

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2nd March 2016

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

Also present: O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), TDC Cllr R Heaney, ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 6).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Y. Webb and TDC Cllr F Nicholls
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**
None.
5. **To receive a presentation on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
Mr John Wright outlined the neighbour watch scheme. The scheme works with the police. Co-ordinators can look after part of a street, a street or several streets. Mr Wright will give all new coordinator training. People can sign up to the police messaging service via Essex Police website which will send relevant information with regards to where the person lives.
6. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
ECC Cllr Goggin was pleased that Rosie Catford and Mr & the late Mrs Jelly both received Pride of Tendring Awards this year. The central bollards along Brightlingsea Road have been cleaned. He will forward a transcript of ECC leader's budget speech, for information. ECC needs to save £1 million pounds each week for the next 4 years. The ECC council tax is going up by 1.99% and the social care levy by 2%.

Cllr Heaney stated that there will be a 1.99% increase in TDC council tax for 2016 / 2017 year. She has made requests for rubbish clearing along A120 / A133. However they will not litter pick along the central reservations. It was recommended that the parish council complain to TDC about this as well. It was confirmed that the streetlights in the TDC area will not be switched on between midnight and 5am.
7. **Planning**
16/00164/CMTR – Change of use of land to form minor extension of vehicle breaker's yard including alterations to cross over, erection of building and construction of new internal road and turning area (resubmission of ESS/30/15/TEN) at Auto Spares Station Yard Frating Road Thorrington
- For Information only
16/00127/TELLIC – Existing 3 No. antennas to be removed and replace with 3 No. antenna on existing support poles and add 1 No. cabinet and associated

development at Telephone Mast Site ESX0356 Whitehouse Farm Church Road Thorrington – For information only

16/00162/FUL – Loft conversion including formation of dormer at Points Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TPC have no comments on this planning application.

16/00184/FUL – Erection of 2 polytunnels size 7 x 30m on agricultural land adjacent to two existing polytunnels of similar size 6.7m x 27.43m at Bennison Farm Frating Road Thorrington – TPC have no comments on this planning application.

16/00269/TPO – T1 Oak, T2 Oak – reduce by 40% at 10 Heathlands Thorrington – TPC have no comments on this planning application.

16/00226/NMA – Change of material to driveway at Rosslyn Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TPC have no comments on this planning application.

Planning Decisions

15/01908/FUL – Rear extension at 5m deep and 3.35m in height at Birchwood Clacton Road Thorrington. TDC have approved this planning application.

Planning Appeal – None received.

8. Reports on Highways Issues:

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

No further update.

b. **Tenpenny Hill Footpath Extension – Update**

An email was received about getting this work approved. The parish council and Cllr Goggin agreed that they considered this work important as it is a dangerous road even if it is an expense project. Cllr Goggin will take this matter up with the ECC portfolio holder. Cllr Sait and Cllr Goggin will explore the option of a separate path for pedestrians and cyclists.

c. **Church Road Footpath – Update**

It has been confirmed that the feasibility study has been completed. However the work to be done has not been scheduled.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	It was agreed to contribute 50% of the cost to a maximum of £250 towards a new notice board. Cllr Sawyer will source a suitable notice board.
Playing Field	None.
Tennis Court	It was agreed the new notice board for the Allotments would be shared by the Tennis Court.
Village Hall	The AGM will be held in May 2016
Footpaths	It was commented that the greenswards adjacent to the footpaths along Clacton Rd and Station Rd are being churning up by horses. A note will be put in the next Grapevine.
Tree Warden	The replacement Oak and two Maple trees have been received. The TDC Tree Planting Grant 2015 / 2016 claim has been submitted to TDC.
Hazel Close Open Space	The “No Fouling” notices have been reattached to their fixings.
Thorrington in Bloom	None.

10. Correspondence:

Tendring Twinning Association information book project. – Email – Request for information about Thorrington. The clerk will respond to this request.

EALC- Email – Rural Planning Review: - Call for evidence – Noted

Essex Police – Email – ANPR Privacy Impact Assessment – Tendring Consultation – Noted

ECC – Email – Consultation on Proposal for Strategic Development (transportation) and Community Infrastructure. Pre-application advice and developer contribution enquiry charges – Noted

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service – Email – Consultation on the Service – Noted

TADLC – Email – Letter about proposed cuts to Police and Courts – The parish council support this letter.

A&J Lighting Solutions – Flyer – New LED light replacements for 35W SOX lamps – The clerk will investigate the cost difference.

11. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102162	P Bradstock	£340.93	Clerk’s Salary – March 2016 & Expenses
102163	HM Revenue & Customs	£24.00	Tax & NI on Clerk’s Salary
102164	Landscape services	£234.00	Tree cutting at the Allotments
102165	Landscape services	£116.28	Plants trees and supply of accessories
102166	S. Turner	£171.98	Refund purchase of 3 trees
DD	Eon	£114.27	Streetlight Electricity – January 2016
DD	Affinity Water	£20.22	Water - August 2015 to February 2016
DD	A&J Lighting Solutions	£190.38	Maintenance Charge - March to May 2016

12. To receive an update on the replacement Skateboard Ramp
Some monies have been received towards the replacement skateboard ramp. Cllr Miller will apply to the Big Society Fund and reapply to the CIF in April 2016.

13. To confirm the appointment of internal auditors for the account year ending 31st March 2016
It was agreed that Heelis and Lodge would carry out this audit.

14. Councillor & Clerk’s Reports


It was agreed to have an agenda item to discuss the purchase of Commemorative Coins for the HM Queens 90th Birthday for primary school children in the village.

Cllr Turner is concerned about the blue car parked outside 3 oaks Clacton. The clerk will contact the police to seek advice on the removal of it.

15. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 9.07pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 6th April 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.

SIGNED.....  Date 6/4/16

Chairman