



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Date of meeting 8th June 2023

Present Councillors: Frater (Chair), Knight (Vice Chair), Weakley, Wattebot, Howells, Egan, Frostick, Herbert, Williams, Young

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO)

12 public members

District councillor richard haynes

1	Apologies for absence Cllr Jenna Perkins apologies are received and accepted (joining remotely)
2	Vacancies a) To Note the Councils current vacancies are one b & c) Resolved Co-option – Alexander Young
3	Declarations of Interest Cllr Knight declares a NPI in item 7 and shall speak in item 4 Cllr Frostick declares a NPI in item 10
4	Public representations A resident in cutlers green speaks on behalf of the other residents and wishes to ask the Parish Council becoming a rule 6 party, the residents in Cutlers Green have got together and have produced heritage, drainage, landscaping and planning assessments and would be willing to be joint parties and contribute in way of costs, it's noted that the district council has made clear that they are robustly wishing to challenge this application and are being incredibly proactive to ensure the appeal is dismissed. And also, to note that Hands Off Thaxted are being incredibly supportive also in connection to this item. The cutler's green resident has spoken to Stanstead who have recently gone through something similar and costs of £20K of which the parish council were £4k Several other residents speak in objection to the application which shall affect Cutlers Green, they wish to thank the Parish Council for their support during the past objections, to the Parish not just Cutlers Green as this effects all, noted footpaths are recorded through this site and must be considered. This includes lots of group research and the community feel they have a very good case. HOT speaks about the knowledge of our area and the experience in the past working along side the Parish Council, we know what we're doing, and you know how to do this, this is not beyond out scope of expertise.
5	To consider changing the title of the Parish Council to a Town Council This item was not considered for debate today and shall return another time.
6	Adoption of General Power of Competence (GPC) The General Power of Competence is a statutory power given to Town and Parish Councils under the Localism Act 2011. Eligibility requirements are that at least 2/3 (two thirds) of its members must be duly elected (having stood contested or not) at the ordinary election, and that the Clerk must hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) including Module No 7, covering the General

	<p>Power of Competence. The Clerk completed the CiLCA course and obtained qualification in November 2017.</p> <p>Thaxted Parish Council is therefore eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence and should do so at the first meeting of Council following elections.</p> <p>It is therefore RESOLVED that Thaxted Parish Council will adopt the General Power of Competence with immediate effect</p>
7	<p>Rule 6 party</p> <p>a) Resolved to Approve becoming a rule 6 party for the purpose of our objections to the Solar Farm appeal.</p> <p>b) Resolved to set aside £3043 from the covid EMR and to rename this to Rule 6 EMR.</p>
8	<p>Reports from District & County Councillors</p> <p>None received.</p> <p>Verbal report from District Cllr Richard Haynes, parking in Newbiggin street might take a lot longer, R4U are back in control, neighbouring wards see's Mike Taylor in Samford, committees are not sorted, I am on Planning and scrutiny and Mike Taylor is still on the Local plan leadership group. The officers say they are collecting evidence. The planning application for Hinxton was dismissed in less than 2 minutes, there's lots of training and we're all trying to understand what's needed and expected of us.</p>
9	<p>Committee terms of reference</p> <p>Resolved To agree to meet with the Clerk & Assistant clerk to create their working terms of reference. Please range this directly with the Clerk .</p>
10	<p>Update from CLT</p> <p>Received a verbal update from Cllr Frostick that the Lease is now signed. English rural have said that someone will be moving in on the 1st August 2025.</p> <p>There is site clearance being arranged and we already have someone who wishes to take all the scrap metal.</p>
11	<p>Verification of minutes</p> <p>Resolved To Approve The 11/05/2023 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. With a minor amendment of the addition of the name of the recipient of the Chairmans Cup.</p>
12	<p>CHG wall repair</p> <p>Resolved to APPROVE Quote with funding to come from the EMR 'Clarance house' £4500 and EMR 'Fence and walls' £4594.99 and that the works for this which will now go through the CHG committee. The Clerk received three quotes, two withdrew leaving one remaining.</p>
13	<p>Dog bins</p> <p>Resolved to bring this item to the Assets & Services committee to consider this further - which DOG bins in Thaxted might be removed following a bin audit.</p>
14	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To note the full council Income & Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2023 DRAFT</p> <p>b) To review and sign on-line payments as per report for May 2023</p> <p>c) Audit – planned final year end Audit to take place has since changed from the 13th June 2023 to the 20th June 2023.</p> <p>d) to consider memberships and subscriptions ongoing for the Full Council – for July</p> <p>e) cyber security insurance – to consider the need for addition Cyber Insurance – further detailed needed to return to July meeting</p>
15	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>The chairman reports on some lovely communications in reference to the QEII gardens and the event, on the flip side we've also had loads of complaints in connection to the rubbish left after the</p>

	<p>Morris event. The Chairman wishes to thank Cllr Knight & Herbert for their support in emptying the bins after the event.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman is meeting with Morris to decide a formal plan, there are ideas formulated from this which would be that our local businesses could become more actively involved and the use of single use plastic could also be considered.</p> <p>The quotes are now in for the repaint for the pumps and its our desire now to get these underway. To also note that whilst we all have busy lives, it would be advantageous for us all to check our email more regularly please.</p> <p>The meting from planning last week was very informative, there was a further meeting which took place in connection to rule 6, and the earliest meeting held in Pams Place with representations from the Police, the Green team in UDC and their partnerships and another planning presentation from Essex Highways. Then finally the Thaxted Society's AGM in their 60th Year.</p> <p>Finally by way of an update, sadly we've lost our handy man who has worked quietly in the background and Alan Gant who is moving would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them both from Thaxted Parish Council</p>
16	<p>Health & Safety Resolved To Approve and sign the Policy Statement of intent</p>
17	<p>Clerks Report To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff. Resolved To bring the works from the quotations and more if needed to the Assets & Services committee as received in connection to our web site rebuild.</p>
18	<p>Custodians Report None received</p>
	<p><i>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.</i></p>
19	<p>Personnel matters. All personnel matters are discussed and the personnel committee with delegated powers will take all matters forward.</p>
20	<p>Date and Time of next meeting The Next meeting of the Full Council shall be 6th July 2023 20:00.</p>