

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THAXTED PARISH HELD ON
THURSDAY 21st March 2019 AT 8.00 PM IN THE DAY CENTRE**

Present:

Councillors: Terry Frostick (Chairman), William Brazier, Andy. Frater, Alison Howells, Victoria Knight, David Morgan, Jon Spencer, Ian Stewart, Ray Williams,

Also present: D Ludford (Clerk & RFO)
County Councillor Simon Walsh
District Councillor Martin Foley
Richard Haynes – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Member
21 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Antoinette Wattebot
Cllr Victoria Knight
Cllr Jude Miller
District Cllr John Freeman

2. To receive and approve as a correct record, the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on 22nd March 2018

Resolved to Approve the minutes of the last annual parish meeting held on 22nd March 2018, having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Brief on activities related to Thaxted & Thaxted Parish Council

See Appendix A

The Chairman thanked representatives from the Youth Club, Rita & Cllr. R Williams for their assistance with providing refreshments for the meeting.

Wild Thaxted booklet will be launched Easter Monday with a walk including the Thaxted Minibus for those who don't wish to walk back. The other project we're getting underway is swift boxes and we're putting together around £300 which should be able to purchase some boxes.

Another project we've been trying to get underway is to see if chalky meadows can be managed by. I'd like to thank the Parish Council and the County Council on behalf of the P3 group who are a group of volunteers who are responsible for including District Cllr John Freeman who permits us to store our equipment, we'd also like to mention the river Walden we sample two areas twice monthly for river fly larva which is a good indicator of how healthy the river is, the greater success should be that we captured on film an otter unfortunately we've also managed to catch mink which have devastated the water vole population.

4. To Receive a report from the RFO on the finances for the year ending 2017-2018

See Appendix B

5. To Receive a report from Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

See Appendix C

Richard wished to add in addition that a lot of us were rather disappointed on some of the deletions like all planners they like to keep things in the general context, however the one key policy which related to the land on the development areas around Thaxted. He decided that all that land should be protected. The other issue is that the local plan is about to come up. e.g. There is proposed development on Park street and land adjacent to Copthall lane, including the Sampford road development which may rear its ugly head. We for the moment do get protection from the 3-year land supply, if the local plan gets thrown out again, then we have to be cautious.

Cllr Brazier wishes to note that Peter Neal & Richard and many others have worked tirelessly on this as they did before this the Gladman's appeal.

Chairman Signature

6. To Invite Essex County Cllr Simon Walsh to report on matters connected to Thaxted

See Appendix D

In addition to those items mentioned in the report, speed limits are issues, I'm chairing a meeting on Monday evening the LHP and they will be discussion and hopefully improving the implementation of this project.

The Library consultation has already been eluded to and we will have the response from that in July/August and I will continue to work behind the schemes to ensure your library remains open.

In regard to the airport we are working on the government policies being passed and air quality and knight flights are all being considered.

In terms of the B word (Brexit) to ensure you that your county has a plan in the event of a no deal.

Bridge closes in Bardfield are to be closed although this is being challenged as farmers do farm both sides of the bridge.

7. To invite District Councillors to report on matters connected to Thaxted

See Appendix E

HOT off the press - The Stansted airport planning application to take the airport to 43million will not be called by the secretary of state.

In addition to the report signs are already up to alert the parishioners that the resurfacing from the recreation ground to the tanyard is being.

Community achievement awards and delighted and proud to be a co-nominator along with the Clerk, Ray will be the first to tell you that he received this award on behalf of the youth team.

8. We are joined by Station Manager James Taylor from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service who will report on community led initiatives around Thaxted and our Neighbouring areas. (we hope that James may be able to stay to take questions from the floor later in the evening)

Operational and community risk manager James Taylor wishes to thank Thaxted Parish for an event which was held here in 2018, just before our last Annual Parish Assembly, this was in fact the first event called 'safe well and secure'. The police fire and crime commissioner has become our new boss so therefore the fire and police are now joined. This is a partnership way of working making people safe within homes and reduce crime promoting health wellbeing safety and security in this area. There were many lessons to be learned, fire police and local authority have resources who can turn up to events however we had a desire to bring in smaller organisations who would then be given the opportunity to engage.

We had around 40 organisations working at this event last year. The most successful part of our two events were the door stop engagement and the fire service, visiting 1210 properties giving out 850 info packs, we from this we installed 71 smoke alarms, made 61 referrals to other agencies, including 2 safeguarding referrals.

