



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 4th April 2024, Thaxted Guildhall

Present Councillors: Cllrs Frater (Chair), knight (Vicechair), Frostick, Howells, Wattebot, Young, Perkins, Williams

Representatives: Cllr Richard Haynes

Officers: Dena Oxley

Public: 5 members present

1	Apologies for absence Noted and accepted from Cllrs' Herbert, Weakley, Eagan
2	Declarations of Interest None
3	Public representations None
4	Reports from District & County Councillors Reports received from Cllr Foley Cllr Haynes spoke about matters relating to the Local Plan and UDC Bins. Some dialogue in connection to local planning matters, including a Certificate of Lawfulness which is under dispute with Planning and a conversion of a building to include an annexe, also some design details on a granted application are under discussion including the pallet of materials and the genuine condition of same.
5	Minutes Resolved To approve the 7 th March full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. To NOTE the minutes for the Annual Parish Assembly held on the 14 th March 2024. To NOTE the minutes for the Open Spaces Committee held on the 15 th February 2024
6	Chairmans Cup Lots of nominations were given from various groups in Thaxted, it was further discussed to widen the nominations to include local under-18 groups and individuals. Create posters and Facebook posts.
7	Chairman's Report Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the APA. The latest Parish Magazine is now in wide circulation including the Local Plan response is included within this. In terms of the creation of the Magazine with Thanks to Mike Collins and Nick Weakley. With forward planning this Saturday there is Eco Thaxted in the Church from 10 – 3.
8	D Day 80th Anniversary The Beacon lighting at 9pm (Cllr Knight is seeking permission) and the RBL is going to do the 8 am announcement at the Guildhall.
9	Walnut Tree Meadow Trash Screen update The works are now underway and this work is much needed, the trees shall be replaced once the work is completed.
10	Library building Lease Thaxted Parish Council are unable to decide beyond our council term and therefore will be responding to say that we are unable to make a decision. It is Resolved that Thaxted Parish Council shall not be pursuing the lease for the Library Building CIC and Council offices.

11	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>The Parish Council resolved not to pass comment in connection to the request from Henham in their objecting to the expansion of 'site A76 - Elsenham'</p>
12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan steering group update</p> <p>Modicum Planning have support from UDC and our meeting on the 18th of April is now confirmed. It's resolved that the NP coordinator shall need a new laptop, the Clerk will arrange this. One of the first tasks we will need to do is create and manage the NP Website.</p>
13	<p>CLT</p> <p>To note the CLT is now at the Planning application stage and they acknowledge their gratitude for the support the Parish Council have offered in getting to this junction.</p>
14	<p>Cllr and staff Training needs</p> <p>No Cllr's have requested any training, the Clerk will forward the latest EALC training for consideration.</p>
15	<p>Windmill artefacts.</p> <p>Museum Essex has expressed an interest in looking after the fire engine on a long-term loan basis. It is Proposed by Cllr Frostick and Seconded by Cllr Howells. Resolved to accept this solution and write back to the museum to begin arrangements.</p>
16	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To review and sign online payments as per the report for March 2024 b) To receive the councils' full finances up to and including March 2024 c) To approve the purchase of a quantity of Laptops for council use.
17	<p>Office Clerks Report</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
18	<p>Guildhall Custodian Report</p> <p>To review a new monthly report on matters connected to the Guildhall</p>
19	<p>Items for the next agenda (not for resolution)</p> <p>Update from Cllr Wattebott, Transport east survey investigating personal transport behaviour in the past two weeks, anyone can access this if you go to Transport East. Also a report is now available based on the information gathered last year. Rural mobility is covered and maintenance and infrastructure and accessing healthcare and education opportunities, focusing on building up capacity for rural communities, lots of suggestions to local government with no real suggestion of how to pay for all. Use of Teams for absent Cllrs as this is no longer permitted we shall not be offering this going forward. Next meeting 9th May 2024.</p>