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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 1st November 2023 commencing at 7.00pm in the Thurston Community Library on Norton Road.

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AG E N D A

1.	Opening including Statement	7.00
2.	Apologies – a) Council to receive apologies for absence. b) Council to consent to accept apologies received.	7.01
3.	Declarations of interests: a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct for the Agenda under discussion. b) To receive notification of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50. c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with Council's d) Dispensation Policy.	7.05
4.	Minutes of previous meetings: a) To receive and consider the minutes of the following meeting: <i>(all as previously circulated)</i> Meeting of 4 th October 2023. b) Council to note Draft and Approved minutes of the following committees are available to view online at https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/ : Planning; Policy & Resources and Leisure and Environment Committee.	7.10
5.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – to receive the following reports as submitted by: a) County Councillor Penny Otton b) District Councillors Austin Davies & David Bradbury.	7.15
6.	Police Matters – a) To receive a report from PCSO Matt Brown from Stowmarket SNT on crimes relating to Thurston. b) To consider matters for referral to Stowmarket SNT.	7.30
7.	PUBLIC FORUM – To receive comments from members of the public on the agenda submitted.	7.40
8.	Statutory Business – <i>to view associated papers please use the following web-link:</i> https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/ a) To consider and provide a response to the BMSDC Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places – response due by 30 th November 2023 b) To agree to vary the terms of reference for the LEC and Recreation Ground Trust Committee to allow substitutions to ensure all meetings are quorate (<i>Papers@ LEC ToR & REC GRD TRUST ToR</i>) c) To note that the Council has a vacancy for a Safeguarding Officer following the resignation of Cllr. Sarah Cornell. d) To note that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk are booked onto an Introduction to Safeguarding Course as run by Community Action Suffolk at a cost of £60.00.	7.55

9.	<p>To consider matters relating to Network Rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive an update on the feasibility study relating to the Thurston Station Level Crossing to be carried out by Network Rail. b) Council to consider the reasoning behind the use of the monies held by the District Council earmarked as funding for the Level Crossing Improvements under its Infrastructure Investment Plan 	8.10
10.	<p>Finance - to view all associated papers please use the following web-link: https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (<i>Paper 1 – 01.11.23</i>) b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 31.10.23 (<i>Paper 2 – 01.11.23</i>) c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 31.10.23 (<i>Paper 3 – 01.11.23</i>) d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 31.10.23 (<i>Paper 4 – 01.11.23</i>) e) To note the CIL report for October 2023 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (<i>Paper 5 – 01.11.23</i>) f) To note the potential CIL arising from approved development within Thurston (<i>Paper 6 – 01.11.23</i>) g) To receive and consider the recommendation from the LEC for inclusive play equipment to be located within the fenced play area on New Green (<i>Paper 7 – 01.11.23</i>) h) To receive and consider the recommendation from the Emergency Planning Committee to site 2 defibrillators at the Primary School on Pond Field Road and the Victoria Pub and to note potential funding sources (<i>Paper 8 – 01.11.23</i>) i) To consider the request from the Recreation Ground Trust Charity for assistance with financing the grounds maintenance costs (<i>Paper 9 – 01.11.23</i>) j) To consider the request for the release of monies for the TCC Community Use Project Update – as per the CIL bid submitted and determined in February 2023 (<i>Paper 10 – 01.11.23</i>) 	8.20
11.	<p>To consider matters relating to the Community of Thurston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive matters relating to the production of the Thurston Community Newsletter. b) To receive an update on matters relating to Ixworth Road. c) To receive an update on the Taxi-Bus Service – Thurston to Bury St Edmunds. d) To note that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be attending the next meeting to discuss the above project on 15th November 2023 – on the agenda will also be MSDC’s Electric Bus Project and the ring-fenced grant of £820thousand to enhance existing rural transport provision. e) To note that Funding for Bus Network Improvements (in the sum of £1.8million for Suffolk) will be discussed at the Enhanced Bus Partnership Passenger Group meeting as run by SCC on 14th November 2023. f) New Green Trust – to consider the request to provide a letter of endorsement for the Trust’s CIL bid to MSDC for new doors at the New Green Centre (£37,000 plus VAT). 	9.00
12.	<p>To consider matters relating to Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive an update on the Council Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes held on Friday 20th October 2023. b) To note the 1st Parish Liaison Scheme Meeting will be held with Bloor Homes on 3rd November 2023. c) DC/23/02429 & DC/23/02430 – to receive an update on the status of both planning applications 	9.20
13.	<p>Councillor Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To report village matters of concern to the Clerk. b) To receive items for information only from parish council appointed representatives on outside bodies / groups. 	9.30

14.	<p>Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and in particular:</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the request for the installation of hedgehog warning signs around the village.</p> <p>b) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers.</p> <p>c) To receive items of correspondence for noting only.</p>	9.40
15.	<p>To confirm the date of future meetings: all taking place in the Thurston Community Library:</p> <p>a) Policy and Resources Committee Meeting – 15th November 2023 – commencing at 6.00pm</p> <p>b) Planning Committee Meeting – 15th November 2023 - commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>c) Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting – 15th November 2023 – commencing at 6.30pm.</p> <p>d) Parish Council Meeting – 6th December 2023 – commencing at 7.00pm</p> <p>e) Planning Committee Meeting – 20th December 2023 – commencing at 7.00pm</p>	9.50
16.	<p>To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed –</p> <p>a) Council (as Sole Trustee) to receive the minutes of the May meeting and inquorate meetings of July and September of the Recreation Ground Trust Charity as recently approved at the meeting in October 2023.</p>	9.55
17.	Close of the meeting	10.00

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Proper Officer to the Council
28.09.2023