Exeter data is something which we hold which is in summary data of every person over the age of 65 registered with a GP, within Thaxted this equates to 736 residents. We engaged around 250 pupils at school with a fire poster, we also delivered road safety info and finally 250 attended at our fire station which was far more than we were anticipating, and we were thankful for this.

Personally, I feel that some of the more rural areas are often overlooked in favour of some of the lager areas which is something I'm passionate about.

Following that week, we reported back to the board and a project was agreed to be held in Saffron Walden also. Amongst other points we received around 25 referrals, which equates to around a third of the referrals make during the Thaxted event. I personally think that this is because Thaxted is more rural and doesn't have the resources on your doorstep like saffron Walden. From these local events, new events called 'Essex Vision' will be rolled out.

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The Chairman thanked James and we all agree we are very fortunate to have a fire service here in Thaxted and we thank you for being here and continuing to save lives.

Cllr Jon Spencer wished to state that he visited the school during the event which was very well received, a fantastic event.

9. To receive questions from residents relating to matters connected to or affecting the parish of Thaxted

Questions raised in advance of the assembly

Q Group 1

Hi, can I please ask for an update of the status of the S106 agreement that was attached to the Knight Developments planning for the houses off Sampford Road at next week's meeting.

1. What has been the delay to the gifting process?

- a) The fact that the PC is not named in the S106 agreement, this therefore means that UDC have been acting as our 'middle man' so to speak.
- b) UDC had to authorise the PC to be the Receiving party.
- c) The area was not considered 'Fit for transfer' by either UDC or the Parish council – this was authorised by UDC on 3rd July 2018 and the developers were issued a letter of 'satisfactory condition'.
- d) From this 'satisfactory condition' time frame, this then activated the s.106 Part 3 paras 9 – 12, which is 'the condition that the developers don't have to transfer the POS land until after the 1 year maintenance period that follows the letter of satisfactory completion' – so technically the earliest we could be in possession of the land around 3rd July 2019.
- e) The developer's application for amendment of the S106 had an impact in the legal process of transfer, however not to any large degree.

2. What is the current status of the land to be open space/allotments?

- a) There are no changes to the S106 agreement in connection to the land to be open space/allotments.

The chairman eluded to the desire to rehouse the scouts and this parcel of land has community use built in to the agreement, with water already on site, so there may be some changes to this should the need arise, this has not been officially taken to Council yet as to date we still do not own the land.

3. Two trees have been felled recently on the corridor of land either side of the footpath. How does the Parish propose to maintain this stretch of land? (Note I have highlighted this issue to Councillor A. Howells.)

- a) **The Parish Council is unable to comment on the felling of trees as this was not at our request.** To comment would be to speculate as to who commissioned this work, given that the land remains in the ownership of Knights development I would ask that this comment be directed to them.
- b) The Parish Council have identified the specific needs as outlined in the S106 agreement and have a grounds maintenance schedule drafted in readiness of the transfer of land.

Q Group 2)

1) In the last 10 years How much has the Council spent on/ given to: Thaxted Youth Club including Knocking down the old building and putting up the current one.

- a) The club has received no funding from the Parish Council for at least twelve years.
- b) The building was demolished, and the site cleared by Ron Haige & Sons at no cost, in thanks to the commitment and dedication of so many people, since the club first opened its doors in the year. 1947.
- c.) There is a plaque in the Youth Club listing all those that gave so generously towards the cost of the new building.
- d.) The Parish Council, perhaps around fifteen years ago, allocated to EMR. £5,000.00. towards the initial costs of plans being prepared, legal expenses etc.etc.

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In the last 10 years How much has the Council spent on/ given to: Thaxted Scout movement including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides e.c.t.?

The Council retain records for 6 years only, the following information has been retrieved:

Scouts in 2014 received a grant for	£300
Windmill Pre School in 2014 received a grant for	£200
And the Guides/Scouts for Silos	£500

A member of the Youth club wished to state that the Essex boys & girls club are tremendous at supporting organisations in grant finding.

2) What is the council doing regarding providing land and a building for Thaxted Scout group, I believe this was agreed before the sale of the pieces of land next to their current site off Bardfield road which is over 5 years ago. This concerns me as for at least the 5 years my son has been involved in Scouting they have been in limbo, unable to secure funding to improve the existing building as they have been told they will be moved off within the next year to somewhere else so the land can be sold the whole time.

Answer 1) In the event that this piece of land be used for social housing as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan (Page 60 paragraph 3), this does not however preclude the scouts from finding alternative positioning of their own.

