

## THORNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thorndon Village Hall at 8.00pm, 4 November 2021

**COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED and THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** the ordinary meeting of the **PARISH COUNCIL** which is to be held in **THORNDON VILLAGE HALL** on **THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 8.00pm**

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2021

*O Wladon* Locum Clerk to the Council

**Note: This meeting may be recorded, anyone speaking at the meeting will have been deemed to have given consent to being recorded.**

### AGENDA

Item Ref	Description
21.11.01	<b>Chairman's welcome</b>
21.11.02	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> (a) Councillors to receive any apologies (b) Councillors to vote on acceptance of apologies
21.11.03	<b>Declarations of Interests – in subsequent agenda items</b> (a) To receive any Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests. (b) To receive any Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
21.11.04	<b>Dispensations:</b> To receive any requests for dispensations
21.11.05	<b>Minutes:</b> Councillors to review and approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.
21.11.06	<b>Reports:</b> (a) County Councillor (b) District Councillor
21.11.07	<b>Public forum:</b> Councillors to receive questions or comment from the public on agenda items.
21.11.08	<b>Planning</b> (a) Councillors to review planning consultations received: <b>DC/21/05675</b> – Erection of garden building (resubmission of DC/21/00488) Town Farm, The Street, IP23 7JN (b) Councillors to note the outcome of planning decisions reached by MSDC: <b>DC/21/04864</b> – Laurel Cottage, The Street IP23 7JN GRANTED <b>DC/20/02052</b> – Castle Hill Farm, IP23 7JT APPEAL DISMISSED (c) Other Planning matters: to receive any updates received after the agenda was issued.
21.11.09	<b>Kerrison Development</b> Councillors to receive any update.

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21.11.10	<p><b>Bus Shelter</b></p> <p>Councillors to note that Marion Ravenhill has been unable to reach the Chair of the Trustees to discuss the correspondence reviewed at the last meeting (copy attached to agenda). A verbal report will be given if contact is made ahead of the meeting.</p>
21.11.11	<p><b>Quiet Lanes</b></p> <p>Councillors to receive any update.</p>
21.11.12	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Councillors to note that the final version of the plan was submitted to MSDC on 28<sup>th</sup> October, confirmation has been received that Electoral Services have been instructed to arrange a referendum.</p>
21.11.13	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>(a) To receive any feedback on training attended.</p> <p>(b) To review any requests for training courses to be booked.</p>
21.11.14	<p><b>Village Hall – defib cabinet</b></p> <p>Councillors to review a request from the Village Hall to purchase an outside cabinet to be attached to the hall to store a defibrillator for community use.</p>
21.11.16	<p><b>Playing field/play area</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors to receive an update on the vehicle barrier at the playing field.</p> <p>(b) Councillors to agree a way forward on updating the fencing around the playing field and children’s play area.</p> <p>(c) Councillors to receive an update on the Jubilee Wood.</p>
21.11.15	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>(a) Councillors to approve the following cheques for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) AN Fabrications Ltd - for gate (Open Spaces Act 1906) Gross £3,336.00 Net £2,780.00 VAT £556.00</li> <li>(ii) Cllr Hayward reimburse / Lawes Ltd – for padlock (Open Spaces Act 1906) Gross £39.95 Net £33.29 VAT £6.66.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Councillors to note notification of CIL payment of £3,073.38. Total CIL available is £19,932.12</p> <p>(c) Councillors to agree timetable for budget planning for 2022/23 – Emma Milton has raised the matter of community engagement/conducting demand analysis for areas of focus, and how this could fit into budget preparations.</p>
21.11.16	<p><b>Clerk’s report</b></p> <p>Councillors to note the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lorry Watch</b> The Clerk confirmed to Suffolk Trading Standards that the Parish Council is aware of, and supports, the Lorry Watch Scheme and confirmed the local contact as Hilary Pearson.</li> <li>• <b>Joint Local Plan Hearings</b> The hearings have been suspended pending both Councils undertaking further work on the Spatial Distribution, Settlement Hierarchy and Sustainability Appraisal.</li> <li>• <b>Lorry Route review</b> Suffolk County Council have commenced a public consultation on the Lorry Route</li> </ul>

