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Minutes of the council meeting of Thaxted Parish Council held on Thursday 7th September 2023 at
8 pm in Thaxted Guildhall

Present: Cllr Frater (Chair) Cllr Howells, Cllr Wattebot, Cllr Williams, Cllr Frostick, Cllr Perkins & Cllr Herbert

Others Present

District & County Cllr Foley

District Cllr Richard Haynes

NP representative Peter Neal

Officer: Dena Oxley

Public: 2 present.

1	Apologies for absence Cllr Weakley Cllr Young These apologies were formally accepted by this council.
2	Declarations of Interest None received
3	Public representations None made
4	Reports from District & County Councillors Cllr Haynes discussed items in connection to noise regarding to a Housing development in Saffron Walden. Cllr Haynes also discussed what little activity seems to be available in connection to the Local Plan. Cllr Foley reports attached. And speaks in connection to items within this. Cllr Foley is also seeking the support of this council to formally have a petition in connection to the speed along the B184 in areas that are prone to accident. Cllr Foley has also pledged £300 each from both Cllr Foley and Haynes totally £600 to fund the parish council in purchasing a more environmentally friendly propane beacon.
5	Minutes Resolved To approve the 6 th July 2023 full Council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
6	Committee Meetings To note the Open Spaces committee minutes held on the 19 th July 2023
7	Tri-Services Rural Community Officer To receive a verbal report in connection to this new role, its benefits to Thaxted and Thaxted Speed watch. If you have any ideas that you'd like to put forward please do so through the Clerk before next Friday 15 th .
8	Cutlers Solar Farm - Rule 6 Cllr Haynes updates the council in relation to the current state of play, there are meetings now in the diary and all our evidence and witness statements are now in and our lawyer is now currently going through all the witness statements that have arrived from the other side and rebuttals can be

	made in the event that we see anything which requires us too formally do so. There are currently no Fire officers comments and we have sent that back on the basis that this is essential.
9	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Chair welcomed Cllrs back from a summer of no meetings. Items for note include the main story of the travellers encampment and wishes to formally thank the Assistant Clerk, along with some unnamed residents for their assistance and the Clerk for the speedy clean up following departure. The Harvest edition of the ABC&U, which is now published and is the 4th collaboration, seems to be working very well. Chair put forward a public record of thanks to Cllr Knight and Cllr Haynes in connection to all the hard work and evidence being compiled and coordinated by the residents under the Rule 6 Party work on Cutlers Green. Chair and District Councillors, along with residents, attended a house meeting with Kemi Baddenoach M.P. who spoke in support of CLT and promised to speak to Michael Gove M.P. regarding the promised and announced support for CLT's. Cllrs also raised school funding, aircraft noise and ground based solar farms vs on-shore wind farms. A new hot off the press item, in connection to the NP a grant update has been received which will now mean that we are eligible to apply for a funding up to the value of £10k</p>
10	<p>Committee terms of reference</p> <p>Resolved To Receive and approve all updated ToR from Committee's for full approval and adoption. Cllr Frostick wishes to raise the point that the 'staff' is mentioned in both the finance and the personnel. The council are happy with this aside from making a tweak to identify the meaning of the staffing in both committees to being appointed and then managed and reviewed.</p>
11	<p>CLT</p> <p>The CLT chairman wishes to inform the Parish Council that they now have approval with English Rural and the work shall commence shortly. Giving thanks to the secretary of the CLT Lauren Barham for all her hard work and efforts.</p>
12	<p>Stansted Airport Draft Noise Action Plan (NAP)</p> <p>To confirm that our response has already been formulated on behalf of the Council and sent in directly from our Chairman.</p>
13	<p>4-year plan update</p> <p>Received our current 4-year plan and receive any additions items.</p>
14	<p>D Day 2024</p> <p>To discuss the upcoming event on the 6th June 2024 and consider what involvement Thaxted PC might wish to have.</p> <p>We shall be lighting the beacon, there is a citation which needs to be read at 8am, the suggestion would be to bring this to other groups. Schools read a poem at 11:00 the evening lighting of the Beacon is the civic element. Suggestion to invite food stalls to attend, Clerk to organise.</p>
15	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To review and sign on-line payments as per report for July & August 2023 b) To receive the councils' full finances up to and including July 2023
16	<p>Office Clerks Report</p> <p>Report received on matters connected with the duties of the clerk RFO & staff.</p>
17	<p>Items for the next agenda (not for resolution)</p> <p>CHG wall time scale of repairs</p> <p>Ensure wall is safe in the interim – Clerk to organise.</p> <p>Chase those who need to provide quotes to ensure insurance claim can proceed.</p>