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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 7th February 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 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 10 th January 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).	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 Crossing to be carried out by Network Rail.	8.10
10.	Finance - to view all associated papers please use the following web-link: https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/ a) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (<i>Paper 1 – 07.02.24</i>)	8.15

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 2 – 07.02.24</i>) c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 3 – 07.02.24</i>) d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 31.01.24 (<i>Paper 4 – 07.02.24</i>) e) To receive confirmation of Thurston Parish Council’s Precept upon the Charging Authority with a precept for 2024/25 of £177,360 giving the parish a Council Tax Band D amount of £100.38. f) To note the CIL report for January 2024 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (<i>Paper 5 – 07.02.24</i>). g) To receive and consider the list of verified CIL bids submitted under Round Bid 2 2023-2024 (<i>Paper 6 – 07.02.24</i>). h) To note that the Clerk has initiated delegated powers under FR4.5 and authorized works to trees on the New Green Open Space area to the sum of £480.00. Monies will come from the balance held under the CIL bid (22-23) for tree work to the Open Space Area (Balance of £2,175). 	
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 be reminded of the resident surgery taking place on 9th February 2024 between 11.00am and 1.00pm in the Thurst Café. 	8.45
12.	<p>To consider matters relating to Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To note that the Council Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes is scheduled for 16th February 2024 commencing at 2.00pm. b) DC/23/02429 & DC/23/02430 – to receive an update on the status of both planning applications. c) Joint Local Validation List Consultation - Monday 22nd January to Monday 4th March 2024 – Council to review and consider a response. d) Council to consider the recommendation from the Planning Committee to carry out a Housing Needs Survey on the needs and provision of housing for the age range 18-25 at a cost of £tbc. e) To receive volunteers to sit on a working group tasked with raising the profile of essential infrastructure needed within the village with relevant authorities and appropriate stakeholders. f) Thurston Extra Care Facility, Heath Road – to note arrangements for the parish council to attend site and meet with the Site Management Team. g) SN/23/00343/SNL - New Development at Land On The North Side Of (Phase 3) Norton Road – Council is requested to suggest new road names 	9.15
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers. b) To note works have been carried out to the footpath Barleyfields to Station Hill – specification was to remove the fence and cut the vegetation down to ground level. c) To receive items of correspondence for noting only. 	9.40
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) Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - 21st February 2024 – commencing at 6.30pm b) Planning Committee Meeting – 21st February 2024 - commencing at 8.00pm c) Emergency Planning Committee Meeting – 28th February 2024 – commencing at 6.30pm d) Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting – 28th February 2024 - commencing at 	9.50

	7.15pm e) Parish Council Meeting – 6 th March 2024 – commencing at 7.00pm	
16.	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 – a) Council to consider the quotations for grass cutting for areas under the remit of the parish council for the 2024 season. b) Council as Sole Trustee to receive the minutes of the 29 th November 2023 and to note actions arising from the meeting of 31 st January 2024.	9.55
17.	Close of the meeting	10.00
<p><i>Victoria S Waples</i> Victoria S Waples, Proper Officer to the Council 01.02.2024</p>		