Answer 2) There was no agreement in connection to the scout's allotment tenancy during the sale of the adjoining piece of land. However, the council has supported the NP recommendation. (refer to previous answer)

Answer 3) The allotment tenancy is in its own right a temporary measure and the Parish Council has been content year on year to extend this which the Scouts have accepted, I refer back to Answers 1 & 2.

3) Who is responsible for the care and hire of the building used by the Football Club on the Recreation Ground off Walden Road? What does this facility cost to run each year?

Answer 1) The Thaxted Rangers are solely responsible for both the care and hire of the pavilion.

Answer 2) The parish council are unable to respond to the question in connection to the running costs. The Thaxted Rangers may be able to support this answer.

Q group 3)

The Neighbourhood Plan is fully adopted and effective. As well as the planning policies that now form the basis for the determination by Uttlesford, of applications in Thaxted, there are a number of other non-planning policies highlighted in the text by bold type. They relate to such matters as Article 4 Directions; parking; and weight restrictions; and are essentially initiatives that need to be taken forward by the Parish Council. What steps are the PC taking therefore, to seek to implement these policies?

Answer:

The Parish Council has a 5 year plan, this plan was largely formulated from the neighbourhood plan, the Parish Council work on expanding this yearly, breaking down what projects might be achievable and in what timescale, at the beginning of each council year the council review this plan and ensure that they continue to work to a schedule which has been identified by the people of Thaxted.

Additional questions asked during the assembly

Q4, where has the light gone outside the youth club?

Answer – we'll look into it. It is suspected that UKPN have removed the pole, and therefore the equipment which was erected by TPC has been removed.

Just before the meeting closed I'd like to thank the following persons, Ray and Rita Rosie and Tom for suppling us with Teas coffee and biscuits this evening. And others who help keep out town in order.

Our Handyperson Roy who you may see around on a Friday afternoon, our guildhall Custodian Alan who helps take care of the Guildhall amongst other areas, our cleaners Mary and Celina and finally my long suffering wife (*chairman's bad joke! As edited by the clerk*)... I mean clerk Dena who must put up with me.

Meeting closed. 21.46

Chairman Signature

Appendix A Thaxted Annual Parish Report 2019 from the Chairman of Thaxted Parish Council

Good evening and welcome to this your Thaxted Annual Parish Meeting tonight, Before we begin, you may have already been aware of the recent and sad passing of Colonel Roger Burgess OBE (RETD), as a mark of our respect to this past councillor and stalwart of Thaxted, I would now ask those of you who are able to stand, for a minutes reflective silence.....

I will give a brief report on the previous Council year and then I will answer the written questions we have been notified in advance of as per the agenda.

We will then have a report from Richard of the Thaxted Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Then I will allow simple questions from the floor and answer if they are general council questions or to direct them to the relevant committee Chairman's where relevant.

April.

Stansted Airport Expansion rears its ugly head and the council responded to its consultation including the increase in air movements and night flight.

The NP presented its Draft plan to the Council for discussion.

The coach park having been used for over 20 years for school & Parents parking was discussed and as a result of this a lawful certificate of use to protect the school use was sought, however, this couldn't be achieved so the Council considered progressing a planning application to enlarge and legalise this practise. This application was submitted by the Parish Council and has now been approved, work will progress in due course.

Cllr Foley gave us a generous donation of £1000 from his New Homes Bonus Grant for our new tubs, we've had many compliments this year.

Airfields of Britain's conservation trust delivered the WW1 plaque and this was later sited along the Copthall lane.

Staff Appraisals were carried out for the staff and were signed off at the Personnel and It Committee meeting.

May

It was resolved unanimously to re-elect me as Chairman and Victoria as Vice chairman for another year, the council also elected the various committees and Chairman's.

We had a enthusiastic metal detectorist request permission to detect on council land, the council supported this application on the provision that all relevant finds were identified and achieved accordingly.

Cllr Jon Spencer was elected as the **new** Highways chairman and a report will follow.

June

The UDC draft regulation 19 was sent out for draft consultation to which the council responded to, this document was over 470 pages in length. And we are incredibly thankful to the Clerk for her due diligence in this process.

Several problems with the refuge collection were reported and district councillors took appropriate action with this.

The Parish Council worked actively with the surgery in connection to their upcoming build, land which could be used to house the site compound was agreed and the clerk progressed with this matter on behalf of the council to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Council looked at funding a PCSO or Special constable to date no volunteers have come forward despite being advertised.

It was unanimously resolved to Accept the generous gift of welly boot wood donated by Jeanne & Fred Knight, the clerk is currently in the process of arranging a plaque to commemorate this gift.

