

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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

**Also present:** O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 8) and 3 residents.

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

**1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr. P. Sadler was duly elected as Chairman and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

**2. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr. J. Damant was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

**3. Election of Representatives**

The following were duly elected:-

- Allotments – Cllr Sait
- Playing Field – Cllr Webb
- Tennis Court – Cllr Sawyer
- Village Hall – Cllr Webb
- Footpaths – Cllr Sadler
- Tree Warden – Cllr Turner
- Hazel Close Open Space – Cllr Sadler
- Thorrington in Bloom – Cllr Hindle
- TDALC members – Cllrs Sadler and Turner

**4. Apologies for absence**

Cllr F. Nicholls

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**6. 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.

**7. Public Questions**

A resident asked about the road works being carried out around the Thorrington Cross area. It was confirmed that the Water Mains are being renewed.

A resident is going clear the overgrown vegetation on the section of pavement between Morten House and White House along Station Road.

A resident asked about the update on the removal of the red telephone box in Station Road. The clerk has not yet been able to follow up this issue.

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

ECC Cllr Goggin reported the next meeting of the Locality Board was on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**9. Planning**

**16/00545/FUL - Variation of condition 2 of planning application 15/00714/FUL to amend approval drawings showing elevation changes and material at site adjacent Heathfields Clacton Road Thorrington – TPC have no comments.**

**16/00585/TELLIC – Installation of high speed broadband cabinet at side of Greenacres Farm Station Road Thorrington – For information only**

**Planning Decisions – None received.**

**Planning Appeal – None received.**

**10. Reports on Highways Issues:**

- a. **Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – Update**  
None.
- b. **Tenpenny Hill Footpath Extension – Update**  
Meeting is still to be arranged.
- c. **Church Road Footpath – Update**  
The work is due to be carried out in May 2016.

**11. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	Several complaints were received from a resident about the management of several plots. Cllr Sait has hopefully resolved these issues. The clerk will confirm the details of Plot 15 to Cllr Sait.
Playing Field	Cllr Miller reported she has been unsuccessful with Tendring Big Society application for funding towards a new skateboard ramp. There is currently about £6K of donations / in kind towards a new skateboard ramp.
Tennis Court	The management of the tennis court has not been decided. The signatories of the bank account are in the process of being changed.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe reported the Farrow Room is still under used, The village hall funds are in a satisfactory state and there is a village hall meeting in the next few weeks.
Footpaths	None in addition to comment under Item 7 above.
Tree Warden	Cllr Turner reported that the replacement Oak tree has been planted on the playing field too close to the hedge and the contractor has agreed to move it to the correct location. Cllr Sait reported that the owner of the bench around the tree just at the junction of Church Road and Clacton Road has agreed to contribute up to £1,500 towards the relocation and repair of this bench.
Hazel Close Open Space	A resident has reattached the “Do Not Foul” dog signs. As a result of fencing / wooden posts being pulled over the grass contractor has had to go around these areas.
Thorrington in Bloom	Tulips are coming out. The water tank is currently inaccessible due to the Water Mains work being carried out.

**12. Correspondence:**

A&J Lighting – Email - New LED lights replacement for 35W SOX Lamps - Noted.

13. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102170	P K Bradstock	£238.40	Clerk's Salary – May 2016 & Expenses
102172	Landscape Services	£672.00	Grass Cutting
102173	EALC	£338.75	Membership 2016 / 2017
102174	CVST	£25.00	Membership 2016 / 2017
102175	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£591.30	Dog waste Bags

b) **To review the Internal Auditor's Report year end 31 March 2015**  
 There was one recommendation to update the Standing Orders and Financial Regulation which has been done and were approved at the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Parish Council meeting.

c) **To review effectiveness of internal controls**  
 These were reviewed and considered to be satisfactory.

14. **To consider the purchase of commemorative Medals for HM Queen Elizabeth 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

It was agreed to purchase 50 medals with an additional 10 at the request of Cllr Sharpe for his own use. He is paying for these himself.

15. **To consider the Proposal to introduce standard instrument departure procedures at London Southend Airport**

The Parish Council had no comments.

16. **To approve the purchase of a replacement dog waste bag dispenser**

It was agreed to defer purchasing a new dispenser until the old one was beyond repair. Cllr Damant will refix the shield, if possible, to stop water getting in to the dispenser causing further rusting.

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

It was agreed to leave the litter bin at the old bus stop location opposite the post office in Clacton Road as the Post Office has removed the bin outside it premises and there is concern more waste may be deposited in the surrounding area if it were moved to a new location.

Cllr Sait reported several warning signs have been put up about snakes and ticks for dog owners.

17. **Closure**

The meeting was called to a close at 8.15pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.**

*P. Sadler*  
 Actual Signature Redacted

SIGNED.....

Chairman

Date 1/6/16.....