



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the council meeting of Thaxted Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 following on from the proceeding meeting in the Guildhall

Present: Cllr A Frater (Chairman) Cllr V Knight (Vice Chair) Cllr Howells, Cllr Williams, Cllr Frostick, & Cllr Herbert, Cllr Young, Cllr N Weakley

Others Present

Officer: Dena Oxley

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Clerk & RFO – 26th October 2023

1	Apologies for absence were noted and received from all Cllr Wattebot Cllr Perkins – arrived at 19:58 via teams Cllr Egan
2	Declarations of Interest None received
3	Public representations None received
4	Reports from District & County Councillors Reports attached
5	Minutes Resolved To approve the 5 th October 2023 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
6	Cutlers Solar Farm - Rule 6 The enquiry is now complete now the timeline is unclear however the meeting has all now taken place, and all costs are now in and paid with some remaining pledges outstanding from residents.
7	Chairman's Report Royal British Legion Curry Lunch ABC & U meeting putting together the parish article which will be in circulation end of November The meeting I attended in place of the last council meeting was an Eco Thaxted Meeting with new and innovative including housing To consider if the Parish Council can support Food hampers/vouchers. Resolved to suggest a grant for £300 towards the UDC food bank for use for Thaxted people, Cllr Perkins will take this suggestion to them. Ask if the foodbank can consider housing bags in the library as before. The clerk will follow this up.
8	EPOA Parking Guidance Consultation Notification Resolved to ask the Chairman of the Planning Committee to complete this on our behalf.
9	Flood Action Group Thaxted The Parish Council would support any rekindling of this original initiative through Essex County Council as the Lead Flood authority.
10	4-year plan ideas and additions Resolved to pursue the idea to apply safe flooring in our existing playground with a view to also add some outdoor gym equipment via the UDC Sports Provision Grant
10a	LHP request Update – Item 7 clerks report

	<p>Margaret Street, Thaxted - LUTT222020 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note Additional bollards to protect the property on the corner where it is vulnerable to vehicle strike • to Note an additional no-through road sign at the Bell Street junction • Resolved to position 2 x vulnerable pedestrians in the road ahead warning triangle
11	<p>Climate and Ecology Bill</p> <p>Resolved to support the Climate and Ecology Bill clerk shall action all to this.</p>
12	<p>Uttlesford District Council - have your say on the council's spending in 2024/25</p> <p>Resolved to Message to Cllr Foley and Haynes to outline the problems with this type of consultation and express concerns about the outstanding auditing of UDC's accounts.</p>
13	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>Actions: The Clerk is to write to Peter Holt regarding the consultation being held in Thaxted.</p>
14	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It is the desire of the steering group to ask for an hour of Racheal Hoggers time. Resolved to continue with the light touch approach the Parish Council have committed the funds from the EMR totalling £ 4,563.00.</p>
15	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Resolved To and sign on-line payments as per report for October 2023 To receive the councils' full finances up to and including September 2023 To receive section 3 from the External Auditor in connection to our unqualified Audit
16	<p>Office Clerks Report</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
17	<p>Guildhall Custodian Report</p> <p>To review a new monthly report on matters connected to the Guildhall – None received</p>
18	<p>Items for the next agenda (not for resolution)</p> <p>Xmas Meal 19th January planning update from Cllr Perkins Resolved to stay local, Cllr Perkins to action.</p>