The council resolved to seek more information in connection to community land trust and how this might help Thaxted in the future or which Cllr Morgan is a keep supporter of this and undertook to attend future events.

July

This saw the beginning of the proposed development of 104 dwelling including a land for a primary school and an open space situated land south of Sampford road B1051, this the council unanimously objected to and put forward numerous reasons as to why.

The Council approved their own safeguarding policy.

The memorial shelter in Newbiggen street was brought to the councils attention as in much need or repair or replacement, there were discussions in connection to an interested party seeking to purchase and re-site this, however, the council felt that in the interests of heritage this much loved asset belonged in situ and measures were taken to save this.

August

As the English weather continued to surprise us, this also saw the first collective annual volunteers celebration in our wonderful conservation garden, this was enjoyed by all who attended and as such it is hoped to be repeated again, although the clerk and I feel its time for someone else to take their turn in the stocks!

LCTS the clerk replied to this for the council tax year 19/20 to no avail, resulting in the financial loss to this parish which was reported in previous years.

Cllr Frater presented a rural crime report in connection to County Lines and how this effected our area.

Cllr Morgan donated a picture to the Parish Council which currently hangs in the Guildhall.

A letter of Thanks to the Council was received from the Thaxted Bowls club in connection to a grant they received.

The Council felt that it was important that the clerk and councillors were sufficiently trained for their roles and supported further training.

September

A resident thanked the clerk and the council for their support in connection to a flooding incident at the Tanyard.

In connection to the recently mentioned Memorial shelter in Newbiggen street it was resolved to make remedial repairs by removing the roof and making good the remaining shelter.

The Council agreed to take responsibility for the memorial board and this was added to its insurance policy, and to use any remaining funds for future maintenance.

The Council discussed operation London Bridge where upon an agreement/action plan has been formulated and is held in a safe and secure place within the office.

October

Several residents raised to the clerk the amount of dog mess around the areas of the windmill and graveyard. The Clerk took this matter up with the relevant parties in UDC to seek a resolution.

Claypits development was presented to UDC planning committee, the chairman spoke in connection to this matter, however the UDC planning committee approved the outline planning permission despite our objections.

The Past Vice Chairman Cllr Knight had work hard with all parties and the council resolved to accept the resolution which was presented to them.

Cllr Frater was appointed to represent TPC for the twinning society.

The Clerk has taken on board the need from several residents in several areas in connection to additional dog bins. This was taken to a subsequent open spaces committee where permission was given to proceed with this project.

Thaxted Parish Council – a way forward – the chairman instigated a discussion regarding future plans and aspiration regarding the council and the council, this was largely formulated by the up and coming neighbourhood plan, identifying needs and assessing how best we might complete these as tasks. This helps to form the basis of our rolling 3-5 year plan.

During the open spaces meeting it was identified that there was lots of work which had begun in Beech tree Gardens. Walnut tree meadow hedges were being cut and the tubs were in full bloom. Margaret street gardens discussions were tabled regarding various items of maintenance.

November

We began to receive updates in connection to the Guildhall repairs and historic England were preparing to take forward the grant request made by ECC on behalf of UDC.

District Cllr Foley discussed with us the current state of play in connection to Stansted Airport and the night flights.

This saw the month that ECC announced that we had an opportunity to become a part of a trial whereby the parish council would take ownership/responsibility of some devolved highways projects.

The Chairman wishes to congratulate the clerk of being awarded NALC runner up nationally.

December

Cllr Howard Rolf joined us for this meeting and was welcomed. Several questions were put to Cllr Rolf in connection to social housing and other matters.

This began the Library consultation which has been widely commented on.

The council received a short presentation from Wild Thaxted and its aims, and the Council was fully supportive of these.

Cllr Jon Spencer became the Patient participation group representative for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council was overjoyed with the results of Our Local Karate club and pictures were taken and certificates we given to award all who made such a valiant effort.

Remembrance day events were noted and the parade and firework display were very well received, a special thanks to Cllr Brazier for his hard work and dedication connected to this and a special thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted.

Some late grants were received by the Finance and asset committee which were approved in various denominations however the council were pleased to support the Thaxted centre for the disabled and the Thaxted Society bulletin grant along with the Thaxted PCC new church project.

Jan

The Council approved a budget of £117,500 which levies a band D rate of £85.63 per annum which is just a small increase of £1.45 per year.

New financial regulations were also approved and would like to thank Cllr Williams for his due diligence in all financial matters.

