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## Thurston Parish Council Meeting Summons

The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend a Council Meeting on Wednesday 1 July 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in **THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, NORTON ROAD, THURSTON, IP31 3PB.**

### 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](#)

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

Item	Detail	Time (PM)
1.	Opening including Statement	7.00
2.	Apologies – a) Council to receive apologies for absence. b) Council to consent to accept apologies received.	7.02
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 Dispensation Policy.	7.05
4.	Minutes of previous meetings: a) To receive and consider the minutes of the following meeting (all as previously circulated): 6 May 2026	7.07
5.	Reports for information – to receive the following reports as submitted by: a) County Councillor, Matt Bentley b) District Councillors, David Bradbury and Harry Richardson	7.25

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6.	<p>Police Matters</p> <p>a) To receive a report from PCSO Matt Brown from Stowmarket Community Policing Team (CPT) on crimes relating to Thurston for the month of May 2026</p> <p>b) To consider matters for referral to Stowmarket CPT</p>	7.30
7.	<p>Public Forum – at the direction of the Chair, matters will either be responded to or deferred for further discussion and/or debate.</p> <p>a) To receive comments from members of the public on the agenda submitted.</p> <p>b) To receive comments from members of the public on matters relating to Thurston.</p>	7.35
8.	<p>Statutory Business:</p> <p>a) To receive and consider nomination for co-option to the Parish Council to fill one of the two casual council vacancies</p> <p>b) To note The Play Inspection Company’s annual inspection report for all play areas and consider any recommendations</p>	7.50
9.	<p>To receive reports from the following Committee (s):</p> <p>a) Planning and Infrastructure committee meeting - draft minutes and report from the meeting of 17 June 2026</p> <p>b) Biodiversity Open Day Working Group - to receive an update from the meeting held on 26 June 2026</p>	8.10
10.	<p>To consider matters relating to planning:</p> <p>a) To receive an update from the Responsible Financial Officer on DC/23/02429 in relation to the Planning Permission relating to land at Barrells Green, land at Church View Meadow and land to the west of Sandpit Lane (New Green).</p> <p>b) To receive an update from the Responsible Financial Officer on Planning Application: <a href="#">DC/26/01037 – Full Planning Application - Redevelopment of Thurston Community College</a> to include demolition of the existing school buildings and construction of a new school building, including sports hall, provision of new playing fields and multi-use games areas, and associated car and cycle parking, access and landscaping. Location: Thurston Community College, Norton Road</p> <p>c) To receive an update from the Responsible Financial Officer on Planning Application: <a href="#">SCC/0020/25MS - Thurston Church of England Primary Academy, Pond Field Road, Thurston, Suffolk, IP31 3FT</a> - Construction of new stand-alone 210-place teaching block and 30-place extension to existing pre-school with associated car parking, hard and soft landscaping works</p> <p>d) To consider a response to Suffolk County Council’s proposed 20 mph zone. The proposed zone extends from Thurston Community College and the library in the west to Thurston Church of England Primary Academy in the east</p> <p>e) To consider a response to the <a href="#">Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation 2026</a> (closing date of survey is 31 July 2026)</p> <p>f) To consider a response to the <a href="#">West Suffolk Local Plan 2045 Scoping Consultation 2026</a> (closing date of survey is 28 July 2026)</p>	8.20

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11.	<p>To consider matters relating to Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (Paper 1 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting (Paper 2 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting (Paper 3 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>d) To receive the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (Paper 4 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>e) To receive the statement of accounts for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (Paper 5 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>f) To note the CIL report for June 2026 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (Paper 6 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>g) To consider requests for donation submitted to date (Paper 7 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>h) To receive and consider the CIL bid submitted under CIL Bid Round 1 for the year 2026-2027 (Paper 8 – 01.07.26)</li> <li>i) To receive the final account for the Pavilion Refurbishment Project (Paper 9 - 01.07.26)</li> <li>j) To receive and consider the request to replace the Vehicle Activated Sign on Barton Road with a Solar powered speed sign at a cost of £2,500 (ex VAT) plus £345 for a permanent 4G connection (Paper 10 - 01.07.26)</li> <li>k) To receive information for the Responsible Financial Officer for noting only</li> <li>l) To receive and adopt the first quarter’s internal control report (Paper 11 01.07.26)</li> </ul>	8.35
12.	<p>Councillor Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To report village matters of concern to the Clerk.</li> <li>b) To receive items for information only from parish council appointed representatives on outside bodies / groups.</li> <li>c) To receive reports from councillors on meetings and training events attended.</li> </ul>	8.50
13.	<p>Clerk’s Report – to receive and consider information from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers</li> <li>b) To receive items of correspondence for noting only and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid Suffolk Town and Parish Council Briefing Notes for June 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	9.00
14.	<p>Parish Liaison Meetings -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To receive the notes from the following parish liaison meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bloor Homes – 10 June 2026 (on site) at 2.00pm (cancelled)</li> <li>• Persimmon Homes –18 June 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) To confirm the dates of the next parish liaison meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vistry Homes – 2 July 2026 (on site-showroom followed by walk around) at 9.00am</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	9.10
15.	<p>Infrastructure Highway Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For details of road closures over the coming months visit: <a href="#">One.Network road closures website</a></li> </ul>	9.15

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16.	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To consider whether the agreement with the New Green Community Trust over the future management of the Recycling Centre should cease following the closure of the facility on 1 July 2026.</li> <li>b) To consider the release of the recycling credits received for the years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 (£3,058) to assist with the transition to kerbside recycling.</li> <li>c) To consider the future of the recycling centre following its closure on 1 July 2026.</li> <li>d) To consider the paper submitted by the Responsible Financial Officer on the consultation brief for the evaluation of land for new recreational and leisure facilities in Thurston</li> <li>e) To note an ask from New Green Community Trust to set up a working group to discuss the future working arrangements following the transfer of New Green to Parish Council</li> </ul>	9.20
17.	Close of the meeting	9.30
	<p>Laura Border  Clerk &amp; Proper Officer to the Parish Council  25 June 2026</p>	