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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th March 2024 commencing at **7.00pm** in the Thurston Community Library on Norton Road.

The Council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

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 7 th February 2024. 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 Community Policing Team (CPT) on crimes relating to Thurston b) To consider matters for referral to Stowmarket CPT.	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) Land adjacent to 54 Barleyfields, Thurston – Council to receive the response regarding the acquisition of the land highlighted in red from Sustrans and to be informed of the anticipated costs with regards to acquisition c) To receive an update on the Detached Youth Work Project and to determine the way forward.	7.55
9.	To consider matters relating to Network Rail: a) To receive an update on the feasibility study relating to the Thurston Station Level	8.10

	<p>Crossing to be carried out by Network Rail.</p> <p>b) To consider and approve annual membership as a corporate member (cost £25p/annum) of the Mid Anglia Rail Passenger Association (MARPA)</p>	
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 – 06.03.24</i>)</p> <p>b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 29.02.24 (<i>Paper 2 – 06.03.24</i>)</p> <p>c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 29.02.24 (<i>Paper 3 – 076.03.24</i>)</p> <p>d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 29.02.24 (<i>Paper 4 – 06.03.24</i>)</p> <p>e) To note the CIL report for February 2024 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (<i>Paper 5 – 06.03.24</i>).</p> <p>f) To receive and consider the internal control review as carried out by Cllrs. Rainbow and West on 1st March 2024 - (<i>Paper 6 – 06.03.24</i>).</p> <p>g) To receive the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee noting that the annual review of the council's financial risk assessment and internal controls has now been completed (<i>P&R Draft Minutes– 21.02.24</i>)</p> <p>h) To receive and consider the recommendation by the Policy and Resources Committee of the appointment of Mr Trevor Brown as Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2024 (<i>Paper 7 – 06.03.24</i>).</p> <p>i) To consider a further request for grant aid under the Council's Grant Awarding Policy (<i>Paper 8 – 06.03.24</i>)</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 the recruitment of an Editor for the Community Newsletter.</p> <p>c) To receive an update on matters relating to Ixworth Road.</p> <p>d) To receive an update on the Taxi-Bus Service – Thurston to Bury St Edmunds including matters relating to the Grant Offer under the BSIP to deliver enhancements to the Village Connections DRT Scheme.</p> <p>e) To receive an update on the expansion plans for Thurston Community Library.</p>	8.45
12.	<p>To consider matters relating to Planning:</p> <p>a) To receive the notes from the Council Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes of 16th February 2024 and to note the date of the next meeting is scheduled for 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>b) DC/23/02429 & DC/23/02430 – to receive an update on the status of both planning applications.</p> <p>c) Thurston Extra Care Facility, Heath Road – to note arrangements for the parish council to attend site and meet with the Site Management Team on 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>d) To consider the two potential schemes to improve the PROW network in Thurston (<i>Paper - FP1 and FP7</i>)</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> <p>b) To note correspondence received regarding the recent Ofstead Report on SCC's SEND services and to note action being taken: Improving SEND in Suffolk</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) Planning Committee Meeting – 20th March 2024 - commencing at 6.00pm</p> <p>b) Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting – 20th March 2024 - commencing at</p>	9.50

	<p>7.30pm</p> <p>c) Parish Council Meeting – 3rd April 2024 – commencing at 7.00pm</p> <p>d) Annual Parish Meeting – 18th April 2024 – commencing at 7.30pm in the Cavendish Hall, Church Road.</p> <p>e) To receive the list of meeting dates as scheduled for the year 2024-2025.</p>	
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) Lease for the building on the Recreation Ground, Church Road – Council to consider the request from SCC relating to the current lease.</p>	9.55
17.	Close of the meeting	10.00
<p><i>Victoria S Waples</i> Victoria S Waples, Proper Officer to the Council 29.02.2024</p>		