

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Present:** Parish Councillors. P. Sadler S. Sawyer, K. Sharpe, K. Miller, J. Sait, S. Turner, J. Damant and Y. Webb

**Also present:** O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5) and 4 members of the public.

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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr J Hindle and TDC Cllr R Heaney.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated were then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**4. Public Questions**

A discussion was had about the decisions made by the parish council about the skate board ramp and subsequent repairs to the skate board ramp which are a temporary fix and not a permanent one. Cllr Miller is leading on putting together a grant application which needs to be in by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016. A meeting is being set up for involved parties to input into this grant application. It was reminded that VAT must not be included in any budget figures.

**5. Reports from County & District Councillors**

ECC Cllr Goggin commented that he had been impressed by the speech made a younger resident at last meeting about the Skate Board Ramp. As the Skate Board Ramp has been condemned and not taken away there is a fund available for this which the parish council will be applying to. There is a Locality Board meeting at Weeley on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Next LHP meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> January. The proposed Chapel Lane, 1 way system is on the list. The Chairman will be invited to ANZAC events on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Cllr Goggin thinks the B1027 is dangerous road. A speeding survey has been carried out in Alresford which showed a significant number of drivers driving faster than the 40MPH speed limit. St Osyth parish council have caught hundreds of cars speeding, which resulted in the Police sending warning letters to offenders. The Clerk of St Osyth would be happy to come and explain how it worked for them.

Cllr Sharpe raised his concerns about the large number of high paid staff ECC has when the services being provided are being reduced.

Cllr Sait raised concerns about the new Residential Park at Flag Hill in Great Bentley discharging effluent into the road opposite.

Cllr Nicholls stated the Boundary Commission will be looking in to the wards and the number of Cllrs making up TDC over the next couple of years. He confirmed that black bin bags will not be supplied by TDC making a saving of £160,000 per year for the council. The free Parking Permits may possibly be on the way out. The Full TDC will be meeting next month to set the budget for the next financial year. The Local Plan is progressing and the next revision should come out mid-year.

**6. Planning**

**15/01809/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling house and replacement with new dwelling house at Marsh Farm House Marsh Farm Lane Thorrington. TPC had no comments on this application.**

**ESS/60/15/TEN – Change of use of land to from minor extension of vehicles breaker yard including alterations to cross over, erection of building and construction of new internal road and turning area at Auto Spare Station Yard, Great Bentley Road, Thorrington. – TPC has objections in summary on increased vehicle movements, size of vehicles, traffic congestion and the level of the water table**

**Planning Decisions**

**15/01708/FUL – New Front porch at 39 Clover Drive Thorrington- TDC had granted planning permission.**

**15/01608/OUT – Outline planning for a new dwelling at Conifer House – Conifer House Brightlingsea Road Thorrington Colchester - TDC had granted planning permission.**

**15/01122/FUL – Installation of ground mounted 10kw Solar PV array on low level mounting in the ground of the property, to be screened by existing and proposed planting at Frating Abbey Farm Frating Abbey farm Road Frating - TDC had granted planning permission.**

**Planning Appeal – None received.**

**7. Reports on Highways Issues:**

**a. Proposed relocation of Clacton Road Bus Shelter - Update**

It has been confirmed that new bus stop & shelter are now in use and the old bus stops by the Post Office have been removed.

**b. Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – Update**

It has been confirmed this scheme is on the LHP list for consideration.

**c. Footpaths - Update**

It was confirmed any work carried out by TDC Wardens has to be authorised by ECC and charged for the cost of the works. It was proposed the matter be raised at the next LHP meeting. The clerk will raise separate requests for each section of footpath requiring attention.

**8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	Cllr Sait reported that the notice board and posts need repairing/replacing. He has agreed to carry out this work. He will be installing some insulation around the water standpipe to prevent the pipe freezing during the colder months shortly. The ditch clearing between the allotments and Berberis Cottage is outstanding. The clerk reported one tenant had not paid their rent for the coming year and he will be following this up.
Playing Field	One of the “NO DOGS ALLOWED” signs have disappeared and a “Gate is Heavy Sign” has disappeared. If a search for them is unsuccessful the clerk will purchase replacement signs.

Tennis Court	None.
Village Hall	None.
Footpaths	None.
Tree Warden	The tree work at the allotment costing £300+VAT is being arranged. The purchase and planting of 3 trees and accessories with one for the playing field and two for Station Road is in progress. It was reminded that the invoices relating to this needs to be with TDC by 26 February 2016.
Hazel Close Open Space	None.
Thorrington in Bloom	All purchased bulbs have been planted.

**9. Correspondence:**

ECC – Public Notice – Various Road closures including Church Thorrington between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Noted.

ECC & Natural England – Poster – The England Coast Path drop in Sessions -Noted.

**10. Accounts**

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102156	P Bradstock	£331.21	Clerk’s Salary – January 2016 & Expenses
102157	K Miller	£56.93	Refund of Bulbs purchased for Thorrington in Bloom
102158	J Sait	£60.40	Refund of Thank You gift for persons lending their water bowser over the years
DD	Eon	£110.59	Streetlight Electricity – November 2015
DD	Eon	£114.27	Streetlight Electricity – December 2015
DD	Eon	£28.85	Feeder Pillar Electricity- August to November 2015
DD	A&J Lighting Solutions	£69.60	Call Out – Street Light Fault
DD	A&J Lighting Solutions	£190.38	Maintenance Charge – December 2015 to February 2016

**11. To consider the repairs to the skate board ramp, the disposing of the skate board ramp and the funding of a new skate board ramp and associated procedures**

This was covered under Item 4. Additional comments were made about the funding of a new ramp. A suggestion was made about enquiring if there was any Section 106 monies for Thorrington and enquire from ECHA & RCCE about any available grants/funds.

**12. To consider LHP schemes for 2016 – 2017**

It was agreed there were currently no new ones to put forward.

**13. To discuss any further correspondence from TDALC with regards to asking for support to do a deputation to the Home Secretary with reference to policing**  
No further correspondence has been received.

**14. To consider the Essex Fire & Essex Police volunteering scheme for parishes**  
It was agreed the parish council do not wish to participate.

**15. To consider opting in or out of the sector led body – Smaller Authority Audit Appointments**  
It was agreed to opt in to the sector led body – Smaller Authority Audit Appointments

**16. Councillor & Clerk's Reports**

TDC are asking for any comments from the parish council about the delivery of food caddies.

Cllr Sait was concerned about the run off of chemicals in to the drains at the car wash and into the road at Thorrington Cross. The clerk will contact the environmental department at TDC to seek advice.

It was agreed the clerk would chase up repairs/replacements to the Golf Ball lights and fittings at Thorrington Cross.

Cllr Sawyer stated that all the bollards were dirty and needed cleaning. The clerk will report each one when he has been supplied the reference number and Grid Reference of each bollard.

**17. Closure**

The meeting was called to a close at 8.55pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.**

*P. Sadler*  
Actual Signature Redacted

SIGNED.....

Chairman

..... Date *3/2/16*.....