



# THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Date of Thaxted Parish Council meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Present Councillors: knight , (Vice Chair), Howells, Frostick, wattebot, Herbert, Williams, Egan, Perkins.

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO) via video link

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1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Frater Cllr young The Chair would like to record a vote of thanks to Councillor Nick Weakley for his service and contribution to the council, in particular, his assistance on the NLP response was invaluable and will be remembered.
2	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None received
3	<b>PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS</b> <i>Note, all public speakers are referring to agenda item 9. UTT/24/0898/OP</i> Speaker 1, wishes for the Council to consider that the application is not part of the approved call for sites and an option was put forward for 25 houses on this land, the speaker reports that they fail to see how this new block plan prevents the access road, the plan does not satisfy the requirements set by this council and would seek to consider a motion to reverses the decision made on the 9 <sup>th</sup> May and therefore ask to propose a motion to achieve this. Speaker 2, points out that the field in question was summarised by past rejections by the secretary of state and the speaker resites NP policy's reading a further 10 reasons for rejection, also wishes to point out that according to the housing strategy, this application makes a mockery of the NP. Being that's in an elevated position to the rest of Monk Street, the speaker talks of flooding and of sewage, and the dangerous road junction being the entrance is on a bend. Speaker 3 speaks of the continued flooded in the area and that the application is against the NP and questions how this layout is any different from other rejected plans, the land is too large to be considered in fill, the inspector has already provided clear reasons why this should not be supported, and is disappointed that the PC has recently supported this.
4	<b>NALC MODEL standing orders</b> Resolved to Approve As detailed in the May Minutes returning item for Approval
5	<b>NALC MODEL financial regulations</b> Resolved to approve the adoption of the NALC Model Standing Orders adapted to suit the needs of the Parish Council.
6	<b>H&amp;S</b> Resolved To approve and sign the H&S Policy statement of intent (Part 1) Resolved To approve and sign the H&S Environmental Policy Statement
7	<b>REPORTS FROM DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b> None received

8	<p><b>VERIFICATION OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>Resolved To <b>Approve</b> The 09/05/2024 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. (grammatical change proposed and approved in section 4)</p> <p>Resolved To <b>Approve</b> the 20/6/2024 extraordinary full council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting</p> <p>To <b>Note</b> the minutes of the planning committee held on the 23/05/24</p> <p>To <b>Note</b> the minutes of the Assets committee meeting held on the 23/05/24</p> <p>To <b>Note</b> the minutes of the Finance committee held on the 20/06/24</p>
9	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>UTT/24/0898/OP (consider matters received after 18<sup>th</sup> June)</b></p> <p>PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved for 6 no. dwellings</p> <p>LOCATION: Land To The North Of Mayes Place Monk Street Thaxted</p> <p>Vote recorded:</p> <p>Object 5</p> <p>Support 0</p> <p>Abstain No Comment 3</p> <p>Resolved to object with the following comments. The revised plan does not provide sufficient assurance or change to reflect the parish Council's concerns raised under the previous consultation regarding the access road being extended at a future date. therefore we object to the application.</p> <p><b>UTT/24/1558/FUL</b></p> <p>PROPOSAL: S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved drawings) of UTT/23/2475/HHF - revised drawings to increase height of garage and changes to footprint and ridge heights.</p> <p>LOCATION: The Old Water Works Bardfield Road</p> <p>Resolved to support</p>
10	<p><b>THIS COUNCIL'S 4-YEAR PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No additions to the plan were received.</li> <li>b) Outdoor Gym quotes are available. Off-street parking solutions were discussed to help us manage illegitimate parking in our car parks, the control of the running of our car parks.</li> <li>c) Support the principle of the outdoor Gym project, Cllr Perkins shall seek to understand what if any grant funding may be available for this project. Support the principal of the off-street parking solution by way of a town-wide survey to gain consensus.</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>NP</b></p> <p>The Vision statement has not yet been created, however a verbal update was received from Peter Neal on matters relating the NP.</p>
12	<p><b>CHG WALL REPAIRS</b></p> <p>The Clerk gives a verbal report in connection to the quotes received and the recent meeting with Essex Heritage Trust, our grant application will be heard in July.</p>
13	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Resolved To review and sign</b> on-line payments as per the report for <b>APRIL 2024 &amp; MAY 2024</b></li> <li>b) <b>Resolved</b> to approve the internal auditor for 2024-25 as Vicky Waples</li> <li>c) Thermal camera contribution request Resolved to approve £150 on completion of a grant application including invoice for proof of purchase.</li> </ul>
14	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> item moved forward to after item 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To receive a verbal update on matters relating to the duties of the Chairman</li> <li>b) Chairmans Cup Award congratulations to the new cup holder</li> </ul>

	<b>c)</b> Considerations for Christmas Meal at the Bowls club, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January, Cllr Howells to arrange.
15	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.
16	<b>CUSTODIANS REPORT</b> A verbal report was given form the Chairman of the Guildhall Committee in the absence of the Guildhall Custodian
17	<b>ADOPTION OF POLICIES</b> Resolved To approve all policies as recommended by the finance committee dated 20/6/24
18	<b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b> The Next meeting of the Full Council shall be September 5th 2024 at 20:00.