

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

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24.09.01	Chairman's welcome
24.09.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors received apologies from Cllr Wilson (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies
24.09.03	Declarations of Interests: no declarations were received.
24.09.04	Dispensations: no requests were received.
24.09.05	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 11 th July 2024
24.09.06	Councillor vacancy: Councillors noted there were no applications to review
24.09.07	Reports: Cllr Andrew Stringer highlighted the following: County Council Ofsted report RI for Children's Social Care. A new director of service has been appointed. Plug-in Suffolk Solar together District Council Local listed building consent order State of District Report Household support fund. Call for land summit held at the Mix MSDC submitted a bid for one of the plots at Kerrison Waste Collection – increase in recycling by March 2026: will include glass and food waste. More bins will be required.
24.09.08	Public forum: there were no questions or comments from the public
24.09.09	Planning: (a) Councillors noted applications responded to under delegated authority: DC/24/03224 – Ash Grove, High Street. Comments submitted regarding the lack of detail on the necessity for windows. (b) Councillors noted the outcome of planning applications determined by Mid Suffolk: DC/24/01969 – Hope Barn, Stoke Road. APPROVED DC/24/02674 – Town Farm, The Street. Conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 DISCHARGED DC/24/02334 – The Old Post Mill, The Street. Listed Building consent GRANTED. (c) NSIPS: Councillors noted that no formal applications have been submitted.
24.09.10	Kerrison Trust: Councillors noted the following update from the agent – <i>As a party who has previously expressed an interest or been contacted with regard to the sale of the Kerrison Portfolio, we would like to inform you that the Kerrison Trust has received several offers. The Trust is now looking to bring matters to a conclusion. We are requesting interested parties</i>

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	<i>submit their best offers in relation to the whole or individual lots by 17.30 on the Tuesday 27th August.</i>
24.09.11	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) In month:</p> <p>(i) Councillors resolved to approve the following payments due in month Quarterly bank charges – Unity Trust Bank £18.00 Website training – Suffolk Cloud £70.00 Housing need survey 1st payment – Community Action Suffolk £1,200 (VAT £200) Annual insurance renewal – Zurich £817.20 Annual fee – SLCC £47.60 Repair to play equipment – R Lockwood £140.00</p> <p>A fine for a missing submission has been received from HMRC – as this relates to payroll being undertaken by SALC, the matter has been passed to them.</p> <p>(ii) Councillors noted the following receipts in month; £49,960.55 & £0.10 – Barclays Account closure: fund transfer £367.28 VAT reclaim for 2023-24</p> <p>(iii) Barclays Bank accounts – both accounts are now closed and all funds have been transferred.</p> <p>(b) External Audit: The final report has been received and Councillors noted the following comments: <i>On the basis of our review of Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR. In our opinion the information in Sections 1&2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. In the prior year, the smaller authority was exempt from our review, thus we have not reviewed the evidence to support the prior year comparatives on the AGAR.</i> Councillors note that a conclusion of audit will be published.</p> <p>(c) CIL bids: consultation on what equipment is preferred ahead of a CIL bid being prepared.</p>
24.09.12	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>(a) Correspondence received by the Clerk:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MSDC consultations on sustainability appraisal scoping report and SHLAA were noted. No action or response is required. ii. MSDC planning survey – Clerk to reply on behalf of the Council. iii. Norwich to Tilbury project update – noted. <p>(b) There were no updates from Thorndon Primary School – academic year has only just started.</p> <p>(c) Housing Needs Survey : Councillors noted and resolved to agree the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey papers have been printed and the survey will launch on 20th September. • A schedule for delivering the survey to each household in the Parish was agreed. • Promotion of the survey is underway with an article written for village life,

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	<p>further promotion is planned.</p> <p>(d) A reminder about keeping hedges cut and not allowing them to overhang footways will be placed in the next edition of Village Life to encourage residents to cut them back.</p>
24.09.13	<p>Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings.</p> <p>(a) There were no requests for training.</p> <p>(b) There were no updates from training or external meetings/briefings</p>
24.09.14	<p>Highways:</p> <p>(a) Councillors received the following updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Speed Watch – no progress to report (ii) Lorry Watch – Cllr Cherrett has organised for someone to take over the co-ordinator role. (iii) SID data – no update (iv) Experimental TRO in Eye – all signage has been removed or adapted. <p>(b) To receive any other highways information.</p>
24.09.15	<p>Emergency Planning: final version received just ahead of the meeting. A meeting will take place at the Village Hall with the team to review the adequacy of the site as a rest centre.</p>
24.09.16	<p>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP: PIIP has been submitted to Mid Suffolk. No updates received on the 4 year plan.</p>
24.09.17	<p>Play Equipment: The gym equipment is due to be installed on 23rd September. Cllr Jenkins is working on resolving matters in the play area.</p>
24.09.18	<p>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting.</p> <p>Councillors received an update of the stand at the Primary School’s recent celebration event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 queries regarding speeding/parking at the Church – leaflets were distributed but no volunteers have come forward as yet. • Housing provision • Information about co-option was shared • Bell from Kerrison site – is the location of this known? Village recorder or Kerrison Trust may have the information. • Other matters covered: development plans and play area improvements.
24.09.19	<p>Neighbourhood Watch report: Councillors received an update on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New neighbours who have been signed up to the email circulation list. • Police street meet in Eye – 9th August. • As per New Police Operating Model – Thorndon is in East area E11 Eye & Debenham. • Police community engagement will be held in Thorndon on 25th September and Occold on 27th September. • New Police initiative launched: “We Don’t Buy Crime”. • Fish Van will be calling on a Friday between 8.30am and 9.00am
24.09.20	<p>Date of next meeting: 3rd October 2024</p>