

*THORRINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes of the
Annual Meeting
of the Parish

held at

Thorrington Village Hall

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All members of Thorrington Parish are hereby invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish being held at Thorrington Village Hall, Church Road, Thorrington on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.00pm.

Members of the press are welcome to attend.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, A Sadler, G Parks, S Parks

Also present: CCllr A Goggin, L Ritchie-Fagg (Clerk & RFO), 3 Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 7.01pm by Cllr P Sadler - Chairman

1. Apologies for absence:

None received.

2. Minutes of 2023 Annual Parish Meeting to be approved:

The minutes of the meeting dated 17th May 2023, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

3. Chairman's Address:

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr P Sadler has given an address detailing the work of the Council over the last year.

"Following on from last year's report I am saddened to again report that our Parish Council remains somewhat depleted. We are 4 Cllrs down at present. Efforts to attract new Councillors have drawn a blank. Council exists to maintain awareness of local issues, to represent the community and to carry out necessary local maintenance and services. County and District Councillors Alan Goggin, Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins have given us their support and attended our meetings regularly so my gratitude and appreciation is given to them.

The facilities Thorrington Parish Council provide include:-

- Maintenance of verges, hedges and grass cutting.
- Tennis Court
- Bus shelters
- Dog bins and bag dispensers and bags
- Litter bins
- Provision of most of the street lighting
- Play equipment and care of the playing field
- Outdoor gym equipment in the playing field
- An electric supply to the playing field for events requiring electricity.
- 23 allotments for use by local people.
- Minor repairs and maintenance of Parish Assets done by volunteers and by our Handyman who also cuts the grass on Hazel Close Open Space, the playing field and the allotments.

This year has seen a change in staffing and we now have a new clerk who also fulfils the role of RFO. She was a great help with the Mineral Plan awareness operation recently, assisting the local residents action group who formed to ensure every resident of the village knew how to comment on the proposed quarrying on the ECC website. Cllrs Sheena and Geoff Parks were on hand to advise residents and many were helped.

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Plans to revamp the planted area at the Cross is a work in progress, being done by volunteers from The Orchards care facility. We are very grateful to these volunteers who painted and spruced up the bus shelter for us last year. We appreciate their ongoing contribution to our community.

Thorrington Parish Council will continue to work hard to make this village a pleasant place to live. We will also continue representing and supporting our community to the best of our ability. Our clerk, although new to council work, is relishing the challenge of keeping us on track and negotiating the complex business that is local government administration. We are confident she will succeed.

Our Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend.”

Pam Sadler: Chairman

4. Open Public Forum:

There were no questions asked by members of the public at the meeting.

Date of next meeting: 8th May 2024: 7.15pm Parish Meeting

Closure: There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 19.10pm

Lynsey Ritchie-Fagg – Parish Clerk & RFO
11th May 2024