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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th September 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 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 2 nd August 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 c) Council (as Sole Trustee) to note the minutes of the May meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust Charity will be circulated once approved at the next meeting.	7.10
5.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – to receive the following reports as submitted by: • County Councillor Penny Otton • 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 – a) 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) Council to note the renewal of the BT contract for Wi-fi at the Pavilion at a cost of £37.95 per month (increase of £4.23 per month). b) Council to note the implementation of the contract with Aerial Direct for the Office Phone and Broadband Services at a cost of £81.75 per month. c) To receive the completion of the limited assurance review for the year ending 31 st March 2023 from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP (<i>Paper Audited Accounts x 2</i>) and to note that the Clerk has advertised the conclusion of the audit.	7.55
9.	To consider matters relating to Network Rail: a) to receive a monthly update on the feasibility study relating to the Thurston Station Level Crossing to be carried out by Network Rail.	8.00

10.	<p>Finance - to view all associated papers please use the following web-link: https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/</p> <p>a) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (<i>Paper 1 - 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 30.06.23 (<i>Paper 2 – 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 30.06.23 (<i>Paper 3 – 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 30.06.23 (<i>Paper 4 – 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>e) To receive the Internal Control Report as carried out by Cllr. Rainbow in August 2023 (<i>Paper 5 – 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>f) To note the CIL report for August 2023 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year (<i>Paper 6 – 06.09.23</i>)</p> <p>g) To consider and determine the application for financial assistance as submitted by Citizen’s Advice West Suffolk (<i>Paper 7 – 06.09.23 & add to Paper 7</i>)</p>	8.10
11.	<p>To consider matters relating to the Community of Thurston:</p> <p>a) To receive matters relating to the production of the Thurston Community Newsletter.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on matters relating to Ixworth Road.</p> <p>c) To receive an update on the Taxi-Bus Service – Thurston to Bury St Edmunds</p> <p>d) To consider the request for support in offering subsidised fares on the Taxi-Bus Service for a refugee family housed in Woolpit under the Suffolk Refugee Support Scheme.</p> <p>e) To receive the recommendations as outlined in the paper submitted from the Leisure and Environment Committee with regards to the improvement of the Wildlife Area on New Green POS (<i>Paper 8 – 06.09.23</i>)</p>	8.30
12.	<p>To consider matters relating to Planning:</p> <p>a) DC/23/03829 - Application under S73a for the removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission DC/19/05114 dated 16/04/2020 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 9No self build dwellings - To Vary Condition 5 (Visibility Splays) as per Covering Letter and Transport details @ land south of Barrells Road</p> <p>b) SCC/0037/22MS/VOC9 - Proposal: Vary Condition 9 to refer instead to car parking approved under SCC/0121/23MS @ Thurston Community College Norton Road</p> <p>c) DC/19/02090 - APP/W3520/W/23/3317494 – Appeal allowed - s development of up to 210 dwellings and new vehicular access to include planting and landscaping, natural and semi natural greenspace(s), children’s play area and sustainable drainage system (SuDS), to include 35% affordable dwellings @ land east of Ixworth Road.</p>	9.00
13.	<p>Councillor Reports:</p> <p>a) To report village matters of concern to the Clerk.</p> <p>b) To receive items for information only from parish council appointed representatives on outside bodies / groups.</p>	9.15
14.	<p>Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and in particular:</p> <p>a) To note that the Council has been copied into communication relating to the installation of hedgehog warning signs – further details as to the signs required and location are awaited prior to consideration of applications for street licences.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the EV Charging Project at the Recreation Ground Car Park, Church Road</p> <p>c) To receive an update on the surface matting replacement at the play areas on New Green and the Recreation Field on Church Road.</p> <p>d) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers.</p> <p>e) To receive items of correspondence for noting only.</p>	9.25
15.	<p>To confirm the date of future meetings: all taking place in the Thurston Community Library:</p> <p>a) Planning Committee Meeting – 20th September 2023 – commencing at 7.00pm</p> <p>b) Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting – 27th September 2023 – commencing at 6.00pm.</p> <p>c) Parish Council Meeting – 4th October 2023 – commencing at 7.00pm</p>	9.40

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To discuss matters raised under the Parish Council Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes on 28th July 2023. b) To discuss matters raised at a pre-application meeting for reserve matters for an approved outline application. c) To receive an update on matters raised under a meeting to discuss two extant planning applications. 	9.45
17.	Close of the Meeting	10.00

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Proper Officer to the Council
30.08.2023