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Thurston Parish Council – Environment & Biodiversity Committee Meeting Summons

The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE are summoned to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 25th November 2026** commencing at 6.00pm in THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, NORTON ROAD, THURSTON, IP31 3SD.

Meetings and the Public

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any of the Council's Full Council or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. The meeting is held in accessible premises. All agendas, reports, minutes and background papers in relation to this meeting can be viewed on the parish council's website: Access to all council minutes and agendas for all meetings.

The agenda may be split into two parts. Most of the business will be dealt with in Part I which is open to the public. Part II (if applicable) includes items which may be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. The press and public will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

Recording at meetings

Members of the Council, the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded. Those attending shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming).

Agenda

1.	Chair to open the meeting with statement at 6pm
2.	Apologies – a) Meeting to receive apologies for absence. b) Meeting to consent to accept apologies received.
3.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary 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. b) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with council's Dispensation Policy.
4.	To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meetings of 25th March 2026, 29th April 2026 and 24th June 2026.
5.	Public Forum – to receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda as written.

6.	Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Deputy Clerk and in particular: a) To receive an update on Veteran Tree Survey. b) To receive a report from Forest School training. c) To note updates to the Biodiversity web pages, newsletter reports and photo library. d) To receive an update on the nest box project. e) Biodiversity Open Day review.
7.	To consider sites and costings for the provision of village entrance gates and any associated planting to enhance these locations.
8.	To consider any mitigation to address the low survival rates for newly planted trees.
9.	Biodiversity Policy & Action Plan: a) To consider Autumn/Spring planting of trees, hedging, wildflowers and bulbs. b) To consider arrangements for the community engagement open space event for Heather Close, to confirm the date and to consider any further actions required. c) To consider the provision of a sand garden – Cllr Millest. d) To consider any biodiversity enhancements against the results of the village open space survey. e) To review the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy and consider any potential measures. Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) - Suffolk County Council f) To review and update the Biodiversity Action Plan.
10.	Climate Awareness: a) To consider providing the Thermal Imaging project this season. b) To consider any activities to achieve the objectives of the councils Climate Awareness and Environmental Policy.
11.	Date of the next Meeting: 17th February 2027 commencing at 6pm in the Thurston Community Library.
12.	Close of the Meeting expected on or before 8pm

Laura Border
Proper Officer and Clerk to the Parish Council
19 November 2026