

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th April 2007**



Present: Parish Councillors Cant, Braithwaite, Long, Dewell, Barton and Coleman.

Also present: Nicky Robinson (Parish Clerk), Dist. Cllrs. I. Dimmock and R. Heaney, Cty Cllr. D. Robinson (from item 11), Chris Moor from English Rural Housing Association and 5 members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 pm by Cllr. Cant, Chairman

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from Cllrs. Sadler and Damant.

2. Chairman's Address

The most significant change is the Award of Quality Status to the Council. The Parish Clerk was thanked for putting together the portfolio.

Councillors and the Parish Clerk have attended many courses over the year, particularly on website training. The council has continued to provide play equipment, with an additional set of swings being installed this year; maintain verges and an open space; litter pick and provide dog bags and litter bins; maintain and manage allotments, which are at present all full and we provide and maintain bus shelters.

Thorrington in Bloom goes from strength to strength.

Long term issues with footpaths, Silverwoods, Mineral Extraction sites and play equipment at Hazel Close continue to be monitored and are regular agenda items. Looking forward – we hope to open one end of the Playing Field for parking to relieve parking issues in Chapel Lane and Church Road: After a number of meetings with Network Rail proposals to realign the level crossing and automate the barriers are being considered in the next few years, which will affect the village considerably during the engineering works. There will continue to be talks with English Rural Housing Association to agree a suitable site for affordable housing.

3. Public Questions

Footpath no. 3 has some unmoved rubbish.

Parking in Station Road was discussed.

4. Closure

The Annual Parish Meeting was called to a close 7.50pm.

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DATE 02.07.08