



**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2nd April 2008**

Present: Parish Councillors Cant, Dewell, Watcham, Wesson, Sharpe and Coleman.

Also present: Nicky Robinson (Parish Clerk), Dist. Cllrs. P. Scott and 2 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. Tilstone, Long and Damant and Dist. Cllr. R. Heaney.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true and accurate record of 2007 Annual Parish Meeting.

3. Chairman's Address

The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk and the Councillors, especially the new ones this year, for their hard work throughout the year and especially for the extremely successful Village Day held in August. A total of nearly £3000 was raised for village organizations.

The Council has continued to manage the village amenities of the allotments, which are at present full; the playing field, where we established a small parking area for summer parking and verges, flower beds, spring bulbs and village sign. Affordable Housing in the village has progressed with a location off Clacton Road being agreed with the landowner. Drawings and funding are now being sought through English Rural Housing Association. Unfortunately not much progress has been made on Preferred Mineral option sites, Hazel Close play equipment or Network Rail level crossing and improved junction layout.

4. English Rural Housing Association

Chris Moor from ERHA did not attend the meeting as the revised sketches were not available. She sent an update report which stated that an addition of 2 extra flats and 2 more houses on an improved layout including open space had been initially approved by TDC and Edward Brothers. She assured the council that the Architects employed produce excellent designs.

5. Public Questions

Disbanded crime prevention panel offers fund to local groups. It was agreed to think of an initiative which needed funding. Closing date 30th April.

6. Closure

The Annual Parish Meeting was called to a close 7.45pm.

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