



# THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER at 8pm VIA Zoom

In accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, c. 7, Part 1, Local authority meetings, Section 78 – Members are permitted to be present and attend a meeting without being present in the Council Chamber or together in the same place - extract from this Act reads: “The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (1)(d) includes in particular provision for persons to attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in, local authority meetings without all of the persons, or without any of the persons, being together in the same place.”

**Present:** Councillors: T Frostick (Chairman), A Frater (Vice Chairman) J Spencer, I Stewart, R Williams, R Barrington, D Morgan, V Knight, A Wattebot,

**Also Present:** Dena Ludford (Clerk & RFO)

Richard Haynes & Peter Neal from the Neighbourhood plan group

1 members of the Public

### 19/20.703 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Howells

Cllr C Michaels

District Cllr Mike Taylor

District Cllr Martin Foley

### 19/20.704 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr R Williams declares a NPI on item 19/20/710 item c. UTT/20/2624/FUL.

(the clerk noted a minute reference error in connection to that presented on the agenda, the planning items are now corrected to reflect them as itemised under the minute ref 19/20/710 as items a-d)

### 19/20.705 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

The chairman permits a member of the public to speak after application UTT/20/2624/FUL, A public speaker wishes to say that HOT and a number of Parish Residents were involved in the NP and its very important that we don't endanger the NP as it stands now.

### 19/20.706 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

**See attached Report from Cllr Taylor.**

The chairman reads a brief report from Cllr Foley in connection to the recent crime in Thaxted, Cllr Knight comments on that still people will report crime on social media and not to the police in connection to the crime, in the 10 years I've been on the council this has been repeated, the question of CCTV has come up repeatedly and wonder if this may be something to consider or if there is too much weight attached to this. Cllr Williams reports on the matters in connection to the town walks being conducted by various leaders of the community, we met with one set of youths who were happy to chat to us and Presented no community threat and this has been the recurring theme in Thaxted. Cllr Barrington is also concerned about the language used on social media, I'm particularly interested in ANPR technology so we may prevent the criminal activity moving through Thaxted.

### 19/20.707 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

**See report attached**

In addition to this report attached Cllr Walsh comments on the recent update in connection to open and closes public services due to the most recent lockdown rules. This has been widely circulated and will continue to be updated as necessary. Cllr foley reported a blocked culvert in Cophall lane, officers have attended, and this has been recently resolved.

Cllr Wattebot wishes to enquire once more in connection to the culvert alongside Haigh's, this has been reported before and we've been reliably been informed that this hasn't been cleared in 30 years. Cllr Walsh reports that he has reported this also and will do once more.

The Chairman wishes to speak about streetlights, we have sent reports in connection to various areas and despite having reported this and others several times they are still not working, the report is often changed with 'resolved' which is clearly not the case. Cllr Walsh comments that he is aware of this long standing problem and shares the frustrations with the Council in connection to the reporting and resolution channels.

#### **19/20.708 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To **APPROVE** and **DIGITALLY** sign as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

#### **19/20.709 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**To Note** the minutes of the Finance & Assets committee meeting held on **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

#### **19/20.710 PLANNING**

*During the planning section of any full council meeting, a member/member's of the Neighbourhood Plan delivery group, (if present) will be invited to join the council table for participation, one vote may be cast in accordance to the Committee's terms of reference.*

*To better support the response of planning applications through the Parish Council during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Clerk shall inform all members of applications received, invitation to comment will be presented through email, where all responses will be collated, The Clerk, together with the Chairman of the Planning Committee will formulated the majority response to the District Council Planning Portal. In the event of any new dwelling application, a decision to hold a remote zoom meeting will be made at the discretion of the Chairman of the Council.*

**a. UTT/20/2406/HHF**

PROPOSAL: Erection of two log cabins to be used as guest chalets on an occasional basis

LOCATION: Broadfans Barn Cherry Street

**RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT**

**b. UTT/20/2477/FUL**

PROPOSAL: Demolition of semi-detached dwelling and erection of replacement 3 bed detached dwelling, complete with related works and infrastructure

LOCATION: Westview Cutlers Green

**RESOLVED** to **OBJECT**

The proposal would result in overdevelopment. The creation of a more dominant infill replacement dwelling in the countryside would be detrimental to the open and rural street scene with houses spread out along Cutlers Green. The proposed development does not need to take place there and is not appropriate to the rural area. The harm caused would not be outweighed by the benefits of this development

**c. UTT/20/2624/FUL**

PROPOSAL: Demolition of all existing buildings and structures and comprehensive residential redevelopment comprising the construction of 7 no. new dwellings and related development (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/17/1896/FUL)

LOCATION: J F Knight Roadworks Ltd Cophall Lane

**RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT**

After much deliberation in connection to the impact this application has in connection to the NP. Both representatives on the NP would agree that the sensitivity of this area is key and **NO COMMENT** would be the only sensible comment to make. However, the council wish to secure the agreement of the transfer of land by way of a 'ransom strip' from

Copthall Lane in to the application site, and that this will take place prior to the commencement of the development as per the original planning permission and the agreement.

**d. UTT/20/2720/LB & UTT/20/2719/HHF**

PROPOSAL: Proposed demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey garden room extension.

LOCATION: Freemans Farm Bardfield Road

**RESOLVED to SUPPORT**

**19/20.711 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**a) TO CONSIDER AND NOTE THE EFFECT OF THE ORDER TO INTRODUCE 20 MPH ZONES ON THE FOLLOWING LENGTHS OF ROADS.**

**RESOLVED** to not consider any or pursue any 20 MPH speed zones or limits through the town.

**b) MINI ROUNDABOUT, BARDFIELD ROAD JUNCTION**

To consider if this council wishes for a LHP request to be made in connection to the mini roundabout at the Bardfield Road Location

**RESOLVED** to make an **LHP REQUEST** in connection to the roundabout at Bardfield end road.

In addition to the roundabout the potholes should be filled and the culvert/drain which is blocked should be considered within the scope of works.

**c) GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PAVEMENT PARKING**

The council held a working group in connection to the consultation and option 2 was presented as the preferred option the council unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the finding of the working group.

**19/20.712 STANDARDS MATTER 2: PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC SECTOR SURVEY**

It is **RESOLVED** that the Vice Chairman Cllr Frater will propose the responses to this survey and liaise through the clerk and council to submit the comments within the given time period.

**19/20.713 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**RESOLVED** to renewal of the Councils membership to the SLCC

**19/20.714 CLT CO-ORDINATOR**

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of temporary ad-hoc help in a self-employed capacity for administrative work in connection with CLT.

**19/20.715 FINANCE**

**a)** To **NOTE** and **APPROVE** the Councils Gross income, expenditure and EMR balances.

**b) TO REVIEW ONLINE PAYMENT FOR APPROVAL**

**RESOLVED** To **DIGITALLY SIGN** and **APPROVE** the online payments as detailed for approval.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

Future scheduled meeting will be Thursday **3<sup>rd</sup> December** and will remain via the Digital Zoom platform.