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The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the monthly Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th December 2023 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 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 1 st November 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 receive nominations for the vacant posts of Councillor (2). b) To receive nominations for the vacant post of Safeguarding Officer. c) To retrospectively approve the nominations of Cllrs. Gerrish & Moy to sit on the Leisure and Environment Committee. d) To note the Chair for the Leisure and Environment Committee is now filled by Cllr. Pott. e) To note the resignation of Cllr. Morris as the parish council appointed Local Recorder for Thurston.	7.55

	<p>f) Land adjacent to 54 Barleyfields, Thurston</p> <p>i. Council to consider whether it is interested in acquiring this land from Sustrans (<i>as indicated in red on the map entitled "Land at Barleyfields"</i>) – cost to be ascertained</p> <p>ii. Council to agree to reimburse Sustrans with the cost of the valuation report for the land as part of the acquisition costs in the sum of £800 plus VAT.</p> <p>g) Council to approve the recommendation from the LEC that it adopts a Biodiversity Policy and that the LEC be granted delegated powers to carry out a review of biodiversity plans in place and create an action plan of what more the council can do and how else it can support the action of others (<i>Papers entitled Thurston Biodiversity Policy & Thurston Biodiversity Action Plan</i>).</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> <p>b) Council to note a comment has been passed to the District Councillors for clarification as to the levels of sums earmarked as funding for the Level Crossing Improvements under the District Council's Infrastructure Investment Plan.</p>	8.15
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 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 2 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting up to 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 3 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>d) To receive the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 30.11.23 (<i>Paper 4 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>e) To receive the Internal Control Report on the council's internal procedures as carried out by Cllr. Rainbow on 1st December 2023 (<i>Paper 5 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>f) To note the CIL report for November 2023 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (<i>Paper 6 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>g) To receive and consider the recommendation from the LEC for inclusive play equipment to be located within an extended fenced play area on New Green (<i>Paper 7 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>h) To consider the request from Stowmarket ASD Saturday Club for a donation towards updating resources and equipment (<i>Paper 8 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>i) To receive the report from Cllrs. Rainbow and West following the recent internal control review as carried out on 1st December 2023 (<i>Paper 9 – 06.12.23</i>)</p> <p>j) To receive the 1st Draft of the Budgetary Papers for 2024-2025 as reviewed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 15th November 2023 – Council to note amendments made.</p> <p>k) To retrospectively approve the increased expenditure (£250 agreed at meeting of 04.10.23) for 2 No. Christmas Trees and decorations, one to be sited at the Library and the other at St Peter's Church – cost £370 – increase of £220.</p>	8.25
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 receive a report on the meeting to discuss the above project on 15th November 2023 and to confirm the Council's commitment to an extension of the trial scheme noting that a bid is being formed and will be submitted for Funding for Bus Network Improvements (in the sum of £1.8million for Suffolk) for the current scheme.</p>	9.00
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 been rescheduled.</p> <p>b) To note the 1st Parish Liaison Scheme Meeting between Bloor Homes Ltd and the Parish Council will be 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</p>	9.20

	applications	
13.	Councillor Reports: 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	Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and in particular: a) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers. b) To receive items of correspondence for noting only. c) To note the dates for the office closure for the Christmas break.	9.40
15.	To confirm the date of future meetings: all taking place in the Thurston Community Library: a) Planning Committee Meeting – 20 th December 2023 – commencing at 7.00pm b) Parish Council Meeting – 10 th January 2024 – commencing at 7.00pm	9.50
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 (as Sole Trustee) to receive the approved minutes of the 18 th October meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust Charity.	9.55
17.	Close of the meeting	10.00
<p><i>Victoria S Waples</i> Victoria S Waples, Proper Officer to the Council 01.12.23</p>		