



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Date of EXTRAORDINARY meeting: 20th June 2024, Thaxted Guildhall

Present Councillors: Cllrs Frater (Chair), knight (Vicechair) Frostick, Perkins, Williams, Herbert, Egan, Young, Weakley, Howells

Officers: Dena Oxley (Clerk & RFO)

Representatives:
District Cllr Richard Haynes

Public: 21 members

1	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr A Wattebot District & County Cllr M Foley
2	Declarations of Interest Cllr V Knight declares an NPI in item UTT/24/1334/LB by virtue of the fact that I'm a trustee Cllr N Weakley declares an NPI in item UTT/24/0898/OP by virtue of the fact that I'm a resident of the area.
3	Public representations The Chair acknowledges that many have joined this evening's meeting and wishes to remind all that Standing Order 3.(f) allows a 10-minute window for public speaking asking everyone to be mindful of this. The Clerk is asked to keep time. Public Speaker 1) if there is a Meeting for next week? Why call this one, Who called this agenda? Chair Responds: The Chair set the Agenda and called this meeting, The Parish Council have time-sensitive Legal duties namely the End of Year accounts, primarily this meeting was called to cover these, the Parish Council also received Revised items for consideration from the local planning authority and they as a determining body set what's to be discussed. <i>Note, all public speakers are referring to agenda item 6. UTT/24/0898/OP</i> Cllr Weakley as a Public speaker (Speaker 2, it was acknowledged due to room restraints that it was permitted he remained seated) wishes to clarify that no further public speaking will be permitted during planning items? Chair Responds: Yes, confirmed this will be the case. Public Speaker 2 wishes to alert the Council that the applicant having now revised the application, that the Council should be certain that this change would actually satisfy the Council. Public speaker 3 wishes to state that the comments in relation to the Busses are not considered factual, speaking from personal experience as a mother with children of schooling age, the speaker also wishes to alert the Council of the flooding which renders the footpath unpassable.

	<p>Public speaker 4 wishes to ask if the NP has any legal binding over the Parish Council decision-making, once these changes have been made surely further discussion will be needed?</p> <p>Public speaker 5 speaks in support of the previous three speakers in connection to the access and the flooding, expressing concerns.</p> <p>Public speaker 6 speaks from a personal account and speaks passionately about the NP and its policies and the residents of Thaxted and Monk Street.</p> <p><i>The Clerk informed the Chair that time had now exceeded 10 minutes.</i></p> <p>The Chairman gave a further two minutes to the applicant upon request and suspended Standing orders 3.(f) for 2 minutes in accordance to Standing Order to respond to the speakers. The speaker was called to order after 2 ½ minutes.</p>
4	<p>To formally consider and APPROVE the Parish Council's position Thaxted Neighbourhood Plan when referring to planning applications</p> <p>The Chairman reiterates that Regulation 19 of the Local Plan is there and UDC are conscious that this is taking some time, however, the weight of the Neighbourhood Plan has long been discussed. The planning officers have been instructed to use the NP as one of the sources in a more robust document.</p> <p>Cllr Frostick reads the UDC current land supply which is now 4.5 years and not the advertised plus 5 years. Cllr Frostick wishes to make a Proposal – ‘To give due consideration to the NP’.</p> <p>Cllr Weakley regards that the NP was approved with a whole load of policies, which are expected to be followed, the point was raised that the chair of Thaxted at the time of the original Monk Street development back in 2017 that it could ignore policies, the role of the Parish Council is to follow the NP and its policies, it's not the role of the Parish Council to decide, it's UDC and the inspector who make the final decision.</p> <p>Cllr Weakley proposes – ‘That we object to an application until it's in line with the NP Policies’.</p> <p>Cllr Young proposes – ‘To amalgamate the two’.</p> <p>That takes away the right to make a decision as a body, we are asked to provide comments not make a decision. We are asked to either object or support an application, our emphasis is that if we feel something needs changing in an application.</p> <p>Cllr Frater proposes – ‘The council will give due consideration to the TNP & policies and Council will, when changes to applications are required or requested, will object until those changes are satisfied’.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to accept Cllr Fraters Proposal.</p>
5	<p>To formally consider the work and the budgetary needs of the Neighbourhood Plan revisions and time frame</p> <p>The Chairman gives a brief overview of what will be needed and by when.</p> <p>To align the work with our vision statement which should be completed by the 1st of August. Contained within the budget are £5563 under an EMR and the remainder of this year's budget in accounts.</p>
6	<p>Planning:</p> <p>UTT/24/1313/LB</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Remove the existing bathroom window and replace it with a new like-for like timber framed window with the addition of slim line double glazing.</p> <p>LOCATION: Harveys Cottage Watling Lane</p> <p>Resolved to Support</p> <p>UTT/24/1339/FUL</p> <p>PROPOSAL: S73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of UTT/23/0374/DFO (Details</p>

	<p>following outline application UTT/21/1510/OP for 1 no. dwelling - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) - revise the approved plans of the garage LOCATION: Squirrels Croft Bardfield End Green Resolved to make no comment</p> <p>UTT/24/1334/LB PROPOSAL: Structural works comprising of external and internal repairs to the brick tower, the windows and the main components of the internal floors. Repairs to the working parts- sails, winding gear and the internal milling machinery. LOCATION: Windmill Fishmarket Street Resolved to Support</p> <p>UTT/24/0898/OP PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved for 6 no. dwellings LOCATION: Land To The North Of Mayes Place Monk Street Thaxted Resolved to make no further comment</p> <p>UTT/24/1484/HHF PROPOSAL: S73A retrospective application for a garden pond LOCATION: Jareth Cutlers Green Resolved to make no comment</p> <p>UTT/24/0954/FUL PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of a new studio building (non-residential), ancillary to the previously approved sui generis live/work unit in the adjacent barn. Proposed installation of a solar photovoltaic array to the southern roof slope of the new studio building. LOCATION: Bluegates Farm Bardfield End Green Thaxted Resolved to Support</p>
7	<p>To receive and Approve the following Audit and accounting documents i) Resolved To APPROVE the Annual Governance Statement ii) Resolved To APPROVE the Accounting Statements iii) Resolved To APPROVE the recent internal audit report and authorise the RFO to take any necessary actions as required Cllr Knight wishes to thank the Chair of the Finance Committee and the RFO for their hard work and dedication to producing this successful year-end.</p>
8	<p>Date and Time of next meeting The Next meeting of the Full Council shall be on the 27th June 2024 at 19:30.</p>