



THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL meeting of THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL held on **11TH JANUARY 2024** following on from the preceding meeting.

Members Present: Cllr Frater (Chair), Cllr Frostick, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Williams (arriving at 20:20), Cllr Young, Cllr Howells, Cllr Wattebot, Cllr Perkins.

Officer: Dena Oxley Clerk & RFO

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1	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Knight (Vice Chair) Cllr Weakley & Cllr Williams who is attending later. Apologies were also received and accepted from District Cllr Haynes and County Cllr Foley.
2	Declarations of Interest None received
3	Public representations None made
4	Reports from District & County Councillors A question to our County Cllr in his absence, Library closures are being discussed and rumours of redundancies are now taking place. We would like to know what the facts are in connection to our Library. Also to Commend the vice chairman Cllr Knight in connection to taking up the issue of flooding at Graces farm, as identified through the County Cllr Reports, the Parish Council fully support Cllr Knights efforts.
5	Minutes Resolved To approve the 7 th December 2023 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. To Note the Draft minutes of the Personnel Committee dated 14 th December 2023
6	Cutlers Solar Farm - Rule 6 Despite unwavering support from residents and the Parish Council the Rule 6 application failed. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the overspend from the EMR as detailed under finance. The Parish Council have no desire to continue with any further redress in connection to this matter.
7	Chairman's Report UKPN at the top of the Bullring caused a variety of issues in connection to the works being carried out in this area. Essex Flooding is meeting us once more in connection with the severity of the flooding experienced in Thaxted.
8	Vision Zero Pledge. Resolved to sign the Vision Zero Pledge – SERP (saferessexroads.org) and to write to Roger Hurst in connection to action and impact arising from this and other pledges.
9	Uttlesford Community Action Network To consider the request (see letter) to promote and increase the use of the mobile hub vehicles and access for vulnerable people in rural areas particularly in Uttlesford. Suggesting Pam's Place, top of Margaret street car park.
10	Local Plan There is no update aside from saying that ½ the Town did not receive their leaflet so comments could not be made. The Chairman wishes to thank everyone who worked on this over the past few months.
11	Neighbourhood Plan steering group update Despite the fact that we have written to Dean Hermitage several times no response to date has been

	received. The dates for all Grants are for submission within the next 2 weeks, with all expenses to be completed by 31 st March. The Clerk and Chairman will raise this with Peter Holt with urgent effect to see how we get this moving. Cllr Herbert, Alex and Nick will all need briefing by UDC. Rachel Hogger is getting instructions from other district councils however Nothing from UDC.
12	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To review and sign on-line payments as per report for December 2023 b) To receive the councils' full finances up to and including December 2023 c) To confirm the Precept request form has been made and sent Resolved To CONFIRM the RECOMMENDATION that the precept to be levied on parishioners in 2024-2025 is set at £145,520.00 This will result in a Band D property paying £101.05 per annum, an increase of £5.63 when compared to the 2023/2024 year. d) To confirm that Q3 VAT return has been completed and sent e) Rule 6 deficit -£938.62 – Resolved to Approve a redirection of funds from the EMR election fund
13	<p>Office Clerks Report</p> <p>To receive a report on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
14	<p>Guildhall Custodian Report</p> <p>To review a new monthly report on matters connected to the Guildhall</p>
15	<p>Items for the next agenda (not for resolution)</p> <p>Change the terms of reference for the planning committee. Flooding APA Planning and advertising and updates Online payments 6th June D day 80th anniversary including a new Gas burner funded by ECC – assistant Clerk to explore options.</p>