

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

**Also present:** K Fairhurst (Parish Clerk), Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5) and 8 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30pm by Cllr P. Sadler – Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Parish Cllr J Hindle, TDC Cllr 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 about the poor condition of the white lines on the roads in Thorrington. Councillors were not informed of any date for these to be renewed so could not advise the resident.  
A Resident reported that a car had been parked for a lengthy period of time on a grass verge in the Village. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Sait would contact the person believed to be responsible and report back to Council.
  
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**  
CCllr Goggin informed the meeting that Councillor Joan Coates MBE had died the previous week.  
He then welcomed the new clerk. Cllr Goggin drew the Meeting's attention to his website for information. Cllr Goggin reported that he had attended a meeting with Hedingham, the operators of the number 87 bus service in Brightlingsea. Unfortunately, the service was suffering through lack of drivers. The company is trying to recruit new drivers and is using Agency drivers but the situation is unlikely to be resolved for at least another 4 weeks. Cllr Goggin reported that the Essex County Council Audit Committee were required to shave a further £1 million pounds per week off their budget. Cllr Goggin had recently attended a meeting of the Education Board and was pleased to note that the number of schools in this area classified as good or outstanding had increased from 49% in 2013 to 80% in 2015. It was hoped this figure would rise to 100%. The next meeting of the Education Board will be on 11 October when the subject of Grammar schools will be considered. Cllr Goggin invited anyone with strong views on this topic to let him know. Cllr Goggin informed the meeting that if there were to be a substantial increase in the volume of heavy lorries, from Eastern Waste Company in

Brightlingsea, using the connecting roads through Thorrington, then local B roads could become classified as Priority routes. As such they could command the same level of importance as A roads for repair and maintenance. There could also be an increase in Port use at Brightlingsea .

Cllr Goggin was asked to convey the Council's concerns regarding the new stricter regulations at waste disposal sites. Cllr Sait reported that he had already seen an increase in illegal fly tipping and feared the problem would get worse. There would then be increased costs to clear up such waste. Cllr Goggin was then questioned about the apparent lack of progress on the proposed one way system for Chapel Lane, Thorrington. Cllr Goggin agreed to check on progress with the local highways panel at their next meeting on 20th October and report back. Cllr Goggin was also questioned about the footpath in Church Road but there was nothing to report at this time. Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Goggin then left the Meeting.

- 6. **Planning**  
**16/01395/FUL – Proposed Single Storey rear extension at 34 Clover Drive, Thorrington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.**

**Planning Decisions - None received.**

**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 that Manure had been ordered and would be delivered shortly. The tap had been repaired. All rubble had been removed from ditch alongside allotments. Cllr Sait will again approach the landowner to take action to resolve the problem of brambles encroaching the allotment boundary mound. The new Notice Board should be put up in the next week.
Playing Field	Cllr Webb reported that the trees bordering the Playing Field were in need of trimming and the Clerk reported that this request had been passed to the Contractor for action following the last meeting and would chase this up. Cllr Miller reported regarding the skate ramp grant that voting for the Tesco bag grant had been deferred until November.



Tennis Court	Cllr Sawyer reported that there had been a general tidy up & the new Notice board would soon be installed. It was agreed to transfer the funds from the Tennis club to the TPC General account. It was proposed to consider a change in the system of membership with effect from April 2017.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe stated that the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee would be in January 2017.
Footpaths	It was reported that the overhanging hedge was still causing an obstruction on the footpath bordering Mill Farm. Cllr Sait offered to contact Mill Farm again with regard to this concern. Cllr Sadler reported that the brambles on two bridges had been removed.
Tree Warden	Cllr Miller reported that 2 of the Maple trees were failing. Cllr Turner agreed to contact the Landscape contractor to report & discuss options.
Hazel Close Open Space	The clerk will check if 3 new "Do not let your Dogs Foul" signs have been ordered following the last meeting and Cllr Sait will action if not already ordered.
Thorrington in Bloom	Discussion centred on the possibility of obtaining winter bulbs.

**9. Correspondence:**

Copy of letter written by A F Napthine to Essex Highways regarding the white lines on the B1029 which are worn away and causing a hazard.

Correspondence confirming details of the new Grass cutting Contract.

Remittance Advice for deposit of £9000 to TPC a/c as the Second Instalment of the Parish Precept.

Daniel Fisher – e-mails had been received requesting permission to have access from the rear of Marsh House. TPC has right of way to access the allotments but do not own the land. Mr Fisher was advised to contact the owner of the land.

**10. Accounts**

**a) Cheques approved and signed:**

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102195	Landscape Services	£336.00	Grass cuts to verges 8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016
102196	PKF Littlejohn	£120.00	Review of Annual Return
102197	HM Rev & Customs 120PD002978891703	£155.80	Income Tax for P Bradstock
102198	P Bradstock	£55.05	Mileage & stamps
102199	Mr J Sait	£13.06	Stopcock for Allotments

- 11. **To approve former Clerk's additional hours –**  
This item deferred until next meeting.
- 12. **To confirm the appointment of the new clerk.**  
This was approved
- 13. **To approve Training Course for the new clerk**  
This was approved
- 14. **To receive the External Auditor's Report**  
PKF accountants confirmed in writing that they had completed their Review of the Annual Return for TPC for the y/e 31 March 2016. The clerk confirmed that the Actions requiring to be taken had been noted and actioned.
- 15. **To consider nominations for The Pride of Tendring Awards**  
After discussion it was agreed that the names of two people should be put forward for an award as they have been long serving litter pickers. The Clerk will forward their names for consideration.
- 16. **To consider applying for the TDC Tree Planting Scheme 2016-17**  
After discussion it was decided that the condition of the Maple trees should be monitored by the Landscape Contractor with the intention of applying for a Grant to replace them if necessary under the Tree Planting Scheme next year.
- 17. **To consider the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation Document**  
Details of the proposals in this document had been forwarded to Council members for consideration. Council Members were not in favour of the proposed Capping of the Precept.
- 18. **Councillor & Clerk's Reports**  
Cllr Damant reported that the broken bollards and the broken manhole cover had been repaired.  
Cllr Miller informed the Clerk that she has a cheque from Village day to pass on. Cllr Miller continues to seek funding for the Skate Ramp.  
Cllr Sadler had received a personal telephone call from a Parishioner regarding a grass verge issue. Cllr Sadler reminded everyone that her personal details, including her telephone number, should never be made public.
- 19. **Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 9pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 2nd November 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.**

*P. Sadler*  
Actual Signature Redacted

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