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

Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr G Scott, E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO), L Ritchie-Fagg (Training Clerk & RFO) and a member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7.00pm by Cllr P Sadler- Chairman

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr A Dewar

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interests There were none.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. Public Questions There were none.

5. Reports from District & County Councillors

- Cllr S Parks questioned DCllr G Scott: What has been the uptake of the mobile CCTV scheme within the TDC and other parish councils- DCllr G Scott has responded 'none.'
- Cllr G Parks has asked whether CCTV has been actively used for fly tipping: DCllr G Scott explained the previous council administration purchased the cameras and was not sure whether the cameras had been used due to there being a cost involved to parish councils.
- Cllr G Parks advised he reports fly tipping and would like to enquire as to why there is not a specialist team to deal with it: DCllr G Scott stated there is no special unit to install the equipment and the charges for installation and hiring totals £310 set by finance portfolio- DCllr G Scott advises it is too expensive as would only be for used for a short period of time- likely two weeks. D Cllr G Scott has stated it is not fair for Parish Councils to pay such high costs.
- Cllr S Parks has stated fly tipping happens a lot and that TDC has its own website to report fly tipping. DCllr G Scott stated this is outsourced to Veolia- when reported it is usually collected within a couple of days.
- DCllr G Scott has advised Mike Bush and John Hamlet deal with the TDC fly tipping and no prosecutions have occurred in Tendring for 4/5 years- Fly tipping is not a police matter and advised it is also bad in Ardleigh. Due to a lack of policies re the CCTV equipment the new cabinet dealing with these should consider waiving the fees due for hiring and installation costs of the equipment to Parish Councils. Cllr G Parks would like the policy reviewed.
- Cllr P Sadler thanked DCllr G Scott for reviewing and C Cllr A Wiggins will bring an update to the January meeting.
- Cllr G Parks asked CCllr A Goggin regarding Tenpenny Hill which, is 40mph yet Little Bentley Road is 30mph. CCllr A Goggin has stated it is not his decision regarding the miles per hour a road is set at- he stated the recent accident was caused by the drivers lack of concentration rather than speeding.
- Cllrs G Parks & A Sadler have stated due to the history of the issues along Tenpenny Hill that they would like the speed to be reduced to 30mph.
- Cllr P Sadler & CCllr A Goggin stated Speed Surveys are required for a reduction in speed to be considered and that ECC Highways have also made this suggestion.
- Cllr P Sadler questioned CCllr A Goggin regarding how long the survey would take and he has suggested approximately 4 weeks.

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- Cllr A Sadler stated that the manhole noise at Clacton Road is still occurring and is disappointed this has not been highlighted on Cllr A Goggin report. Cllr A Goggin has advised it will hopefully be repaired within the next week.
- DCllr Scott & Cllr Goggin were thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.37pm to attend the Arlesford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

23/01619/FULHH	Wheatfield, Church Road Erection of two storey front extension; 1.5 storey extension (following demolition of existing garage); and large dormer window (following removal of two existing dormer windows). Temporary siting of 30ft shipping container during construction for storage.
23/01670/FUL	Gatehouse Farm, Brightlingsea Road Construction of manège.

6 (b) Planning resolutions/determinations

23/01249/WTPO	Oaktree, Church Road 1 No. Oak- Reduce by 30% and crown lift to 5m.
23/01359/FULHH	St Michaels House, Brightlingsea Road Proposed first floor rear extension to form bedroom and en-suite and extension to existing bedroom.

7. Tenpenny Hill Road Sign

Cllr P Sadler stated a concealed road sign is not a good idea and instead the road speed should be reduced and that Thorington Parish Council should consider undertaking a speed survey. Cllrs A & P Sadler disputed whether Cllr A Goggin would support the request of a speed reduction. Cllr P Sadler has advised it would be up to ECC to do a speed survey for it to be authorised. Cllr A Sadler is intending to go to Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting to obtain information as to how they managed to get the speed limit reduced and intends asking their clerk if he/she can send any helpful info to our clerk ready for discussion at the next meeting. *Tenpenny Hill speeding issues to be placed onto the January agenda.*

8. Tennis Court

Cllr A Sadler proposed the purchase of moss treatment to treat the tennis court. Cllrs A Sadler & G Parks agreed for this to be moved to the January 2024 agenda and for a further treatment to be added in the autumn of 2024. *Tennis Court to be placed onto the January agenda.*

9. Allotments Deposits Policy

Motion to be moved to the January agenda.

