

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall,  
on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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
25.01.01	<p><b>Chairman’s welcome</b> The Chairman welcomed all to this first meeting of 2025.</p>
25.01.02	<p><b>Apologies for Absence:</b> there were none</p>
25.01.03	<p><b>Declarations of Interests:</b> there were none</p>
25.01.04	<p><b>Dispensations:</b> there were none requested</p>
25.01.05	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Councillors <b>resolved</b> to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the ordinary meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.</p>
25.01.06	<p><b>Councillor vacancy:</b> Councillors noted that no applications for co-option had been received.</p>
25.01.07	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><u>County</u> Motions passed: Opposing Government changes to Agricultural Property Relief, Roofs before Rural for solar installations and Knife Crime action plan for Ipswich. Economic Strategy has been approved by cabinet. Children’s social care provision – plans for improvement have been agreed. Devolution – Suffolk County Council have voted to apply to the government to join the Devolution Priority Programme and to request that the elections due in May are cancelled. 3.99% budget increase likely.</p> <p><u>District</u> 0% budget increase is being proposed. CIL payments to community projects including new surface treatments to path at Thornham Walks. A Planning Inspector was invited to visit to discuss where Babergh &amp; Mid Suffolk Districts stand with recent changes to NPPF. It was been agreed that a new Joint Local Plan will be drawn up which will reflect the new housing targets set by the Government.</p>
25.01.08	<p><b>Public forum:</b> Councillors received thanks for the £200 grant which was paid to the Community Council to help with the running costs of TLC club. First club had been held today and will run till Easter. Friends of the Thorndon Primary School spoke about funding for signage to help with parking at school pickup and drop off time. Cllr Stringer advised there was some locality funding available which could be used.</p>
25.01.09	<p><b>Planning:</b> Councillors noted the outcome of planning a application determined by Mid Suffolk: <b>DC/24/04913</b> – Land Adjacent to the Black Horse Inn, The Street. Discharge of conditions – all discharged</p>

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25.01.10	<b>Kerrison Trust:</b> there no updates for this meeting.
25.01.11	<b>Finance:</b> (a) In month: (i) Councillors <b>resolved</b> to approve the following payments due in month or paid in month to fulfil contractual obligations. Bank Charges £6.00 Quarterly staff costs inc back pay: £1629.81 (ii) Councillors noted receipts in month: Wayleave payment – UK Power Networks: £15.33 Credit Interest: ££568.84 Transfer to deposit account: £13,358.73 (CIL) (b) Councillors <b>resolved</b> that the precept for 2025/26 is £23,000.
25.01.12	<b>Clerk’s report:</b> (a) There was no correspondence to review. (b) Thorndon Primary School: just back from Christmas break with new families joining the school, it is important to get a real link with the Under 5s group and this will be a priority moving forward. (c) Housing Needs Survey: 1st draft of report and Exec Summary have been received. CAS will be invited to the February meeting to discuss this draft in closed session. (d) Land ownership: to receive any update. Land at the front of the Church near the road is not registered on government register. Clerk to investigate whether car park area is registered. (e) Govt consultation on: Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England. All questions answered, Clerk to submit.
25.01.13	<b>Councillor Training &amp; External meetings or briefings.</b> (a) There were no requests for training. (b) There were no updates from training or external meetings/briefings
25.01.14	<b>Highways:</b> (a) Councillors noted updates as follows: (i) Lorry Watch – no formal update, but it was noted that it has been a quiet period. (ii) SID data – on hold. Cllr Jenkins is in discussions with someone who may be able to take this on. (iii) ANPR data – Councillors reviewed data received from Suffolk Highways, the Clerk will publish this in Village Life with a note that some of those speeding will be residents.
25.01.15	<b>Emergency Planning:</b> Suffolk Prepared are reviewing the plan.
25.01.16	<b>Parish Council 4 year plan and PIIP:</b> There were no updates
25.01.17	<b>Play Equipment:</b> The children at the Primary School have prepared some ideas which Cllr Milton will collect from the staff. The plan is to prepare a CIL bid for May 2025.
25.01.18	<b>Devolution white paper:</b> this item was covered in the County Council report.
25.01.19	<b>Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting</b> Cllr Marshall raised the matter of hedge cutting, and was advised that hedges which overhang the pavement can be reported using the “Report It” tool on Suffolk County Council’s website. A question was raised about monitoring poultry farms – the Clerk advised that any proposals are being closely reviewed.

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25.01.20	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch report</b></p> <p>Quiet time at the moment.</p> <p>2 new neighbours have been signed up to the scheme.</p> <p>Dates for local Police Connect street meets will be circulated.</p> <p>There is still a vacancy for a community police officer for this area.</p> <p>Smart water for Church following recent break in. Bowl's Club have had a recent visit and have been given smart water and advice on security which has been implemented.</p> <p>Lost &amp; found: debit card owner found, mobile phone still not claimed.</p> <p>Information: since 1997 top item discussed has been speeding.</p>
25.01.21	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></p>

Meeting closed at: 8.55pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: