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Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th September 2016

Present: Parish Councillors. P. Sadler, K. Sharpe, Y. Webb, J Hindle, K. Miller and J. Sait.

Also present: O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5), K. Fairhurst and 4 residents.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs J. Damant, S. Turner and S. Sawyer. 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**
A resident raised concerns he has about Frating Abbey Farm Road being used by an increasing number of cars, of which a significant number are speeding cars, as a short cut. A discussion was had and it was agreed it would be raised at the next LHP meeting.
A resident requested documents relating to an item in the Parish Council minutes of the 6th June 2012 meeting. It was requested the resident email the clerk with the exact details of the documents he wishes to view.
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
Cllr Goggin thanked the clerk for all his help while being with Thorrington Parish Council. Cllr Goggin confirmed that the early morning 87a bus service from Brightlingsea to Wivenhoe Railway Station has been reprieved from being axed. He apologized about an internal political party matter relating to himself had been publicized in the press. Cllr Goggin confirmed he had no knowledge of any traffic congestion charges being introduced in any town or city in Essex. No TDC Cllr report was received.
6. **Planning**
16/00974/FUL – Temporary change of use of residential garden (Class C3) to storage (Class B8) at Hilltop View Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.
16/01137/FUL – Proposed development of 16 new bungalows at a site to the West of Edwards Drive Clacton Road Thorrington – TPC supported this development as being in a suitable location within the village so that it will not add to traffic congestion nor extend the boundaries of the village, being of a size that means it will provide a good number of additional homes without being so large as to be disruptive to the community or neighbours and being the type of housing that is consistent with the locality.
16/01191/FUL – Proposed first floor extension over garage at 34 Clover Drive Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

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

Planning Decisions

16/00789/FUL – Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling at Bryngwynant Brightlingsea Road Thorrington – TDC have approved this planning application.

16/00931/FUL – Construction of cart lodge style garage and store at 5 Nursery Gardens Thorrington – TDC have approved this planning application.

16/00822/FUL – Proposed replacement garage at Fairhaven Church Road Thorrington – TDC have approved this planning application.

16/01041/ – Single Storey rear extension at the Post Office 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	Cllr Sait reported Plot No 2. Holder had also taken Plot No. 4. Previous Plot No. 4 holder had taken over Plot No. 13. The clerk will update his records. It was confirmed that further free supplied of manure will be delivered to the allotments. Cllrs Sait and Miller will discuss the issue of infilling the ditch with builders rubble at the allotment boundary with the owners of Berberis Cottage. The annual meeting for allotment holders was agreed for 5 th October at 7pm for 30mins
Playing Field	Cllr Sait reported that the estimated cost for moving and carrying repairs out to the bench from the junction of Church road and Clacton Road to the playing field would be £1300. The owner of the bench will reimburse this cost to the parish council.
Tennis Court	The new shared notice board will be installed imminently. A couple of posts and some cement will need to be purchased. White lining, minor repairs to fence and general tidying will be carried out shortly.
Village Hall	Nothing to report.
Footpaths	Nothing to report.
Tree Warden	Nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The clerk will order 3 new “Do not let your Dogs Foul” signs.
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report.

9. Correspondence:

TDC – Email from BT – Public Payphones Kiosks – Proposed Closures Consultation – TPC have no objections. It was noted that the payphone along Station Road is not in the schedule. The clerk will respond.

TDC – Email – Village Pump 3 / 4 Chapel Lane status – The clerk will respond highlighting – TDC decline to maintain the asset. TPC repaired the roof, gutter and gate. No. 3 Chapel Lane was offered it to maintain and have use of the gate, however it was assumed they declined responsibility as no response was received. No 4 is a TDC house.

10. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102186	P K Bradstock	£532.74	Clerk's Salary – August and September 2016 & Expenses
102187	John Peak & Sons	£348.00	Trimming Hedge around Playing Field
102188	Tendring Association of Local Councils	£10.00	Affiliation Fee 2016
102189	Landscape Services	£1320.00	Grass Cutting
102190	Colne Carpentry & Joinery Ltd	£250.00	New Noticeboard (50% of cost)
102192	Ladywell Accountancy Services	£40.00	PAYE Year 2016 / 2017 Payroll
102193	HM Revenue & Customs	£156.00	Clerk Tax & NI-July to September 2016
102194	Thorrington Village Hall	£289.00	Hall Hire – Jan. 2015 to June 2016
DD	Eon	£110.59	Electric Bill-Street lighting – June 2016
DD	Eon	£114.27	Electric Bill-Street lighting – July 2016
DD	Eon	£114.27	Electric Bill-Street lighting–August 2016
DD	Eon	£13.91	Electric Bill–Feeder Pillar Playing Field
DD	Eon	£12.55	Electric Bill–Feeder Pillar Playing Field
DD	A&J Lighting	£570.60	Parts for Annual Maintenance
DD	A&J Lighting	£190.38	Maintenance Sept. to Nov. 2016
DD	Affinity Water	£96.16	Water Bill – February to August 2016

11. To review the Allotment rent for 2016 / 2017 Year

It was agreed to keep the rent at £12 per plot per year.

12. To consider transferring the Thorrington Tennis Club Account to the Parish Council

It was formerly agreed to accept the funds from the Thorrington Tennis Club Account as there is no management committee. These monies will be transferred to the main Thorrington Parish Council Account in due course.

13. To confirm acceptance of the 1 year fixed price electricity plan for the Playing Field feeder pillar

It was agreed to accept the 1 year fixed price plan from 15 Oct. 2016 to 14 Oct. 2017.

14. To consider the TDC – Local Plan with Preference Options document

It was agreed a general comment would be submitted. The text of which is as follows- "TPC have no additional comments than those made on previous draft TDC Local Plans"

15. To review the annual play area inspection report

It was agreed to obtain a quote to lift the clearance height under the trees to between 2m to 3m.

16. Councillor & Clerk's Reports

The clerk reported that he had completed the declaration of compliance for automatic enrolment duties with the Pensions Regulator.

The Thorrington Village Day 2016 accounts were reviewed. £500 is being donated for extending the electrical supply to the skateboard area on the playing field. £100 is being donated to TPC for Thorrington in Bloom. The committee requested more flowers be planted. The provisional date for the Village Day next year is the second Saturday in August.

Cllr Miller reported that things were progress with both the Tesco Bag Grant and ECC CIF Grant for a new skateboard. She hopes to have some more news shortly.

There are 2 streetlights currently not working. One going along Clacton Road from Thorrington Cross the first light on the right is not working and the second is the light by Heathlands path cut through. The clerk will report these.

Several of the flexible bollards on the central islands going down Brightlingsea Road are bent over. The clerk will report these.

The clerk will chase the various lights not in operation at Thorrington Cross.

The clerk will report the dangerous state of the manhole cover along Clacton Road going towards Clacton just past Thorrington Church on the church side of the road.

17. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 5th October 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.30pm.

P. Sadler
Actual Signature Redacted

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Chairman

Date *5/10/16*.....