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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 7 October 2026 commencing at 7pm in **THURSTON 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
1.	Chair to open the meeting with statement at 7pm
2.	Apologies - Council to receive apologies for absence - Council to consent to accept apologies received
3.	Declarations of interests: - 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 - To receive notification of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 - To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with Council's Dispensation Policy
4.	Minutes of previous meetings: To receive and consider the minutes of the following meeting (all as previously circulated): 2 September 2026
5.	Reports for information – to receive the following reports as submitted by: - County Councillor, Matt Bentley - District Councillors, David Bradbury and Harry Richardson

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6.	Police Matters a) To receive a report from PCSO Matt Brown from Stowmarket Community Policing Team (CPT) on crimes relating to Thurston for the month of September 2026 b) To consider matters for referral to Stowmarket CPT
7.	Public Forum Members of the public are invited to address the council on matters related to the business of the meeting. At the discretion of the Chair, matters raised may be responded to immediately or deferred for consideration at a subsequent meeting. The total time allocated for the Public Forum shall not exceed 15 minutes and individual speakers are limited to three minutes each, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. a) To receive comments from members of the public on the agenda submitted b) To receive comments from members of the public on matters relating to Thurston
8.	Statutory Business a) To note the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedules were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (7 September 2026), to be independently examined. b) To note the resignation of Elizabeth Bond as Councillor of Thurston Parish Council
9.	To receive reports from the following Committee (s): a) Planning and Infrastructure committee meeting - draft minutes and report from the meeting of 23 September 2026 b) Open Spaces and Leisure Committee – note meeting was declared inquorate on 30 September 2026 c) Environment and Biodiversity Committee – note meeting was not held on 30 September due to being inquorate
10.	To consider matters relating to planning: a) To note receipt of communication from BMSDC relating to important planning changes following the new National Planning Policy Framework b) DC/26/03949 Full application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for retrospective planning permission for the retention of a stable block and manège, demolition of existing outbuildings, and the use of land for horse grazing. Location: Manor Farm, Pakenham Road, Thurston
11.	Community matters a) To receive and consider Cllr Howard's report on the proposed Thurston Community Awards and determine approval of the scheme, budget, governance arrangements and associated working group b) To note feedback from the recent meeting of community groups to initiate an event working group and consider the requirement for a follow up meeting c) To consider provision of a High Street Safari type event
12.	To consider matters relating to Finance: a) To receive and consider the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth (Paper 1) b) To note the accounts paid since the last meeting (Paper 2) c) To note receipts allocated since the last meeting (Paper 3) d) To receive the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Paper 4) e) To receive the statement of accounts for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Paper 5) f) To note the CIL report for the period April to September 2026 (including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year and receipts received (Paper 6) g) To receive the second quarter budget monitoring paper for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Paper 7)

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13.	Councillor Reports: a) To report village matters of concern to the Clerk b) To receive items for information only from parish council appointed representatives on outside bodies / groups c) To receive reports from councillors on meetings and training events attended d) Councillor to review the training bulletins as circulated and to advise the Clerk of items of interest
14.	Officers' Reports – to receive and consider information from Council's Officers and in particular: a) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers b) To receive items of correspondence for noting only and in particular: - i Mid Suffolk Town and Parish Council Briefing Notes for September 2026
15.	Parish Liaison Meetings - a) To receive the notes from the following parish liaison meetings: - i Bloor Homes, 9 September 2026 - ii Vistry, 25 September 2026 b) To confirm date of future parish liaison meetings: - i Barrett David Wilson Homes, Tuesday 13 October at 1pm, on site - ii Vistry – Friday 13 November, 9am, on site
16.	Infrastructure Highway Matters: For details of future road closures visit: One.Network road closures website
17.	Date of next meeting (s) to be held at Thurston Library: a) Wednesday 21 October, Planning and Infrastructure b) Wednesday 28 October, Emergency Planning
18.	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 a) To consider the quotations received and appoint a contractor to undertake an assessment of the suitability, constraints and development potential of land for recreational and leisure use in Thurston b) To consider the quotations received and appoint a contractor to undertake the necessary planning requirements, strategy and application process necessary to deliver a community-focused scheme comprising: community car parking; allotments; public open space/community land; ecological enhancements; landscaping and woodland planting; and associated pedestrian and cycle connectivity
19.	Close of the meeting expected on or before 10pm

Laura Border
Proper Officer and Clerk to the Parish Council
1 October 2026