10. SLCC Membership

Cllr P Sadler proposed approving a membership for the new clerk, Seconded by Cllr G Krinks- All in Favour.

11. SLCC Training Courses

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Cllr P Sadler proposed the following courses: Introduction to local Council Administration (ILCA), Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration (FiLCA) and ILCA to Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), Seconded by Cllr G Krinks- All in Favour.

12. EALC Training Courses

Cllr P Sadler proposed approving the following courses: Understanding the Annual Meetings, Annual Report & Newsletter, Council Finance, Introduction to Planning, Roles & Responsibilities and Financial Regulations, Seconded by Cllr S Parks- All in favour.

13. Office Equipment

Cllr G Parks proposed the clerk purchase a telephone handset, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

14. Chapel Lane Playing Field

Cllr A Sadler proposed accepting the quote of £100 plus VAT provided by Landscape Services, Seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

15. Report from the TDALC meeting

There were no questions or comments made concerning the report that had been circulated.

16. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 6th December 2023 – All in Favour.

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300369	Elizabeth Crook	£921.69	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300370	Katherine Lott	£461.42	RFO wages & accom.
300371	Lynsey Ritchie-Fagg	£539.66	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300372	Mr A Sadler	£63.14	Post & fixings for playground sign
300373	HMRC	£282.38	Quarterly tax payment
300374	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£292.80	Dog waste bag top up
300375	Landscape Services	£3,840.00	Work to trees on playing field
300376	4 Youth Brightlingsea	£280.00	Donation (s137)
300377	BASICS Essex	£280.00	Donation (s137)
300378	Colchester Foodbank	£280.00	Donation (s137)
300379	EACH	£280.00	Donation (s137)

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300380	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£280.00	Donation (s137)
300381	Tendring Families First	£100.00	Donation (s137)

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£7,901.09	£0	£0	£50.00

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £48,389.98

17. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Councillor G Dewar- No Report
Playing Field	Councillor A Sadler- No Report
Tennis Court	Councillor G Parks- No Report
Footpaths	Councillor G Krinks- There is a bush blocking the footpath by the scout camp which has previously been reported.
Tree Warden	Councillor S Parks- No Report
Hazel Close Open Space	Councillor P Sadler- Hedgehog Found! :-)

18. Clerk's report

- The Frating Abbey Farm Rd will be closed 12th December for two nights between 00.30am and 06:00am for Wig Wag Renewal.
- Keep Britain Tidy- January Campaign called 'Buy Nothing New Month' - there is access to a Free Digital Resource Pack
- Latimer by Clarion Housing Group are holding an open event dated 9th December at Alresford Village Hall to discuss the Colchester Tendring Boarders Garden Community and there is an online webinar dated 12th December 2023.
- A consultation on draft recommendations for division of boundaries in Essex has begun and is due to close 19th February 2024. Comments can be made by email or online.
- ECC Public rights of way are going to lay plaining over raised tree root section and has asked for access due to issues with signpost/telegraph pole of footpath 8.

19. Councillor's reports

- Cllr A Sadler stated that 3 Chapel Lane has not responded to letters regarding the overgrown hedge, he asked the clerk where the council stood re taking action regarding cutting the hedge and depositing the cuttings in their front garden. The clerk and the RFO advised this could be considered as criminal damage stating that ECC Highways Authority could come and do the work and bill the resident as they have a legal right to do so.
- Cllr A Sadler raised concerns regarding a recent incident where a gentleman was riding on his mobility scooter down Chapel Lane and he could barely get past the hedge. The clerk advised that if anybody should be harmed passing the hedge the resident is legally liable.

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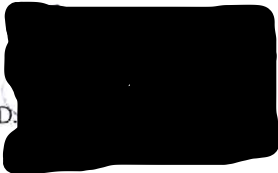


- Cllr P Sadler thanked the outgoing clerk and the RFO for their service.

Date of next meeting 3rd January 2024 at 7pm – Thorrington Village Hall

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:02pm

SIGNED:



Date.....

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