



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 7th MARCH 2024, Thaxted Guildhall

Present Councillors: Cllrs Frater (Chair), Howells (Vicechair), Frostick, knight, Wattebot, Herbert, young

Representatives: Cllr Richard Haynes

Officers: Dena Oxley

Public: 5 members present

1	Apologies for absence Received & Accepted: Cllr's Weakley, Williams, Perkins, Cllr M. Foley, County & District
2	Declarations of Interest None received
3	Public representations
4	Reports from District & County Councillors Reports received from Cllr Haynes in connection to planning matters and top line council tax including the recent sale of chesterfield research centre. Cllr Frostick asks what's the latest in connection to Wedow road development is, UTT/21/1836/OP Cllr Haynes shall look in to the planning conditions.
5	Minutes Resolved To approve the 11 th January 2023 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. To Note the Draft minutes of the Personnel Committee dated 14 th December 2023 To Note the Draft minutes of the finance committee dated 25 th January 2024 To Note the Draft minutes of the Assets Committee dated 25 th January 2024
6	Cutlers Solar Farm - Rule 6 A verbal report was received and there is now confirmation that the battery storage units are no longer being considered, this results in a number of the pre-planned buildings not being needed and the inverters no longer needed, this will also be a slightly smaller site, there is no more capacity at the substation so there is now no risk of phase two. There is also consideration to the joint access which is being discussed. Terriers farm is still not operational, which is another reason why the landscaping hasn't been finalised, the S106 agreement states the final matter takes place once the premises are occupied. Additional focus on archaeology and water retention to the site is also being reconsidered.
7	Chairman's Report Thaxted Windmill restoration meeting with Cllr Knight – preparation for the next round of Grants including an Access Audit – question for us to consider would be, what might we want for the project? Something for the April Agenda. Things to consider include The Fire Engine and various artefacts. Guildhall Meeting – details available via reports have been circulated. Both Cllr Haynes and I Attended the Army benevolent curry lunch ABC&U is due shortly, article on the Local Plan including an insert with our full response. Upcoming still to happen is our speed watch meeting via our tri-service coordinator

8	<p>D Day 80th commemoration</p> <p>A proclamation shall be read and the RBL shall be invited to read this in the morning, at the Guildhall. a new Gas beacon was promised however no funding is available for this, with that in mind it is proposed to use the Beacon in the vicinity of the Windmill, which finds favour with the Parish Council.</p>
9	<p>APA actions</p> <p>Cllr Knight & Frostick are sending their apologies as they are unable to attend.</p>
10	<p>Bike Events</p> <p>To consider what actions might be needed to support the DEFRA free Bike Dr and Bike confidence building sessions on 14th April in Thaxted. Clerk to gather further info and bring this to life on the proviso that the Parish Council and their staff do not have heavy input.</p>
11	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>Lots of info contained within the reports from UDC and County Cllrs report.</p>
12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan steering group update</p> <p>To Receive a report from Peter Neal (see attached)</p>
13	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To review and sign on-line payments as per the report for January & February 2024 b) To receive the councils' full finances up to and including January 2024
14	<p>Office Clerks Report</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
15	<p>Guildhall Custodian Report</p> <p>Circulated via email</p>
16	<p>Items for the next agenda (not for resolution)</p> <p>Cllr Wattebot speaks on the Bus survey and wishes to know the opinion of the council in connection to Hospital links – Cllr's speak from their experience in relation to how the buses align and their accessibility and reliability.</p> <p>Open spaces minutes</p> <p>CHG school room</p> <p>Morris weekend and bins donated (TFT) the hire of Bins by UDC as trial.</p> <p>Windmill items.</p>