



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Thaxted Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd October 2024 at 19:30

Present Councillors: Frater (Chair) Knight, (Vice Chair), Frostick, Wattebot, Williams, Young, Perkins, Egan

District Cllr Richard Haynes

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO)

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Herbert, County Councillor Martin Foley
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None Received
3	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS None Received
4	NOTICE OF COUNCIL VACANCIES <i>To Note, the Parish Council currently has TWO vacancies. Both may now be filled by co-option.</i> To consider applications received. Having considered both applications it is resolved to co-opt Cllr Tom Breen and Cllr Nicky Tisseyre, both are now invited to join the Council and sit at the table.
5	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS Reports attached in Public Agenda pack from Cllr Martin Foley. Cllr Haynes wishes to congratulate the co-option of the Two new councillors. the Local Plan remains headline news, Thaxted has no additional housing, however, there are other issues relating to the rural area where the plan isn't as tight as it should be, particularly in regard to views and heritage setting, there's a lot of revised NP would do should this be moving forward. Social housing stock maintenance is going to retender. Mould and fire doors are not satisfactory. SOS hubs are being set up specifically for emergency services.
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 5 th of September as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Resolved To Approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 13 th of September 2024 Resolved To Approve the minutes of the Assets and Open Spaces Committee held on the 20 th of September 2024 Resolved To Approve the minutes of the Finance committee held on the 5 th of September 2024
7	PLANNING UTT/24/1879/HHF

	<p>PROPOSAL: Proposed decking coming from main house (kitchen from bi folding doors) LOCATION: 5 Wainsfield Villas Bardfield Road Resolved to Support</p> <p>UTT/24/2367/HHF PROPOSAL: Side and rear extension to the first floor LOCATION: 7 Clare Court Thaxted Resolved to Support</p> <p>UTT/24/2361/HHF PROPOSAL: Proposed first floor rear extension above previously approved single storey rear extension (UTT/23/2475/HHF) LOCATION: The Old Water Works Bardfield Road Resolved to Approve, with the provision that the construction management vans not be permitted to park along the Bardfield road.</p>
8	<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. To include a Mental Health Bench at the Recreation. b) Resolved to Approve the Quote for the Outdoor Gym Equipment and progress to the installation phase. c) Resolved To Approve the Council in collaboration with the Clerk & Assets Chair find a suitable solution in connection to obtaining a broadband solution at the Pavilion.
9	<p>NP Cllr Frater in Cllr Herberts absence provided an update on matters connected to the Neighbourhood Plan. It is now desirable to complete a HNS, Clerk to organise. The Vision Statement for the revised NP has yet to be written</p>
10	<p>SPEEDWATCH Cllr Egan speaks about the need for volunteers, at least 10, a FB post with comments enabled to drive awareness.</p>
11	<p>TRANSPORT Cllr Wattebot report on matters the County Council wishes to bring to our attention by way of a partnership to improve the bus service. The Travel Essex website is useful. New Bus shelters are available for purchase. The flat fare of all buses remains until December 2024. Digigo is not in Thaxted we use Dart where the fares are not capped.</p>
12	<p>CHG WALL REPAIRS Cllr Frostick met with Wilby & Burnet who are going to look at a project brief, it will however need LB consent.</p>
13	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Resolved To sign on-line payments as per the report for September 2024 b) To Note and Approve the Lloyds bank maturity instruction and reinvestment c) To Note the delayed receipt of the 2nd half precept, which has now been paid in full
14	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chairman along with other Cllrs attended the Local plan meeting. Other points to note are that Pam Place is being considered to host a speed date event. Congratulations to Saffron Walden who received Council of the Year award from EALC in 2024.
15	<p>CLERKS REPORT To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>

	a) VE Day – Resolved to Parish Council's to reply to the official office stating that we shall be involved, details to follow which will include – Bunting, Lights, with involvement from the RBL
16	CUSTODIANS REPORT To receive a report on matters connected to the Guildhall and Town
17	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The Next meeting of the Full Council shall be 7 th November 2024 at 19:30

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