

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

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

**Also present:** O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5) and 2 residents.

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

- 1. **Apologies for absence**  
TDC Cllrs F. Nicholls and 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**  
None.
- 5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**  
ECC Cllr Goggin supplied a list of various meetings over the next few months. He highlighted ECC LHP Pre-meeting on 16 June and ECC LHP meeting on 23 June at Weeley. Also he highlighted the public meeting with the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex, Roger Hirst at Brightlingsea Community Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016. Cllr Goggin agreed to raise the question about possible congestion charges for entering Harlow, Chelmsford and Colchester at the next ECC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016. There was no reports from the TDC Cllrs.
- 6. **Planning**  
16/00735/FUL – Proposed garden room at Woodbury Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

**Planning Decisions**

16/00429/FUL – Construction of new dwelling to rear of Berberis Cottage (following demolition of existing stables at Berberis Cottage Clacton Road Thorrington – TDC have approved this planning application.

16/00428/FUL – Variation of Condition 2 of planning application 14/00790/FUL for the 2Erection of six 3 bedroom bungalows” to omit drawings 756/01 B, 756/02 B and 756/03 B and replace with drawings 756/01 C, 756/02 C and 753/03 C at St. Helier Church Road Thorrington - TDC have approved this planning application

**Planning Appeal** – None received.

**7. Reports on Highways Issues:**

- a. **Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – Update**  
None.
- b. **Tenpenny Hill Footpath Extension – Update**  
None.
- c. **Church Road Footpath – Update**  
This work has not been carried out.

**8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	The grass around the plots has been cut by the grass cutting contractor. Cllr Sait is concerned that either plot 13 or 15 is not being used and allowed to get overgrown with vegetation. The new notice board is about to installed.
Playing Field	Nothing to report.
Tennis Court	Weed spraying around the edge and white line painting of the court is due to be carried out shortly. It was agreed in principal to transfer the funds held by the former tennis club to the parish council to be used for the purpose of maintaining the tennis court facility. An agenda item will be added to the next meeting to approve this.
Village Hall	Nothing to report.
Footpaths	The footpath running along Mill Farm is becoming difficult to use. Cllr Sait agreed to contact the land owner to request the vegetation growing over on to the footpath be cut back.
Tree Warden	Nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	It was requested that the next cut of the Hazel Close open space be cut thoroughly on a dry day. The clerk will inform the contractor of this.
Thorrington in Bloom	All the plants have been planted. The water tank has been filled. Cllr Hindle requested that brambles and other vegetation be cut back around the path leading from Clacton Road to Heathlands and the two flower beds be weeded by the grass cutting contractor. Cllr Hindle will clarify the work required to the contractor.

**9. Correspondence:**

- DJT Plants tour of the polyhouse – Email - The clerk will inform the owner that Cllrs Sait, Miller and Damant will be attending on 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Eon – Letter – Increase in Deemed Contract rate for the unmetered electricity supply for the streetlights from 12.4p to 14.4p per KWh.
- A&J Lighting – Letter – Component parts price list update – Noted.

10. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102176	Eon UK Ltd	£1171.51	Insurance 2016 / 2017
102177	P K Bradstock	£282.31	Clerk's Salary – June 2016 & Expenses
102178	Landscape Services	£390.00	Grass Cutting
102179	J Hindle	£73.00	Refund for purchase of plants for Thorrington in Bloom.
DD	Eon	£110.59	Electricity for Streetlights – April 2016

b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2015 / 2016

This was approved by the council and duly signed.

c) To approve the Accounting Statements 2015 / 2016

These were approved by the council and duly signed.

11. Councillor & Clerk's Reports

The clerk is trying to find the new contact for requesting the telephone box in Station Road to be removed.

A request has been made for the fencing around the Highway depot at the junction of Station Road and Church Road be repaired.

It was confirmed that the Village Day will be on the second Saturday in August and the date will be in the Grapevine magazine.

Cllr Sharpe requested the Village Day Committee consider donating this year's profit to the new Skateboard Ramp project.

Cllr Sait reported that since the signs about Adders and Ticks had been put up that there had been less use of these areas.

Cllr Sait reported that the Post Office had re-instated their bin outside the shop.

It was requested that the state of Abbey Road be raised at the LHP meeting.

Cllr Sadler has received an invitation for all Thorrington Parish Cllrs to attend the Church Service on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30pm in celebration of the HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

12. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 8.03pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.

SIGNED.

*P. Sadler*  
 Actual Signature Redacted  
 Chairman

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