Cllr's Morgan and Frater were selected to attend the polling count held on the 25th January following the successful referendum of our Neighbourhood plan on the 24th January.

The Council resolved to reduce our carbon footprint and go paper free, this was unanimously approved and in accordance to our publication policy.

The Council approved unanimously to introduce mobile tablets for councillors which will come in to effect in April/May 2019.

The Council chose not to participate in the village of the year competition due to this being an election year, however if a willing group of volunteers wish to make them self known to Cllr Howells as her tubs and new troughs have been thoughtfully planted.

The Local Bus Consultation was published and Cllr Wattebott became our appointed transport representative responded to this as deemed appropriate.

The Parish Council set up a Library consultation working group consisting of Cllr Frater, Spencer, Morgan, Knight and Watterbot.

Feb

Upon further investigation after the council was presented with options in connection to a community land trust, it was felt that Community led housing would be more suitable option and the council unanimously set up a community working group to take this matter forward consisting of, Cllr's Stewart, Morgan and Brazier.

A local community police meeting was attended by The Chairman and Cllr Williams plus 1 other resident (Poorly attended) , the results of which identified the low crime reporting in Thaxted.

Terry Frostick
Chairman
Thaxted Parish Council

(Ask Jon to present highways report)

Annual Budget - By Combined Account Code

Note: Budget report 2017

		<u>2016-17</u>		<u>01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018</u>				<u>2018-19</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<u>Budget Income</u>										
1076	Precept	101,065	101,065	101,864	101,864	101,864	0	111,916	0	0
1077	LCTS Grant	7,630	7,642	3,837	3,837	3,873	0	0	0	0
1090	Bank Interest	800	677	100	39	100	0	80	0	0
1091	Bank Interest (Guildhall)	30	0	30	118	20	0	0	0	0
1092	Bank Interest (Market)	50	62	25	1	16	0	16	0	0
1100	Capital Receipts	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
1201	Allotment Rents	500	588	400	42	400	0	450	0	0
1202	Other Rents	750	946	655	663	1,105	0	1,000	0	0
1206	Clarance House Garden income	400	440	200	3,600	150	0	100	0	0
1207	Compensation, Criminal damage	240	260	0	24	0	0	0	0	0
1208	Remembrance Memorial Donations	0	0	0	3,190	2,850	0	0	0	0
1209	Quen's 90th Bday celebs	0	4,623	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1210	Tourism Income	600	1,174	150	909	400	0	400	0	0
1211	Insurance inc Pavillion/Other	0	240	0	0	0	0	240	0	0
1215	Grants	3,500	4,500	0	36,649	35,000	35,000	0	0	0
1222	Neighbourhood Plan	0	13,645	0	2,910	0	0	0	0	0
1223	P3 Income	1	1,089	1	421	1	0	1	0	0
1225	Website Income	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1230	Market rents	5,000	5,565	5,000	4,750	4,500	0	4,500	0	0
1240	Guildhall income - hirings	2,500	1,530	1,250	883	1,000	0	1,565	0	0
1241	Guildhall income - sales	300	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1242	Guildhall grants/donations	6,500	11,520	7,000	6,615	7,000	0	6,150	0	0
1300	Miscellaneous Income	0	718	0	155	55	0	0	0	0

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	Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Total Income	129,946	156,299	120,512	167,669	158,334	35,000	126,418	0	0
Overhead Expenditure									
4000 Salaries	27,500	18,710	26,125	23,787	26,125	0	30,000	0	0
4001 PAYE & NIC	7,000	3,753	7,000	4,443	7,000	0	7,800	0	0
4002 Pension	6,500	4,474	3,000	4,268	4,190	0	3,500	0	0
4004 Payroll services	240	410	400	630	700	0	700	0	0
4008 Staff Expenses	150	139	250	374	100	0	150	0	0
4009 Chairman's Allowance	100	77	150	163	150	0	150	0	0
4010 Staff Training	150	1,198	0	344	400	0	400	0	0
4011 HR & Personnel	1,000	915	2,500	2,152	3,552	0	3,552	0	0
4015 Cllr Training	500	0	0	1,160	600	0	0	0	0
4019 Subscriptions	900	1,226	800	957	800	0	800	0	0
4020 Insurance	1,500	1,624	1,700	1,595	1,595	0	1,700	0	0
4021 Postage	350	155	175	63	100	0	100	0	0
4022 Telephone/Internet	650	913	325	976	1,365	0	1,365	0	0
4023 Stationery	800	536	400	442	300	0	300	0	0
4024 Photocopier	1,200	1,238	1,300	1,629	1,300	0	1,300	0	0
4025 Office Rent	3,500	3,500	3,600	4,200	3,600	2,900	3,600	0	0
4035 Audit	1,000	575	1,000	1,080	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
4036 Professional Fees	2,000	6,319	1,000	811	600	0	2,000	0	0
4037 Neighbourhood Plan	10,000	23,241	10,000	7,124	10,000	0	10,000	0	0
4038 Queen's 90th Bday	2,000	8,045	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4039 Remembrance Memorial expenses	0	0	0	2,156	0	0	0	0	0
4040 Equipment	100	1,220	500	743	0	0	500	0	0

