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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 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 6 th December 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. c) Council to approve the proposal to make contact with Rougham Estate Manager to discuss the woodland on the east side of the road leading to Fishwick Corner from the Beyton Road junction to discuss problem-solving solutions for the area. d) Precept Survey – Suffolk PCC proposes increase in precept to fund constabulary in 2024/25	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 receive nominations for the vacant posts of Councillor (2). b) To receive nominations for the vacant post of Safeguarding Officer. c) To consider resolving to support the Climate and Ecology Bill campaigned for by Zero Hour – as recommended by the LEC, Council is asked to support this bill currently before	7.55

	<p>the House of Commons</p> <p>d) Land adjacent to 54 Barleyfields, Thurston – Council to receive the response regarding the acquisition of the land highlighted in red from Sustrans</p>	
9.	<p>To consider matters relating to Network Rail:</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the feasibility study relating to the Thurston Station Level Crossing to be carried out by Network Rail.</p>	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> <p>a) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (<i>Paper 1 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 2 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 3 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 31.12.23 (<i>Paper 4 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>e) To receive and consider the bank to actual statement including aggregate income and expenditure for the period ending 31st December 2023 (<i>Paper 5 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>f) To approve the budget to be set for the year 2024-2025 (<i>Paper 6 – 10.01.24 & Narrative to the Budget – 10.01.24</i>) and to agree the precept to be set.</p> <p>g) To consider a further request for grant aid under the Council’s Grant Awarding Policy (<i>Paper 7 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>h) To note the CIL report for December 2023 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (<i>Paper 8 – 10.01.24</i>)</p> <p>i) To receive and consider the list of verified CIL bids submitted under Round Bid 2 2023-2024 (<i>Paper 9 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>j) To consider and agree to ring fence the sum of £5,000 for Thurston Community Library rebuild (as awarded under CIL Bid Round 1 May-July 2022) until March 2025</p> <p>k) To retrospectively approve the replacement laptops for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to allow Window upgrades to be supported in the sum of £759 (ex VAT) – funds to be allocated from the IT maintenance budget for the year 2023-2024 (£1,500).</p>	8.15
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 and formulate a collective response to the Suffolk Library Consultation</p> <p>e) To consider Councillor representation at the resident surgery asking place on 9th February 2024 between 11.00am and 1.00pm in the Thurst Café. To note County Cllr. Otton and District Cllrs. Davies and Bradbury will be in attendance.</p> <p>f) D-Day 6th June – 80th Celebration - Council to consider whether to support a commemorative event and for the parish to light one of the 14 beacons in Suffolk.</p>	8.45
12.	<p>To consider matters relating to Planning:</p> <p>a) To note that the Council Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes due to be held on Friday 24th November 2023 has still to be rescheduled.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the 1st Parish Liaison Scheme Meeting between Bloor Homes Ltd and the Parish Council held on 8th December commencing at 1.30pm.</p> <p>c) DC/23/02429 & DC/23/02430 – to receive an update on the status of both planning applications.</p>	9.15
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>	9.30
14	<p>Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and in particular:</p> <p>a) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers.</p>	9.40

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) To receive an update on the High Street Safari Christmas Trail as run by the PC in December 2023. c) Suffolk Creating the Greenest County Awards 2024 – applications before 31st January 2024 d) To receive items of correspondence for noting only. 	
15.	<p>To confirm the date of future meetings: all taking place in the Thurston Community Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting – commencing at 6.30pm b) Planning Committee Meeting — commencing at 8.00pm c) Parish Council Meeting – 7th February 2024 – commencing at 7.00pm 	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council to receive an update on the land transfer discussions associated with DC/23/02429 & DC/23/02430. 	9.55
17.	Close of the meeting	10.00
<p><i>Victoria S Waples</i> Victoria S Waples, Proper Officer to the Council 05.01.24</p>		