prior to taking over defib – Clerk has advised not possible, they could apply for a grant. No further action required. • SALC – area forum, Bron Curtis senior planner will be guest speaker. 5th December 7pm online. Already circulated. • Mid Suffolk CAB - asking for a donation. No action to be taken. • East Anglian Air Ambulance – asking for a donation. No action to be taken. <p>(b) No updates from Thorndon Primary School for this meeting.</p> <p>(c) Housing Needs Survey: survey has closed. CAS will start to look input data 20th November, results should be available by January 2025.</p>
24.11.13	<p>Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings.</p> <p>(a) Requests for training. Councillor would be interest in the training on planning which was referenced by Cllr Stringer at the previous meeting.</p> <p>(b) Updates from training or external meetings/briefings: Clerk attended the Mid Suffolk Town & Parish liaison meetings. It is possible that Mid Suffolk may need to plan for up to 41% more housing than previously thought.</p>
24.11.14	<p>Highways:</p> <p>Councillors received updates on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch – insufficient volunteers have come forward – Councillors resolved to place the project on hold and remove from agenda. (ii) Lorry Watch – new co-ordinator is ready and up and running. Very quiet not many referrals have been made. (iii) SID data – Cllr Jenkins will retrieve the laptop, and another volunteer will need to be found to look at data collected.
24.11.15	<p>Emergency Planning: No update for this meeting</p>
24.11.16	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP: There were no progress updates from Councillors.</p>
24.11.17	<p>Play Equipment:</p> <p>(a) Recent installation: all in and all working. A final grass cut will be requested and at the same time branches overhanging some of the area will be cut back.</p> <p>(b) The RoSPA inspection has been received and is under review.</p>

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	(c) There was no update on new equipment – intended to have a plan and quotes ready for a CIL bid in May 2025.
24.11.18	Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Map of sites put forward to Mid Suffolk in the recent call for sites to be added to agenda for next meeting.
24.11.19	Neighbourhood Watch report New neighbours: 1 family have moved in. Parcels – 1 missed delivered and 2 missing. New Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is being supported in Fressingfield. Thorndon Warm Hub – starts Thursday, 14 th November 2.00pm till 4.00pm, join for some TLC: tea, laughter and cake.
24.11.20	Date of next meeting: 5 th December 2024

Meeting closed at: 8.26pm

Signed: _____

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