



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

Community Information Centre
7, Town Street, Thaxted,
Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2LD
Tel: 01371 831952

Mobile: 07938587867

email: clerk@thaxted-pc.gov.uk
email: assistantclerk@thaxted-pc.gov.uk
web: www.thaxted-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of the Thaxted Parish Council meeting held on the 7th November 2024 at 19:30

Present Councillors: Knight (Vice Chair) Frostick, Wattebot, Young, Perkins, Breen, Tyseree

Cllr Egan arrived 19:55

District Cllr Richard Haynes

District and County Cllr Foley – Arrived 19:55

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO)

Public

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Frater (Chair) – Accepted Cllr Williams - Accepted
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received
3	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS
4	NOTICE OF COUNCIL VACANCIES <i>To Note, the Parish Council currently has ONE vacancy which an advertised election to fill the vacancy by no later than 5pm on Monday 11 November 2024.</i>
5	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS Reports from Cllr Haynes were given, speculation over reorganisation and unitary authorities. there is also talk of a Mayre for Essex, both of which are on the long-term agenda. UDC are holding peer review, which will be conducted by way of focus groups. Winter Fuel allowance, a motion has been put forward to central government. Public interest in respect of Elers Way will be considerable.
6	VERIFICATION OF MINUTES <i>Variation of the approval of all minutes. To approve all minutes under full council with the chair of the committee present.</i> Resolved To Approve The full Council minutes held on the 3 rd of October as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Resolved To Approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on the 3 rd October 2024
7	POLICE UPDATE To receive a verbal report from PC Carl Wright on matters relating to Thaxted. Q&A from the Council welcome.

	<p>Community safety partnership – UDC is Essex police NHS fire and rescue and various voluntary organisations. Working towards key priority are protect vulnerable promoting healthy relationships building community resilience tackle trends dementia support community speed watch. Speed checks are being completed and visits to PAMS place have taken place with our Tri-Service coordinator.</p> <p>Coming up: Thaxted is due to have a weekend walk where Cllrs and the local community may join us out and about on patrol.</p> <p>Farmers support with property marking kits funded from the community safety partnership, the kits are free and are delivered and demonstrated by one of the team. So far over 50 farms across the district have received the kits.</p> <p>Crime update: July to October focus on burglary theft and damage offences, Total 13.</p>
8	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>To receive a presentation from sphere25 in connection to Land off Wedow Road.</p>
9	<p>20'S PLENTY</p> <p>Cllr Egan provides a verbal report in connection to a recent presentation.</p> <p>Resolved To approve Thaxted Parish Council signing this campaign</p>
10	<p>SIGNAGE REQUEST</p> <p>To consider a request for signage along the B1051 near Stanbrook at Hill Farm, CM6 2NG "Horse Riders Please Slow Down" or "Slow Down" and "Caution Concealed Entrance" signs along the road?</p> <p>This item isn't within the direct remit of the Parish Council, in the event that the County Cllr wishes to pursue this through a LHP request then this consideration may indeed be made.</p>
11	<p>PAVEMENT SAFETY</p> <p>What considerations can be made to create a safer pavements for all users? Consider what cyclists on roads and how to encourage this.</p> <p>Report pavement damage for Cllr Foley to give feedback.</p>
12	<p>FIRE ENGINE</p> <p>Loan agreement length to be approved</p> <p>Cllr Watterbott proposes that It is agreed that this be on a permanent loan to Essex fire museum and in the event that the engine be returned then this will be transferred to the windmill trust for ownership. Seconded by Cllr Young</p>
13	<p>THIS COUNCIL'S 4-YEAR PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive any additions to the current plan and to receive updates on progress. School engagement 20's plenty b) To review the learnings from the delivery of the now installed Outdoor Gym Equipment c) To review the current status of the Pavilion for community usage and office space.
14	<p>NP</p> <p>To receive a verbal update on matters connected to the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>To consider the approval of the Vision Statement for the revised NP</p> <p>to NOTE the creation and delivery of the HNS is now underway and due for distribution with the upcoming Community Magazine.</p> <p>Working party to be re-arranged, Cllrs Young, Cllr Knight, Cllr Frater, Cllr Watterbott & Cllr Breen plus District Cllr Richard Haynes.</p>
15	<p>SPEEDWATCH</p> <p>Cllr Egan is waiting for info on training, we have 3 more volunteers.</p>
16	<p>TRANSPORT</p> <p>Cllr Watterbot has been attending a presentation and has been asked if we wanted any more</p>

	leaflets in connection to the DART service.
17	<p>CHG WALL REPAIRS</p> <p>Wilby and Burnett are not interested in taking on the project, therefore we are back to considering our options</p>
18	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>a) To review and sign on-line payments as per the report for October 2024</p> <p>b) To verbal Note the emergency measures taken by the RFO in connection to recent Banking IT errors.</p> <p>c) Resolved To approve and recommend to the full council from the Finance committee the adoption of the following policies:</p> <p>Accessibility Statement General Privacy Policy Investment Policy Media Policy Market Terms and Conditions including Licenced to Trade</p>
19	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
20	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
21	<p>CUSTODIANS REPORT</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected to the Guildhall and Town</p>
22	<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Next meeting of the Full Council shall be 5th December 2024 at 19:30</p> <p>The Chairman wishes to Please observe a minute's silence in memory of the passing of Mr Simon Latham. Thank you.</p>