

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of first meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Monday 8th May 2017

Attendees:

James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Bob Jenkins, Parish Councillor
Stephen Page, Chairman
Stuart Cattermole, Deputy Chairman
Alan Lewis
Pauline Smith
Phil Tucker

No apologies for absence

JH opened the meeting by thanking everyone for agreeing to be a member of the Thorndon Planning Committee and asked if everyone was happy to be bound by the terms of reference distributed by him prior to the meeting. Everyone agreed to this. It was then unanimously agreed by the Committee that Stephen Page would be Chairman and Stuart Cattermole, Deputy Chairman.

JH had also distributed a copy of the Neighbourhood Planning Bill, the responses to the Thorndon survey regarding housing and a draft summary prior to the meeting and said that he would be expected to give the Parish Council regular updates on the Planning Committee meetings but as he was unavailable for the next Parish Council Meeting, Bob Jenkins was in attendance at this meeting so that he could do the update this time around.

JH said the first thing the Committee must do is decide a planning area to be agreed with the council. PT said we would need a profile of housing and peoples' opinions should be sought, perhaps in small groupings. The scope of the plan would be for 20 years, but broken down into 5, 10 and 20 years. It was also needed to decide on population growth. PT said that most local plans find 15 years to be a reasonable period for plan. JH said the current local plan is nineteen years old.

A document exists (call for site 2017 Mid Suffolk) which shows requests for sites and the 2017 document shows all of the Kerrison site including playing fields, gym etc + land in Fen View.

SC said it was necessary to analyse further the village survey held on Survey Monkey.

It was agreed that going forward the committee would meet on the first Monday of each calendar month, unless that was a Bank Holiday in which case it would be the following Monday. The meetings would last two hours and would require a quorum of four members.

PT agreed to do periodic updates of the Committee's progress, to be entered into Village Life.

It was agreed all communications between Committee members would be via e-mail.

It was agreed that Stage 1 would be to come up with drawing metrics and the demographics to expand upon the current document. JH has tried to get hold of the plan of watercourses and ditches to see the impact on current and future infrastructure, which he is continuing to pursue. There is a sewerage map which BJ will provide to Chairman. JH has asked the Council to provide Parish Plan showing possible building sites for 2017.

It was agreed that demographics would be needed and JH will try and get these from NHS records or electrical register. It was noted that at present there are already 36 approved developments for build in the village, 27 of which are at the Kerrisons site.

It was agreed that at the next meeting, the Committee would look at the metrics, demographics and viability. The Committee's role would be to come up with assumptions backed by justifications.

It was noted that there are already plans in place for Gislingham and Mendlesham. BJ agreed to try and get the Gislingham plan and SC knew someone who could get him the Mendlesham plan.

JH will ask Bill Newman (Head of Planning for Babergh and MidSuffolk) to speak to the Committee once some work has been done on the plan, possibly three months time.

Next Meeting: Monday 5th June 2017 at 8pm in Black Horse