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		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4041	Establishment Misc	2,000	1,109	0	456	46	0	100	0	0
4042	Land Purchase	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
4200	Allotments	250	115	250	167	0	0	250	0	0
4201	P3 Expendature	0	1,916	1	858	500	0	1	0	0
4210	Ground Maintenance	15,000	13,787	12,000	12,198	12,000	0	14,000	0	0
4219	Clarance House School Room	5,000	1,477	0	97	0	2,950	500	0	0
4220	Clarance House Gdns	2,000	1,361	2,000	5,949	2,000	700	2,000	0	0
4221	Jubilee garden	0	0	0	158	158	0	200	0	0
4222	Beech tree garden	0	0	0	230	0	0	300	0	0
4230	Cutlers Green	4,000	415	500	1,100	0	0	500	0	0
4231	Walnut Tree Meadow	2,000	425	500	425	250	0	300	0	0
4232	Green Waste Skip	5,300	3,564	3,600	3,564	3,600	0	3,700	0	0
4233	Damaries Mead Rent/Insurance	800	727	1,000	711	850	0	1,000	0	0
4250	Play Area	200	1,998	200	151	800	0	2,000	0	0
4260	Equipment Repairs	200	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4261	Play area misc	300	0	300	892	800	0	1,000	0	0
4270	Planters/Tubs	650	634	800	668	500	0	800	0	132
4272	Recreation Ground	0	503	91	23	0	0	0	0	0
4280	Open Spaces Misc/Dog Bins	500	699	500	351	500	0	550	0	0
4300	Fence/Walls	0	2,106	0	0	0	0	500	0	0
4302	Public conveniences	7,000	2,741	0	4,262	0	0	4,200	0	0
4303	Street furniture upgrading	0	0	500	0	500	0	1,000	0	0
4304	Public conveniences: utilities	600	962	1,000	1,763	1,000	0	1,200	0	0
4305	Public conveniences: refurb	7,000	2,267	1,615	0	1,600	0	2,000	0	0

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Note: Budget report 2017

		<u>2016-17</u>		<u>01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018</u>				<u>2018-19</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4310	Car Park Maintenance	500	1,235	1,000	0	1,500	0	1,000	0	0
4311	Car Park Rates/Utilities	8,000	40	8,000	7,596	8,000	0	8,000	0	0
4330	Street Lighting Elec	1,200	5,805	1,200	795	1,200	0	1,000	0	0
4331	Street Lighting Maintenance	1,000	560	1,000	1,439	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
4350	Community Centre Elec (DO NOT	0	405	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4352	Community Centre Misc	0	42	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
4370	Grants/Donations Other	4,000	4,098	4,000	2,650	2,700	0	1,500	0	0
4372	URC Grant	300	300	300	300	300	0	300	0	0
4373	Guildhall Grant	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4374	Churchyard Maintenance Grant	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0	0
4380	Asset Management Misc	0	7,980	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4400	Leaflets/Booklets	200	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
4402	Newsletter	800	210	1,300	105	200	0	500	0	0
4403	Website	300	2,112	500	448	100	0	250	0	0
4405	Tourism Sales	200	730	250	493	250	0	250	0	0
4600	Guildhall Utility Costs	2,400	2,739	1,200	1,900	1,200	0	1,200	0	0
4601	Guildhall Maintenance & Upkeep	500	190	755	333	500	0	900	0	0
4602	Guildhall Salaries	3,200	2,099	5,200	0	0	0	0	0	0
4604	Hospitality	400	390	500	0	500	0	500	0	0
4607	Sundries	100	42	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
4608	Guildhall Salaries/Tax & NIC	525	0	525	0	0	0	0	0	0
4609	Historical Event	0	1,100	0	0	0	0	500	0	0
4700	Youth Forum	0	2,000	0	1,190	1,190	0	1,000	0	0
4800	Highways Projects	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0	0	0

