

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 6th July 2016

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

Also present: O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5), TDC Cllrs F. Nicholls and R. Heaney (Items 1 to 10) and 1 resident.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs K. Miller and J. Sait

 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**
Mr Dave Edwards came along to discuss his proposed planning application for a small housing cluster off Clacton Road adjacent to Edwards Drive which he will be submitting shortly. The following points were made - The road entering and exiting the cluster of dwellings will be directly on to Clacton Road, it is outside the village envelope, the land has not been farmed for 15 years and the houses will be sold privately. The Parish Council in principle have no objections.

 5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
Cllr Goggin indicated that as a result of the ECC Waste Recycling Plan there are likely to be much more vehicle movement through Thorrington to access the proposed Brightlingsea site.
The public meeting with the new Police Commissioner, Roger Hurst on 20th June at Brightlingsea was attended by 110 people of which an estimated 40 were members of the public. It was requested that he repeated the exercise in a year's time. ECC are proposing to re-arrange Children Services (Childcare) to improve the effectiveness of the services provided. Brightlingsea will be providing a Firework display on 23rd July 2016.
Cllr Goggin has been appointed to ECC Audit Committee. There was a suggestion of producing a document highlighting the responsibilities of each tier of local government. There is currently no more information on the possible introduction of Congestion Charges in various towns and cities in Essex.
- Cllr Nicholls reported that TDC Local Plan consultation document was just about to be released. Leaflets are being sent out to all residents. A hard copy can be requested from the Planning Department. Cllr Nicholls has come off the TDC Planning Committee.

6. Planning

16/00822/FUL – Proposed replacement garage at Fairhaven Church Road Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

16/00789/FUL – Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling at Bryngwynant Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

16/00931/FUL – Construction of cart lodge style garage and store at 5 Nursery Gardens Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

16/00913/TELLIC – Installation of electronic communications at Whitehouse Farm Church Road Thorrington – For information only.

Planning Decisions

16/00545/FUL – Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/00714/FUL to amend drawings showing elevational changes and materials – Site adjacent to Heathfields Clacton 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**
None.

8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Plot 15 is not being used and is now overgrown with vegetation. The clerk will contact Cllr Sait to agree a way forward to resolve this issue.
Playing Field	Reminder to TDC - the litter bin post at Vehicle Access gate needs to be straightened as it is leaning badly.
Tennis Court	The new notice board is about to installed. The Invoice has been received and Thorrington Parish Council will pay 50% of the bill.
Village Hall	Nothing to report.
Footpaths	Nothing to report.
Tree Warden	The oak tree planted on the playing field does not look very healthy. So the contractor may have to replace it (if necessary it will be free of charge). The situation will be kept under review.
Hazel Close Open Space	The grass currently looks OK.
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report.

9. Correspondence:

Eon – Letter - New Electric Meter for the Playfield – The clerk will Contact Cllr Sait to arrange a suitable time with Eon.

Anglian Water – Email – Private Pumping Stations – Noted and will add a note in the next Grapevine report.

10. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102180	P K Bradstock	£323.77	Clerk’s Salary – July 2016 & Expenses
102182	RCCE	£66.00	Subscription 2016 - 2017
102183	CPRE	£36.00	Subscription 2016 - 2017
102184	Tower Mint Limited	£152.28	HM Queen’s 90th Birthday Commemorative Medals
102185	Landscape Services	£474.00	Grass Cutting
DD	Eon	£28.88	Electric Bill–Feeder Pillar Playing Field
DD	Eon	£114.27	Electric Bill-Street lighting – May 2016
DD	A&J Lighting	£190.38	Maintenance – June to August 2016

11. To consider applying for a grant from the Support Transparency Code Compliance Fund

The parish council agreed to apply for grant. The clerk will completed the form then submit it for approval by council before submitting the application.

12. To review the Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed to increase the number of allotment grass cuts to three per year. The rest of contract was left unchanged. The clerk will inform the contractor.

13. To consider a quote for clearing flower beds on Clacton Road by the cut through to Heathlands

It was agreed to accept the quote of £150+VAT for this work to be carried out. The clerk will inform the contractor.

14. Councillor & Clerk’s Reports

Cllr Hindle requested that the hedging at the corner of Chapel Lane and Church Road outside the Chapel be cut back as it was reducing visibility for motor vehicles. The clerk will contact the owners to request this work be carried out.

Cllr Damant reported there had been a number of burglaries in the village and people should be particularly vigilant. The clerk will add a note in the next parish council Grapevine report.

The clerk will arrange for the Playing field hedge to be cut before the Village Day. The clerk will request that the grass be cut during the week leading up to the Village Day.


The clerk reported that BT had got the payphone near the level cross in Station Road on the list of phones to be removed. However no timescale could be given when this work will be completed.

The clerk gave notice that he is resigning from the parish clerk position. He is arranging for an advert to be published on the Noticeboards, at the Post Office and with EALC.

15. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 7th September 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.

SIGNED  Date 7/9/16

Chairman