

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Monday 5th June 2017

Attendees:

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

No apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Read and agreed by committee
2. Matters Arising: None
3. Review of village survey and top issues/headline comments from respondents:

Prior to meeting PT had circulated to members a version of the Village Survey with comments picked out to make it easier to read the document. At meeting, JH presented document with average percentages across both surveys. The following headline comments arose from the survey:

- “Affordable”, smaller housing perceived to be an issue: Committee felt that Kerrisons fits that bill with the housing already approved for building at that site. It was noted that one of the issues is that the cost of land in Thorndon compared to surrounding areas, is high which means it is not commercially viable to build small single houses on plots.
- Character of the village should remain the same.
- School would need to be able to accommodate extra children (estimate of 20-30 children in Kerrison agreed build). It was discussed whether it was an option to move the school to the Kerrisons site as the school is currently attracting children from outside the village. The school size and location is being discussed by the Parish Council.
- Low rate of housing growth is most attractive option with no sprawl.

- New homes to be in keeping with neighbours but using all modern technology available for heating etc in order to be environmentally sound.
- Ditches are a problem and surface water, particularly at Stoke Ash end of the village towards the River Dove. Permeable surfaces and rain water storage suggested for each new property.
- Village demographics: JH and PT are continuing to try and get information on demographics, possibly from Eye and Mendlesham Health Centres and other sources such as 2011 census.
- High Speed Broadband would encourage people to work from home. This would mean less traffic going through the village, and would be more business for local facilities such as shop and pub. However, it was felt that there was no need to encourage more businesses employing people into the village.
- On-road car parking: The Church car park is being extended, and a new drop off point where the ditch is currently, is under discussion. There is land to the side of the Church, part of which is owned by the Church and will be a space for new graves, but the remainder is under the control of the Thorndon Town Trust who do not want the land to be used for parking. All new housing needs to have its own off road parking to stop additional parking issues.

4&5. Review information and agreed activity for next meeting: Mendlesham and other village plans and review of Thorndon maps to be discussed at next meeting. SC will prepare maps from screenshots and blow them up to A3 to make large maps of village. JH will speak to Glen Horn, Andrew Stringer and Bill Newman regarding any input they may have to the village plan. JH and PT to try and get demographics information

Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd July, 8pm in Black Horse