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Overhead Expenditure	151,565	154,151	120,512	112,908	110,921	8,550	126,418	0	132
Total Budget Income	129,946	156,299	120,512	167,669	158,334	35,000	126,418	0	0
Expenditure	151,565	154,151	120,512	112,908	110,921	8,550	126,418	0	132
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>-21,619</u>	<u>2,148</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>54,762</u>	<u>47,413</u>	<u>26,450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-132</u>
plus Transfer from EMR	0	12,991	0	2,690	1,190	0	0	0	0
less Transfer to EMR	0	(46,488)	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(21,619)</u>	<u>61,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,452</u>	<u>48,603</u>		<u>0</u>		

**THAXTED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH
ASSEMBLY 21.03.19**

We have been working on Thaxted's Neighbourhood Plan for over three years and it is now complete. The residents of Thaxted have been fully involved during this period; they have completed surveys, attended exhibition events identifying key issues and assisted with writing it. It has been subject to consultation with professionals in respect of Heritage and Countryside and the public in respect of the townscape. It has also been subject to an examination by an independent examiner and public consultation approval conducted by Uttlesford District Council. Thaxted's Plan has now been to a referendum and as you are all aware we had a good turnout, 896 residents voted, approximately 35% of those eligible to vote. 861 voted in favour of the Plan and 35 against. The positive "yes" vote of 96% of those who voted is excellent result infinity more decisive than the "brexit" vote.

The final stage was the UDC's recommendation to their cabinet on the 12th February and the full council on the 21st February that the Council "make" Thaxted's Neighbourhood Plan.

This has resulted in our Plan becoming a Statutory Development Document, that is, its policies will be taken into consideration when Uttlesford District Council's planning department consider planning applications in Thaxted.

In the recent refusal for planning permission against Countryside's application for a development in Sampford Road reasons cited by Uttlesford District Council for refusal included that the development would be contrary to policies in the Thaxted Plan

Thank to everyone who helped make this happen, we should now have a significant say on the future development of Thaxted.

Essex County Councillor's Annual report 2018-2019

Budget: Over the past four years we have made savings of £311 million, by improving value for money, generating income and reducing costs. And despite finding further budget savings of £60 million for the next financial year, we have had to raise the County Council's portion of Council Tax by 2.99%. For a Band D property this is equivalent to 94 pence a week.

The Council continues to face major financial challenges; this coming year, our main grant from Government will be reduced by £27 million, staff costs through National Insurance and agreed pay increases along with other support costs, particularly those of our contractors continue to expose the Authority to significant financial pressures. In addition, a growing population, changing demographics, and increasing demand across many of our services all add to the challenges we face.

We have lobbied Government hard over ensuring sufficient funding is made available to ensure a stable Adult Social Care Service, and are still pushing for more details regarding the use of Business Tax as an alternative to the Government's Revenue Support Grant.

So in a year of financial challenge, your County Council has still managed to achieve a lot.

Children's Services have been rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED, which ranks us as one of the best in the country.

The County Council has been ranked in the top ten of all UK Local Authorities, which reflects well in the way that it is managed.

A number of my Cabinet Colleagues are working nationally to advise failing councils, and example of the high regard the administration is held.

Examples follow which highlight an number of achievements over the past year

Equalities:

- Launched a Hate Crime Strategy
- Promoted apprenticeships to employers and young people
- Been assessed as a Disability Confident Leader
- Produced the joint Health and Well Being Strategy
- Improved the effectiveness of Mental Health Social work
- Developed new accommodation and employment opportunities for people with mental health problems

Enabling Inclusive Economic Growth:

- Created over 2,750 school places
- Implemented a Young Carers Service
- Set up a Multi-Academy Trust to support schools
- Helped establish a new college at Stansted Airport, a Centre for Health and Development in Colchester, and in Braintree, a Science Technology Engineering Maths Innovation Campus.

