

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,
On Thursday, 3rd October 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Stringer (MSDC & SCC), Claude Brand (Neighbourhood Watch), and 4 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
24.10.01	Chairman's welcome
24.10.02	Apologies for Absence: (a) Apologies were received from Councillor Cherrett. (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.
24.10.03	Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations made
24.10.04	Dispensations: No requests for dispensations were received.
24.10.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 5 th September 2024.
24.10.06	Councillor vacancy: there were no applications to review
24.10.07	<p>Reports:</p> <p><u>County Council</u> County Council will update waste transfer stations in accordance with Environment Act 2021 and plans being introduced by district councils. Forecast overspend for 2023-24 of £29.3m £5m is required to run the dedicated schools grant debt. £5m is being returned to central government as County Council unable to spend this within the timeframe on insulating homes. Devolution Deal has been withdrawn.</p> <p><u>District Councillor</u> CIL expenditure – lots of footpath and cycleway improvements. Economic development will be discussed at an upcoming workshop. Planning: gypsy and traveller site policy will be included in JLP part 2. No sites were put forward in the call for sites. A number of sites in Mendlesham are currently under review. Councillor Stringer congratulated the Clerk on receiving Highly Commended in the recent Suffolk Community Awards in the category of Clerk of the Year.</p> <p><u>Comments from members of the public:</u> Changes in kerbside recycling could impact income to village halls etc. <i>This is being looked into and it is possible that locality budgets could be increased to enable Councillors to compensate those who lose funding.</i> Members of the public were concerned about the number of bins required and whether new estates had planned enough space. <i>All new development will need to plan accordingly.</i></p>
24.10.08	Public forum: No comments or questions were received.

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24.10.09	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) Councillors to note outcomes of planning applications determined by Mid Suffolk: DC/24/03224 – Ash Grove, High Street (retention of windows) GRANTED</p> <p>(b) NSIPS: no consultations have been received for land in the parish.</p>
24.10.10	<p>Kerrison Trust:</p> <p>Councillors noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site has been sold as a single lot; details of the new owner are as yet unknown. • The Trustees have the bell from the site. • Cllr Wilson advised that she had spoken to Lacy Scott & Knight about ditch clearing and they have advised they hope to continue as managing agents after the sale.
24.10.11	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) In month:</p> <p>(i) Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:</p> <p>Paid in September to fulfil contractual obligations:</p> <p>HMRC – PAYE £291.60</p> <p>Clerk’s Salary – Quarter 2 £1166.22</p> <p>Unity Trust Bank – Quarterly charges £18.00</p> <p>To be paid in month:</p> <p>Poppy Appeal – budget £200 cheque signed</p> <p>Thorndon Village Hall – meeting costs £125.00</p> <p>Robert Fiebelkorn – grass cutting £1065</p> <p>Cherry Rich – village recorder £74.51</p> <p>(ii) Councillors noted receipts in month:</p> <p>Unity Trust Bank - Credit interest £393.62</p> <p>MSDC – 2nd precept payment £11,250</p> <p>(b) SALC have appealed the HMRC fine and confirmation that is has been removed is awaited.</p>
24.10.12	<p>Clerk’s report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed correspondence received by the Clerk and agreed the following actions:</p> <p>Community Defibs – should Parish Council take over responsibility? Councillors resolved to take over responsibility for the 2 community defibrillators and Cllr Cherrett will carry out the necessary checks and monitoring.</p> <p>Rural Housing event – 6th November in Lavenham. Noted, no Councillor available to attend.</p> <p>SARS – noted, no action taken.</p> <p>Recycling revolution – Facebook post shared to Thorndon Community Page.</p> <p>MSDC – Grant Information. Clerk to pass details to Marion Ravenhill</p> <p>Debenham Project – details shared with Village Life.</p> <p>(b) Updates from Thorndon Primary School:</p> <p>All pupils back after the summer and settling into the new term.</p> <p>Open days will be held on 24th October and 26th November.</p> <p>A local resident has taken over the Under 5s group.</p>

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	<p>(c) Housing Needs Survey: One email has been received about a non delivery of a survey – this has now been resolved. A reminder of the closing date will be sent through Mr Brand via email.</p> <p>(d) A reminder about keeping hedges cut and not allowing them to overhang footways was placed in Village Life to encourage residents to cut them back.</p>
24.10.13	<p>Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings.</p> <p>(a) Requests for training. Webmaster would like training from Suffolk Cloud - £70 for 2 hours. This was approved.</p> <p>(b) Updates from training or external meetings/briefings: webinar's on planning were not good. Other options will be looked into.</p>
24.10.14	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch – one last attempt at recruitment will be made. (ii) Lorry Watch – no update available for this meeting. (iii) SID data – no update available for this meeting. <p>(b) Other highways information – it was noted that some signs are yet to be fixed.</p>
24.10.15	<p>Emergency Planning:</p> <p>Meeting took place at Village Hall. Some areas were identified as requiring further investigation. Costs of emergency kits still being sought.</p>
24.10.16	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP:</p> <p>Email has been received from Village Hall regarding their submission to the recent audit – The Clerk will clarify that the information provided by them was for inclusion in the PIIP and was not considered a formal request for funding.</p>
24.10.17	<p>Play Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Councillors noted that the new gym equipment installation date has been moved to October. Heras fencing arriving 4th October. (ii) There were areas of wood on the top of the slide which were hollow, these have been sorted. (iii) Recent consultation was attended by 3 families. A discussion with the school will take place. Pump tracks were suggested, plus equipment for Under 5s.
24.10.18	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
24.10.19	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report</p> <p>No new neighbours. Missing parcels were redelivered. Lost property has been returned to owner. Church shed was broken into sometime between 10th and 12th September, machinery was stolen. PC Fall visited Thorndon and was given a welcome pack for information; CB advised that a visit on a Friday would be better attended.</p>
24.10.20	<p>Date of next meeting: 7th November 2024</p>

Meeting closed at: 8.50pm

Signed: _____

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