

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Tuesday 8th August 2017

Attendees:

Stephen Page, Chairman
Stuart Cattermole, Deputy Chairman
James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Pauline Smith

1.No apologies for absence.

Prior to meeting, resignations due to personal reasons were received from Phil Tucker and Alan Lewis. The Chairman thanked them both for their work on the committee to date.

2.Matters Arising:

The committee discussed the need for additional members and went through names that were put forward. It was agreed we needed a further two, perhaps three members of a diverse mix, and the following four people should be approached prior to the next meeting to ascertain their interest:

Gemma Burton (JH)
Jeannie Gardner (PS)
Benn Horton (SC)
Ian Wilding (SP)

Members will report back via e-mail after their initial approach to find out who would be interested so that the next meeting could have the required number of members on board.

SC and JH suggested that a document be put together to show what we have done so far to help new members.

SC said he had not had any feedback yet from Amanda Thompson regarding his request to register the mapped planning area for the neighbourhood plan and information on what to do for the next phase in order to register decision of intent

with MSDC. JH stated that the Parish Council had discussed the proposed plan at their recent meeting and there was general support for the plan and for Amanda to take action to register.

JH confirmed that the £9K funding available is to support the cost of an independent review of the plan when it has been produced and then to fund whatever is necessary to do the village survey. This is available from Central Government. The review has to be independent and an inspection would be undertaken afterwards, although he is not sure what level of control is needed for the referendum.

Press release: It was decided this could not be undertaken yet but could perhaps be in the November Village Life magazine. To meet cut off, information would be required by third week of October so must be decided upon in committee meeting at beginning of October.

3. Review of open actions:

(a)& (b) Sharepoint: Rather than use sharepoint, JH has now arranged with the developer of Suffolk Cloud who host and manage the Thorndon website, that they will develop a secure area for us that sits behind the website with a front page. JH noted that we will need a document management system that will show any documents that are being/have been modified. The secure area will need a tracker that is updated as necessary. The cost of £20 per annum on top of what is paid for the Thorndon website has been agreed by Parish Council. JH has obtained access to the website as an Administrator and will let the committee know what toolset is being used and will then be able to manage our own web page. It may be advantageous to get Claude to encourage villagers to search for the information on the website via his e-mail updates, once the website is up and running.

(c) Assigning VP sections: JH expressed an interest in being assigned the land potential section. He will obtain a link to the new local structure plan for Thorndon.

A discussion was held regarding the 5/6 acres of land behind Fen View and SC stated that there is access in Fen View between the houses but the access near Mill Cottages that once was an option is no longer viable. However, it would be possible for a developer to buy a house and pull it down to make access. The application for ten houses on the other side of Fen View was also discussed. It was noted that if these were to go through, it would make other land viable backing on Fen View and towards Clint Road. PS asked if there was appetite for that amount of houses in the village, given that there are a few existing houses up for sale and was informed by JH that his contact at Town & Country said that Thorndon is seen as having a significant premium and because of that, developers will want as high a revenue stream as possible. It was agreed the committee is aware that the last thing the community want, as detailed in the survey, is for back fill estates. It was reiterated that the infrastructure of the village dictates how big the village can be and without

significant investment in highways, school etc, a large development should most likely be ruled out.

JH said that once we have a copy of the local plan, he will ask Andrew Stringer to come to our meeting to discuss it.

Before the next meeting JH will take a look at the land allocations. SC had obtained copies of other village plans which were distributed: Hepworth (PS), Laxfield (SP), Gislingham (JH) which will be discussed at next meeting. SP has a four page document from the Bury St. Edmunds Society on the Neighbourhood Planning Seminar and he will circulate this before the next meeting. At the next meeting, members will report back on the content of the reports distributed.

At this time, it was decided that other VP sections will not be allocated, but this can take place once the committee is back up to strength.

(d) No longer a need for an Archivist role, due to using the Thorndon website.

(e) Committee member information to be collated by PS before next meeting.

4. AOB: None

5. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th September at 8pm in Black Horse.