Appendix D

- Enhanced Careers education in schools
- Campaigned and put in bids to support the improvements to the A120, A12, A13, A127 and the M11
- Invested a further £5 million for broadband
- Invested £120 million to improve and maintain the County's roads

Helping People get the Best Start and Age Well:

- The Youth Offending Service, assessed as 'Outstanding'
- Increased support for all care leavers up to the age of 25
- Developed our own in-house fostering service, so reducing reliance on agencies
- Provided a seamless social work service for disabled children and young people
- Initiated a dedicated service to encourage young people to leave gangs
- Won funding from Sport England to improve physical activity

Help Create Great Places to Grow up and Live Well:

- Improved volunteering opportunities through the Essex Youth Service
- Funded Community Agents and Care Navigators
- Developed a Green Infrastructure Strategy to protect enhance and develop our green spaces
- Further protected 329 properties from flood risk
- Provided a Ride demand responsive travel pilot to help preserve rural bus services
- Worked with Districts to drive up recycling rates to over 54%
- Published an updated Essex Design Guide
- Built 38 new homes through Essex Housing including 15 for those with learning disabilities

I continue to be Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, a portfolio brief that covers not just the functions of a Waste Disposal Authority, but flood prevention, renewable energy, (including the proposed new nuclear power station at Bradwell), rural matters, coastal partnerships, heritage, country parks and the County's woodland estate. In addition I represent the County Council on a number of external bodies, including two regional flood and coast authorities, the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority, Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area for Outstanding Natural Beauty (it is being extended into Essex) and the Kent and Essex Inshore Fishery and Conservation Authority. I also sit as an executive member of the Rural Community Council for Essex, and represent the ECC on the Stansted Airport Community Consultative Committee. Twice a year I represent the rural interests of Essex (as Chairman of the Essex Rural Partnership) with Government Ministers from DEFRA. Nationally, I sit on the Local Government Association's Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG) and another SIG concerned with New Nuclear Builds.

Simon Walsh

County Councillor for the Thaxted Division

COUNCIL TAX

You may have already had notice of this...

UDC element will go up by just under 3% this year.

ECC element will go up by 3 % this year

Adult Social Care will go up by 1% this year

Thaxted PC element by 1.7% this year

Essex Fire by 2.9%

Essex Police by 14.7

In total a rise of 4.8%

Police - At last, there will be a few extra police in Essex (150 in total) but this follows a drop of 600 over the last few years and many believe (including serving police officers) that this has had a detrimental effect. This is against a background of over 20,000 fewer police officers in England and Wales.

NEW HOMES BONUS

My New Homes Bonus grants this year went to ...

Thaxted Youth Club.

Thaxted Society.

Thaxted Parish Council for the planter's project.

Thaxted Centre for the disabled

Thaxted Karate Club

Friends of Thaxted Church

Thaxted Vicarage Mead I also had a grant from several other District Cllrs who had some money left in their budget.

Little Easton Play Equipment & Lindsell village sign which are both in the Thaxted & The Eastons district ward also received a grant.

UTTLESFORD HIGHWAYS MEETINGS

Although highways are largely an Essex County Council Matter...

I have had a couple of meetings over the last two months with ECC Highways Liaison Officer for Uttlesford and asked for immediate action on the potholes and speeding issues on the main roads through Thaxted as well as the road between Thaxted and Dunmow.

I had a positive response that this will be quickly reassessed and dealt with ...

They are aware that although it needs resurfacing there may be a need to do a temporary fill to the potholes as it is getting very dangerous.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2018/19

I was delighted and proud to nominate Cllr Ray William for a Community Achievement Award. It was presented to him for his work with Thaxted youth at a packed award ceremony at the council offices in November.

Ray will be the first to tell you that the ward was gratefully received on behalf of The Youth Club Team.

THAXTED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Over the last few months, I have attended several Uttlesford District Council meetings to see the Thaxted Neighbourhood Plan pass through the various stages to be being put into force.

The Cabinet then the council voted unanimously in favour.

Uttlesford District Council is now legally required to bring the plan into force following the successful referendum. It was confirmed that the plan is formally made by the Council to become part of the development plan for the district and to help determine planning applications in the parish.

Thank you again to everybody who has been involved in this fine piece of work for Thaxted.

THE (UTTLESFORD) LOCAL PLAN

Following the submission of the draft Uttlesford Local Plan to the Secretary of State which includes the 10,000 homes at Easton Park. UDC received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate giving details of the inspectors appointed to examine the soundness of the Local Plan; they are Louise Crosby and Elaine Worthington.

I have to tell you that this is not a done deal yet.

THAXTED LIBRARY

I have been involved with others in the campaign Save Thaxted library.

Thaxted Library is already the model of a 21st-century community hub and provides excellent value for money. Now Essex County Council was planning to close it.

Working alongside many other local groups we have taken the "SAVE THAXTED LIBRARY" campaign to County Hall Chelmsford on several occasions and lobbied for support at Uttlesford

District Council. We are grateful to all the people who have supported the campaign.

We must keep our Library open, and keep the library staff, who play such an important role. We need to stay completely within the Essex Library Service to benefit from the essential professional support which it can offer.

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