

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

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

**Also present:** K Fairhurst (Parish Clerk), Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5), Cllr F Nicholls, P Bastow and 4 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7.05pm by Cllr P. Sadler – Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Parish Cllr Y Webb, 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**  
Mr Bastow addressed local residents concerns over recent odours. He apologised and assured the Meeting the issue would be resolved within a week.
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**  
CCllr Goggin reported that at the recent Essex County Council Meeting the subject of extending the number of Grammar schools had been discussed. As a member of the Families Committee Cllr Goggin had been informed that as many as 10,000 children were regularly giving more than one hours care, some as much as 3 or 4 hours a day. Cllr Goggin informed the Meeting that as part of a potential crime prevention measure an ANPR mobile van was stationed by the Church in Brightlingsea for a period of 20 minutes to monitor vehicles entering and leaving the town. In such a short space of time the camera was able to identify over 20 number plates indicating an issue to be investigated. Cllr Goggin suggested that at some point Councils consider their own needs and discuss this further. Cllr Goggin was asked about the wet area of road approaching Church corner, Brightlingsea. He explained that Anglian Water had been investigating this problem but as yet the cause had not been identified. Cllr Goggin would monitor this important problem.

DCllr Nicholls drew the Meeting's attention to the Local Government Review on the website and invited observations from Councillors. Cllr Nicholls informed the Meeting that the Planning Committee had unanimously approved the application to build 16 new Bungalows on the site to the West of Edwards Drive, Thorrington. Cllr Nicholls reported that he had received complaints about traffic speeding through the village and he intended to submit a motion that local police chiefs take action to calm speeds down.

Cllr Nicholls reported that there had been no decision yet regarding the Frating Abbey Farm Road issues. Cllr Nicholls was asked to raise an issue of 2 lights being displayed at the end of a driveway in Frating as it was felt these presented a danger to drivers. Cllr Nicholls agreed to raise this issue at the next FPC meeting.

## 6. **Planning**

16/01395/FUL – Proposed Single Storey rear extension at 17 Clover Drive, Thorington – TPC had no objections to this planning application.

16/01137/FUL - Proposed development of 16 new bungalows to West of Edwards Drive – this had been approved.

ESS/45/16/TEN(resubmission of ESS/60/15/TEN)- Proposal for Change of use of land to form minor extension of breakers yard, Great Bentley Road. Council wished to record that their former observations remain unchanged.

**Planning Decisions** - None received.

**Planning Appeal** – None received.

## 7. **Reports on Highways Issues:**

### a. **Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – Update**

It was reported that this Proposal had been approved and would be actioned early in the next Financial Year. Cllr Miller asked if a Plan had been prepared as she feared this Proposal would again be sidelined. Cllr Goggin agreed to query the true status of proposed One Way system in Chapel Lane.

### b. **Tenpenny Hill Footpath Extension – Update**

None.

### c. **Church Road Footpath – Update**

None

## 8. **Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	Cllr Sait will order manure. The new Notice Board is in place. The Clerk will provide a set of Rules & Regulations for display on the new Notice Board.
Playing Field	There had been a complaint regarding an incident in the playing field. The Clerk will write to Thors Park to convey concerns and seek re-assurance.
Tennis Court	Cllr Sawyer reported that the new Notice board would soon be completed.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe was disappointed that only 3 people were present at the last meeting. The boiler has been inspected.
Footpaths	There was nothing to report, footpaths had not been re-instated.
Tree Warden	There was no progress with regard to the failing Maple trees. Cllr Turner agreed to contact the Landscape contractor again to report & discuss options.



Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr Sait will assess which are the best locations to place "Doggy" signs. The bollards are still in need of repair.
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported that she had planted lots of Pansies around the Village and would be planting more in the coming week. Cllr Miller will help.

**9. Correspondence:**

EALC confirmation of Bursary award for "New Clerk's Briefing".

EssexCC, Highways Team Public Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Traffic.

Barclays Bank – notification of reduction in rate of interest paid on Business Savings Account.

**10. Accounts**

**Cheques approved and signed:**

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102200	Landscape Services	£336.00	Grass cuts to verges Invs.213 & 221
102201	EALC	£50.00	New Clerk's Briefing – K.Fairhurst
102202	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£270.13	New clerk's pay, mileage, and accommodation
102203	P Bradstock	£103.99	Old Clerk's final pay.
D/D	e.on	£128.43	Charges for electricity
D/D	A & J Lighting	£90.60	Repair to light on Clacton Rd, near footpath from Heathlands

**11. To consider the Budget/Precept for 2017/2018 –**

It was decided to keep the Precept for 2017/2018 at £18,000.

**12. To review the Bus Shelter cleaning rate.**

It was decided to continue payment of £200 per annum for 12 monthly cleans.

**13. To consider/agree Donations to Charities/Small Grants given by TPC**

It was agreed to make donations of £225.00 each to Marie Curie and Essex Air Ambulance.

**14. To consider replacement of the Notice Board at Thorrington Cross.**

After discussion, it was agreed that the Notice Board at Thorrington Cross be removed as it was not an appropriate location. The Notice Board outside the Village Hall would remain.

**15. To finalise nominations for The Pride of Tendring Awards**  
It was agreed to nominate two people for this Award. Mr A Sadler for his services to TPC over many years and Mr Clarke for his voluntary work as a litter picker in the Village. Cllr Sait & Cllr Sadler to submit nomination forms.

**16. Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk reported that she intended to attend the Parish Budget Meeting on 9 November.

A quote of £305 + VAT had been received from J Glover for the cost of pruning the trees on the Playing field. Council approved this quote and the Clerk will advise Mr Glover.

The clerk requested permission to go ahead with an application for a Grant under the Transparency Code. This was approved. Council agreed the clerk submit a completed application form to Council for approval before submitting the application to NALC.

**17. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Sharpe commented on the number of potholes in the Village. The next issue of Grapevine will be distributed to all houses in the Village and items for inclusion would be welcome.


Cllr Miller reported that she would find out how much money would be coming from the Tesco bag fund at the beginning of December. She is also applying to the ECC Community Initiative Fund. If funding forthcoming then it should be possible to start the commissioning process for the skate ramp in the New Year.

The Clerk was asked to write a note of thanks to D Edwards for his donation of £100 towards the skate ramp.

**18. Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.45pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.**

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Actual Signature Redacted

Date.....7/12/16.....