



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th September 2021 at
7:30pm in Guildhall

Present: Councillors: T Frostick (Chairman), A Frater (Vice Chairman) V Knight, A Howells, J Perkins, J Spencer, R Barrington, P Flint.

Also Present: Dena Ludford (Clerk & RFO)
UDC Cllr Tayler
Richard Haynes from the Local Plan committee
3 members of the Public

21/22.850 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ray Williams
Cllr Antionette Wattebot
District & County Cllr M Foley

21/22.851 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

21/22.852 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None received

21/22.853 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

21/22.854 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

21/22.855 MINUTES

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on **13th July 2021**

21/22.856 COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning meeting held on **13th August 2021**

21/22.857 GUILDHALL LEASE

The Chairman of the Guildhall committee asked the Clerk to acquire a copy of the lease held on file between Essex CC and UDC, the response returned was less than helpful and we have to date not been furnished with the detail required. As a party involved in the management of the Guildhall we believe we have a right to be in receipt of copy of the commercial tenancy lease as a management body, The Clerk has been asked to contact both Essex CC and Uttlesford District council in pursuit of this matter further. This is unanimously **RESOLVED**.

21/22.858 PLANNING

A. UTT/21/1678/LB

PROPOSAL: Installation of replacement boiler and associated works

LOCATION: 32 Newbiggen Street Thaxted

RESOLVED to **SUPPORT**

So long as the flue installation is carried out to the required safety standards, there is not evidence to suggest that it will adversely affect the neighbouring property.

B. UTT/21/2653/HHF

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension

LOCATION: 4 The Maypole Thaxted

RESOLVED to SUPPORT

The Parish Council would however wish to bring further consideration to the form of construction of the roof light.

C. UTT/21/2638/FUL

PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition 11 (remediation scheme) of UTT/18/2055/FUL - To vary from pre commencement to post commencement conditions.

LOCATION: Cutlers Green Farm Cutlers Green

RESOLVED to OBJECT

We would expect all decontamination work to commence before any construction work has begun.

D. UTT/21/2686/LB

PROPOSAL: Repair works to doors and windows on front elevation. Exterior painting and replacement guttering

LOCATION: 14 Watling Street Thaxted

RESOLVED to OBJECT

On the grounds of uncertainty, The application suggests either option and we really need to know what is actually proposed. Given the importance of this house in the general streetscape we need certainty. The false door is an important part of the listing and therefore should remain.

APPEALS

E. Site Address: Freemans Farm Bardfield Road

Description of development: Proposed demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey garden room extension.

Application reference: UTT/20/2720/LB

Appellant's name: Mr & Mrs Rayward - Smith

Appeal reference: APP/C1570/Y/21/3270814

Appeal start date: 24.08.2021

RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT

F. UTT/21/2662/HHF

PROPOSAL: Part two storey part single storey rear extension - Amendment to that approved under UTT/21/1545/HHF

LOCATION: Sibleys Sibleys Lane

RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT

21/22.859 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Today an update was received from the Local Plan office, from this the detail is being digested by Richard Haynes and the Parish Council supports this, it is deemed essential that UDC provide the information needed as was provided before in relation to the detail of each site.

Thaxted Local Plan Chairman to convene a meeting as and when appropriate.

21/22.860 CALL FOR NATURE UDC ENVIRONMENTAL MAPPING TOOL

RESOLVED To APPROVE the tool and its availability on the Parish councils web page.

<https://uttlesfordbiodiversitymap.commonplace.is/>.

21/22.861 PARKING IN THAXTED

RESOLVED To APPROVE an update on local parking measures in Thaxted in line with the Findings from the Thaxted NP. It is also **RESOLVED To form** a working group, to include Cllrs Flint, Cllr Barrington & Cllr Perkins, with a suggestion also to invite and include Peter Neal from the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

This group would report back to Full Council with any recommendations and findings.

21/22.862 S106 UTT/1562/11/OP - Land Off Wedow Road

Following updated information from UDC in connection to this POS (Public Open Space), the Parish Council was invited to **RECONSIDER** the matter and past resolution that had been brought to the council as shown in the MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9h May 2019 AT 08:00 PM in the Guildhall.

19/20.450 LAND OFF WEDOW ROAD

Ref: UTT/1562/11/OP - Section 106 agreement. To Consider the Councils position in connection to the Open Space with this S106 agreement with an index linked sum of £9,299.00

The suggestion is to request the additional funds held by UDC for the culvert and the developers are requested to make good the bank prior to any S106 exchange. The clerk is negotiating the terms and will continue to do so taking guidance from the Chairman and others as appropriate

RESOLVED to write to District and County Cllrs in connection to the flooding and trash screen maintenance needed at this piece of land. The desire of the Parish Council is to obtain the detailed schematics of the trash screen in order to ascertain the work needed with a view to obtain local tenders, it is wholly unacceptable that UDC have not discharged their duties in protecting the town from Future flood mitigations by failing thus far to install the essential Trash Screen. It is also know widely known that the adoption of the trash screen by Anglian Water is not deemed to be forthcoming, despite past emails and planning agreement to the Contrary, The Parish Council demand an explanation to these matters and a remedial plan of action to ensure all necessary floor alleviation measures are undertaken. The Parish Council request that a meeting be set up between The Chairman Cllr Terry Frostick, the District and County Cllr Martin Foley, the Vice Chairman Cllr Andy Frater, and Cllr Victoria Knight to deliberate a proper response to UDC to ensure all matters are appropriately addressed.

21/22.863 STANSTED AIRPORT WATCH

RESOLVED To support the SSE with £100 donation from the Parish Council

21/22.864 FINANCE

a) EMR'S & CURRENT ACCOUNTS JULY 2021

To **NOTE** the revised EMR's

To **NOTE** Account income and receipts

(See attached report's)

b) TO REVIEW ON LINE PAYMENT FOR APPROVAL

RESOLVED to sign and approve the on line payments as detailed

c) CONTRIBUTION TO PRINTING COSTS

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** the request for Printing costs in connection to the collaborative work in our bid to fight the Solar Farm Applications in Thaxted. The agreed donation is up to £150. (see booklet attached) with the Parish Councils Logo attached to any such publication.

21/22.865 UPDATE REGARDING THAXTED DAY CENTRE

District Cllr Taylor reports that he is disappointed that it taken so long to get the Day centre re opened, there has been huge support. The Day Centre is owned by UDC and will remain so however they do not want anything to do with it. The gap is that we are trying to get it managed in a suitable way, some meeting with others who have in the Past had involvement in the running of the Day Centre. Two solutions are viable 1) a community interest company, or 2) setting up a charitable trust with trustees running this. The favourable model is touchpoint which looks promising in connection to the running of other voluntary groups, UDC are in favour of this option.

21/22.866 20 MPH LIMIT

The Chairman reported on the Local Highways Panel scheme in relation to the speed limits through Thaxted, the Panel will convene shortly and discuss the matter, this is stage one, further stages will follow depending on the outcome of stage one, the Parish Council will report on the findings as they are presented. Other items on the agenda which are part of the LHP scheme included a roundabout at Bardfield Road, this is further along than the speed limit request.

21/22.867 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council Meeting will be on TUESDAY 5th October 2021 at The Guildhall at 7:30pm.

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Administration to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the Public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government act 1972.

21/22.868 JOINT LAND OPPORTUNITIES

It is **RESOLVED** that the Parish will pursue the opportunity to acquire land for the future use of the Town with an agreed upper limit on the value to be paid.

It was also agreed to ask the CLT if it wished to seek to work with any site providers on any sites put forward by developers in the call for sites for any Community Housing gain.

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