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	<p>review as follows:</p> <p>Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. The review is formed of two parts: a technical review of routes and a community-led review of issues on lorry routes. It is the first meaningful review of the plan since 2011 and in the meantime various changes have been made to the local highway network.</p> <p>The technical review is nearing completion and has considered a range of factors affecting the suitability of lorry routes including road safety data, restrictions to HGV movements on certain routes and the overall resilience of the network. The review has drawn on customer reports received from members of the public and local stakeholders as well as findings from Lorry Watch schemes to provide some local context.</p> <p>The County Council is commencing a community-led review by inviting parish and town councils to use a survey link <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/EXa8fHbhAr">https://forms.office.com/r/EXa8fHbhAr</a> to report the three most important issues associated with lorry movements in their community. Parish councils are then asked to liaise with their local County Councillor to endorse the issues for inclusion as part of the review.</p> <p>The County Council will collate responses and review the feedback to ensure changes to the Lorry Network map are appropriate and to collate information about local issues. The review will help to inform future plans and proposals associated with lorry movements as part of any future developments.</p> <p>The outcome of the technical and community review will be a newly published and more interactive Lorry Route Network map. It should be noted that we anticipate a small number of minor changes to the map as there are limitations to our highway network.</p> <p>The community-led review will commence on 22nd October 2021 and responses are required by 17th December 2021.</p> <p>The County Council would like to thank all participants in advance and all responses will be evaluated in due course, however, it will not be possible to respond to submissions on an individual basis.</p>
<b>21.11.17</b>	<p><b>Policies</b></p> <p>Councillors to review and approve the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTV Policy</li> <li>• Communication Policy</li> <li>• Complaints Procedure</li> <li>• Grievance Policy</li> <li>• Disciplinary Policy</li> <li>• Standing Orders 2021</li> </ul>
<b>21.11.18</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch Report</b></p> <p>Councillors to receive a report from Mr Brand.</p>
<b>21.11.19</b>	<p><b>Meeting opened to the public for brief matters of report</b></p>
<b>21.11.20</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Councillors to receive any tabled correspondence</p>
<b>21.11.21</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021</p> <p>Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021</p>

**Agenda Item 21.11.10**

**Email to Trustees of Kerrison via Lacy Scott & Knight:**

Good morning Alex reference your email of the 23 September, I am surprised by the Trusts decision and find it difficult to accept. The Trust was established by Sir Edward Kerrison some 160 years ago specifically to assist young people; do the Trust think it is acceptable to allow the

school children who live at the Kerrison site or nearby to stand in inclement conditions, when there is an offer for a bus shelter to be erected at no cost to the Trust other than to allow its erection on their land?

The areas of land which the Parish Council has suggested are unused and it appears from submitted and approved plans, will remain so. It seems paradoxical that the Trust has seen fit to sell land and buildings for the development of housing, including some affordable, of a size which appeals to families with children of school age. This is doubly surprising that in 2017 an employee of the Trust agreed that the small wooded area opposite the entrance of the Kerrison site could be included in the initial draft of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan although its designation was ultimately rejected by the community.

You state that there are 'more appropriate sites' within the village. You are correct that there are other pick up points for the school transportation service, reaching any of these would necessitate the young people to walk towards the centre of the village along the narrow road, which, as I am sure you are aware, has no pavements. This is an obvious risk to their safety and, in addition, the impact it may have on any motorist involved in an incident which damaged a child. The road safety aspect is particularly relevant with the approval of plans for increased poultry production facilities at the Castle Hill poultry farm and the expected increase in heavy traffic which this will create. The children will be walking on the narrow road, around parked cars dodging heavy goods vehicles and agricultural traffic.

The school bus will still stop outside Kerrison as it is an approved pick up point for the school transportation service irrespective of whether there is a shelter or otherwise; the young people can either be comfortable and dry in inclement weather or cold and wet. I respectfully suggest that the Trust should reconsider their decision on this request and I await your reply.

Regards Bob Jenkins  
Thorndon Parish Councillor

### **Reply from Lacy Scott & Knight**

Dear Mr Jenkins,

I have passed your e-mail of 29 September 2021 to the Trustees who have asked me to respond as follows on their behalf:

The responsibility of the Trustees is to manage the assets of the Trust in a manner which best serves its charitable objectives. They are not free to donate land or burden their land with rights in the furtherance of some wider general public purpose, however beneficial that purpose may be seen to be;

Mid Suffolk saw no need to require the provision of a bus shelter on the Trust's land in conjunction with the grant of planning permission for the Principal's House site which demonstrates that there is no established planning need related to the Trust's proposed development and the provision of a bus stop. Indeed, the Trustees experience of school bus services serving the Eye and Debenham catchments is that there are few school pick up points with any form of shelter.

Ultimately the position is that the provision of public bus shelters to serve existing bus users is a public function which is the responsibility of local authorities, including parish councils. If the Parish Council considers that a proper case can be made for the provision of a bus shelter to serve school bus services serving the village, it has the statutory power to provide one.

In these circumstances the Trustees must stand by their earlier response.