

THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in Thorndon Village Hall,
on Thursday, 2nd July 2026 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Owens, Will Sherlock, Ian Smith, Nigel Williamson, Jill Wilson

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Item ref	Description
26.07.01	Chairman's welcome Councillors resolved to appoint Ian Smith as Chairman for the meeting.
26.07.02	Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors received apologies from Tim Cherrett, Robert Jenkins and Emma Milton (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.
26.07.03	Declarations of Interests: no interests were declared
26.07.04	Dispensations: no requests for dispensations were requested
26.07.05	Minutes: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 4 th June 2026.
26.07.06	Reports: County Councillor and District Councillor submitted reports which were noted.
26.07.07	Public forum: No comments or questions were received.
26.07.08	Planning: (a) Councillors resolved to submit the following consultation response: DC/26/02372 - Application under S.73 variation of condition 2 (approved plans and documents) as approved under DC/24/01969 to allow inclusion of phasing plan. No comments to submit. (b) Councillors noted decisions reached by Mid Suffolk District Council as follows: DC/26/00006 - The Hovell, 25 High Street, Thorndon, Eye Suffolk IP23 7LX GRANTED DC/26/01154 - Oak Haven, Thwaite Road, Thorndon, Eye Suffolk IP23 7JJ GRANTED (c) Any other planning matters - none
26.07.09	Finance: (a) Councillors resolved to approve payments due in month or paid to fulfil contractual obligations: SALC – annual subscription £343.53 Pear Space (Suffolk Cloud) - “.gov.uk” domain registration and mailboxes £180.00 HMRC – PAYE and NI £361.05 O Wladon – 1 st qrt salary £1,254.28 Unity Trust Bank – bank charges £7.00 It was noted that the grant to the Community Shop for a new bench would also be made. (b) Councillors noted receipts in month - £244.12 credit interest from Unity Trust Bank.
26.07.10	Clerk's report: (a) Correspondence received by the Clerk: Kerrison Trust – confirming bell can be collected once they have sight of minutes confirming the Parish Council resolved to take over responsibility. An insurance valuation will need to be undertaken and the bell will need to be added to the asset register.

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	Town Trust has confirmed the contact details for the Parish Council to register an interest in the land beside the Church. (b) Updates from Thorndon Primary School: Sports Day today and summer fete well attended. Many trips are planned. Since successful recent Ofsted visit, there has been a lot of interest in the school. Pupil premium is well used and attendance is up. Mother & toddler group have linked well to the school. (c) LGR/Devolution: Suffolk County Council have launched a judicial review against the government decision to move forward with 3 unitary authorities instead of 1 as part of the Local Government Reorganisation. No update has been received on devolution. (d) Land off Clint Road – a public meeting will be held on 27th July to discuss the management plan. (e) Policies/Procedures: none for this meeting (f) Clerk vacancy: Clerk advised that is no appointment is made, then a locum can be appointed and that she could stay on as RFO if required. It is likely that the Clerk will stay as RFO until changes in banking mandate can be made.
26.07.11	Councillor Training & External meetings or briefings (a) There were no requests for training. (b) There were no updates from training or external meetings/briefings
26.07.12	Highways (a) Updates were received on the following: (i) Lorry Watch – 3 reports in June (ii) SID – issue with gathering data, Clerk advised it wasn't necessary to report data every month. (b) Other highways - information on reports previously submitted: Cllr Smith continues to report the issue on Castle Hill. If no progress after the summer, he will contact County Cllr Stringer to determine if the matter can be escalated. As District Cllr Stringer was not present – there was no update on the parking at Fen View.
26.07.13	Signage at Fen View Current signage on age range is sufficient to cover the gym equipment. “In case of emergency” sign will be ordered shortly.
26.07.14	Emergency plan The plan does not currently need a review. Emergency bags will be sourced in the Autumn.
26.07.15	Play Area at Fen View No update available for this meeting regarding harness or picnic tables. Quotes for gate and fencing to be obtained. Clerk to check whether an installation inspection is required.
26.07.16	Meeting opened for brief matters of report/agenda items for next meeting. Cllr Wilson thanked whoever took the white post and put it in place during her recent holiday.

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	Agenda item – could the dog litter bin near Church be placed on a smaller post. Updates on: Strimming at play area Jubilee area – update on trees previously planted.
26.07.17	Neighbourhood Watch report Mr Brand sent apologies.
26.07.18	Date of next meeting: 3 rd September 2026

Meeting closed at: 8.10pm

Signed: _____

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