



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Date: February 6th, 2025

Time: 19:30

Location: Guildhall

Present:

Councillors: Andy Frater (Chair), Terry Frostick, Antoinette Wattebot, Alexander Young, Jenna Perkins, Thomas Breen, Nicky Tisseyre, Robert Silver

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO)

1. Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs Ray Williams (arrived 20-55), Victoria Knight (Vice-Chair), and Theresa Egan

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Public Representations

None received

4. Reports from District & County Councillors

Updates received from District Cllr Richard Haynes and County Cllr Martin Foley:

- Local government reorganisation proceeding with unitary authorities
- County Council Elections delayed (future dates uncertain)
- Greater Essex Mayoral position to be created
- TPC to fund speed sign battery (if fault can be identified) Pending costs
- Local Police desks removal and PCSO funding changes noted (PFCC decision)

5. Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

RESOLVED: To approve schedule (avoiding half-term weeks)

6. Essex Air Quality Strategy

RESOLVED: Clerk and Chair to complete response

7. PCSO Funding Opportunity

RESOLVED: To object to funding a PCSO

8. Verification of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve:

- Full Council Minutes
- Finance Committee Minutes
- Extraordinary Finance Committee Minutes

9. Planning Matters

a) UTT/25/0103/FUL - Lodge Farm, Bardfield End Green - Demolition of existing hay barn and erection of 1no. new self build/custom build agricultural dwelling with ground fixed Solar Array to south of farm office revision to that approved under UTT/23/0928/FUL - **RESOLVED:** To support

b) Item removed (duplicate)

c) UTT/25/0156/FUL - Saracens Filling Station, Mill End - Section 73A Retrospective application for permanent siting of a mobile takeaway hot food vending trailer - **RESOLVED:** To comment only to say that the relevant fire, Health & Safety & Hygiene regulations are applied rigorously to any service situated on a petrol station forecourt

10. 4-Year Plan

a) To add, for future consideration, solar panel canopy in Margaret Street car park

b) No updates or actions

c) **RESOLVED:** To approve Quote 1 for pavilion staged development works and seek further reductions. Funds to use: UDC capital Fund £1,948.20 then close the EMR, remaining from Land Purchase fund. Proposed by Cllr Frostick, Seconded by Cllr Silver, resolved unanimously

d) **RESOLVED:** Solar Panels approved. Proposed Cllr Silver, Seconded Cllr Breen

11. Neighbourhood Plan

- Membership changes noted
- Two publicity posters created
- Public consultation letter prepared
- Volunteers needed for distribution
- Church consultation planned for 12th or 26th April
- Video project advancing with additional collaboration

12. CHG Wall Repairs

Listed Building application with UDC, updates at upcoming Assets meeting

13. Grounds Maintenance Operative

RESOLVED: To approve 4-6 hours at Clerk's discretion. Position titled "Thaxed Operations Operative". Items that can be recharged to third parties should be. Proposed by Cllr Silver, seconded by Cllr Tisseyre

14. Financial Matters

(Cllr Williams arrived 20:55)

a) **RESOLVED:** To review and sign online payments as per the report for January 2025

b) **RESOLVED:** To confirm the Precept has been requested

15. Transport Matters

Cllr Wattebot to review separately

16. Community Events

- a) Updates received from Cllr Perkins - meetings ongoing and collaborations begun. Bookings in place with food trucks
- b) Morris Dancers' road closure approved providing the road closure is not in Council's name
- c) Alternative sites for the Beacon relocation are under review, Cllr Knight in discussions with relevant parties
- d) The parish council are not minded to consider any additional security at the windmill site but to remain in review

17. Windmill

Note of thanks to trustees for their hard work and diligence. **RESOLVED:** To approve deed variation, Clerk and Chair to respond

18. Chairman's Report

Updates on:

- CLT meetings
- Planning applications regarding paving
- Rangers discussion meeting (since resolved at latest Finance committee)
- Speed signs with Cllr Foley (remain faulty)
- Christmas lunch noted

19. Clerk's Report

As attached

20. Custodian's Report

- Workshop scheduled March 8th
- Fire alarm repaired with new sensors
- Request for FB post for volunteers for Cllr Egan
- Note of thanks to Mike Goacher for assistance

PART II

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

21. Land Acquisition Matters

The Council discussed potential land matters within the parish.

RESOLVED:

- To support community enhancement initiatives through appropriate correspondence
- To collaborate with relevant parties where beneficial to the community
- To exercise caution regarding any requests for the Parish Council to be named on land leases or agreements
- To maintain a supportive but prudent approach to potential land arrangements

22. Next Meeting

March 6th, 2025 at 19:30

RESOLVED: Under Standing Order 26(a), to suspend Standing Order 3(x) regarding the 2-hour meeting time limit.

Meeting closed at 21:40

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