**DRAFT MINUTES OF THEYDON MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL OGM HELD AT MOUNT FARM CONFERENCE VENUE CM16 7PX AT 7M ON MONDAY 2nd September 2024.**

1. **Apologies :** Keith Farrow
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the last OGM -** Ratified RA to publish
4. **Business:**
	1. **Progress Reports:**

**Gateways Initiative –** RA reported that he had complied with a request from Essex Highways for a revised Form A which he had then sent in. Additionally, Rachel Crouch at Essex Highways had concurred that there remained nothing further for TMPC to do to secure the relevant permits. Concern was expressed as to exactly when such permits would be released to TMPC. RA was tasked to chase down an answer if no permits had emerged within a fortnight.

**Telephone Box refurbishment –** HTB stated that the paint had been collected by the painter and the repainting of the box would commence shortly.

**Post Meeting Note**: the phone box was undercoated and top coated within a matter of a few days from the meeting date. One side of the box required top coating for the painting task to be completed. HTB added that he recommended that the box be used to hold plasticized O.S. maps of the area for walkers and cyclists to benefit from. Council approved the recommendation.

* 1. **Local Highways:**

**Speeding and traffic calming initiatives –** JH ran through a presentation of the progress he and PC had developed to date. PC reported on his discussion with Cllr McIvor and the suggestions offered by Cllr McIvor to progress the matter and achieve a positive outcome. JH was keen to stress that the final submission should avoid claiming that vehicles were speeding on our roads – instead that the roads, the routes they followed and the geographical features they traversed we unable to support a speed limit of 60mph. It was suggested that as the work and analysis evolved, it would make sense to submit a case that contained a mixture of the most important initiatives to secure safer roads in the parish such as warning signage at high risk curves and junctions, adequate line marking and additional signs to promote awareness of other risk factors to road users - like deer and horses and blind junctions etc.

* 1. **August BBQ –** MH summarized the financial outcome of the recently held Parish BBQ. Attended by around 80 people the event produced a small surplus after all bills and payments were accounted for. HTB added that the event had clearly been a success and that attendees reported that they had enjoyed the day, the entertainment and the food. The wine tasting event he added had been a particular success.
	2. **Newsletter – HTB & MH**
	3. **Litter Pick Publicity**
1. **Finance:**
	1. **Current Financial Position and Banking Update –** MH reported a healthy balance at the bank with most of the funds earmarked for projects in the pipeline (Gateways and Telephone Box etc)
2. **District Councillors Report –**No representative district councillor was available to attend
3. **Adjacent Parish Councils Liaison –** PC agreed to draft a communique for adjacent PC’s
4. **Planning:**
	1. **Shalesmere Cottage/Nursery (EPF/0274/24) –** UNDER CONSULTATION TMPC to keep a watching brief.
	2. **Garden Cottage (EPF/1122/24) –** REFUSED no action necessary at this juncture
	3. **Hornes Farm (HOMES FARM EPF/2578/22) -**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS – TMPC disappointed

 **Nickerlands Solar Farm (EPF/1546/24 –** Consultation closed on 29/9/2024 – UNDER CONSIDERATION – TMPC to maintain a watching brief on further developments**.**

* 1. **Barkers Farm (EPF/0536/24) –** REFUSED no further TMPC action at this time
	2. **Taw Lodge Farm (EPF/2406/23) –** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS TMPC disappointed
	3. **Abridge Golf Club (EPF/0282/23) –** WITHDRAWN no further TMPC action at this juncture.
	4. **New Planning Matters –** the Alpaca Farm had clearly extended its operation into the recently sold off land on the North side of Mount Road and adjacent to Mount End road. New evidence of a business orientation to this initiative was evident with the stacking of Alpaca manure for sale on the grass verge outside of this field.
1. **Correspondence:**
	1. **EALC Course – Introduction to Planning –** RA encouraged all councillors present to identify which date would suit them best to attend this course delivered by Adriana Jones so that he could book on their behalf. RA agreed to circulate what dates were available and await replies.

**Signed Peter Connell Chair of TMPC Dated 27/09/2024**

**APPENDICES**

**Theydon Mount Parish 2024 Summer BBQ Income & Expenses**

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| Detail | Expenses | Income | Balance | Cheque No', +/-Cash, Bank Transfer |

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| Church's Pork Butchers | (£122.00) |  | (£122.00) | 100488 |
| Julian Blake Wine Tasting | (£82.20) |  | (£204.20) | 100489 |
| Cash Float | (£50.00) |  | (£254.20) | 100490 |
| Church's Pork Butchers | (£22.00) |  | (£276.20) | 100490 |
| Disposable Plates | (£23.98) |  | (£300.18) | 100490 |
| Euroloos | (£120.00) |  | (£420.18) | 100482 |
| Tesco's Epping Salads | (£20.89) |  | (£441.07) | 100491 |
| M&S Epping Salads | (£14.00) |  | (£455.07) | 100491 |
| Online Payments |  | £360.00 | (£95.07) | Bank Transfer |
| Entrance Cash Payments |  | £205.00 | £109.93 | +Cash |
| David Cole (BBQ Buns/Rolls, Sauces & Choc Ices | (£44.67) |  | £65.26 | 100493 |
| Raffle |  | £267.00 | £332.26 | +Cash |
| Beer tent |  | £193.50 | £525.76 | +Cash |
| Donation to Thedon Garnon Church for tables | (£50.00) |  | £475.76 | 100492 |
| Singer | (£80.00) |  | £395.76 | -Cash |
| Raffle Prizes | (£18.80) |  | £376.96 | -Cash |
| Football Picture |  | £150.00 | £526.96 | Bank Transfer |

Balance Reconciliation **Profit**

Totals (£648.54) £1,175.50 £526.96

**Cash Transactions on day of event**

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| Detail | Cash Received | Cash Paid Out |

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| Entrance Cash Payments | £205.00 |  |
| Raffle | £267.00 |
| Beer tent | £193.50 |
| Singer | (£80.00) |
| Raffle Prizes |  (£18.80)  | **Cash paid into account 27/8/24** |
|  |  £665.50 (£98.80) £566.70  |  |



**Hilliard Brewitt** Wed, 28 Aug,

07:41 (2 days ago)

to me

Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Hilliard Brewitt <hilliard.brewitt@yahoo.co.uk>

**Date:** 28 August 2024 at 07:26:20 BST

**To:** Jon harding <jbharding72@gmail.com>

**Subject: Re: Finger Posts**

Ps it was the 2023 Sumer news letter Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Aug 2024, at 07:23, Hilliard Brewitt <hilliard.brewitt@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

Jon as promised the recap of our Finger Post Project . With the help of Councillor Anthony Purkis of THeydon Bois PC we lobbied EFDC to replace 3 of our dilapidated Finger post in the Parish , plus one that is sighted at the Junction of Banks Lane and Mount road that sits just outside our boundary .

Between Spring 2023 EFDC replaced posts at the phone box on Mount Road and the Post on the corner of Tawney Common plus the Post at the Junction of Banks lane , this was entirely funded by EFDC at a cost of 2k per post . The Parish agreed to bare the cost of a new post at the junction of Mount road and Epping lane . We commissioned a carpenter to make the post which was delivered in white primer . We painted it refurbish the lettering and re used them and using a team of volunteers we put it back in place . The cost to the parish by doing the work was less than half coming in at less than 800 pounds ! We also did some minor repairs to the post at the top junction of Mount End Road .

I have attached the update we sent in our Summer News Letter . On a not so positive note the sign at the dangerous Junction at Banks Lane has been knocked down and try as I may I can’t get a date for it to be repaired and reinstalled.