

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

**Also present:** Cllr A Goggin (Items 1 to 5), Cllr F Nicholls, K Fairhurst (Parish Clerk) and 3 residents.

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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs R. Heaney and Y Webb

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 having been previously circulated were amended at Item 5 where “Elmstead Garden Village” was changed to read “the Garden Village between Colchester and Elmstead” and Item 15 where “for the removal of the old skate ramp” was deleted. The minutes were then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**4. Public Questions**

There were no Public Questions.

**5. Reports from County & District Councillors**

Cllr Goggin wished everyone present a Happy New Year. Cllr Goggin informed the Meeting that he would be attending the Local Highways Panel Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January and referred to the proposed Church Road footpath. He informed the Meeting that there was £30,000 in the budget and that Joe Hazelton had offered to arrange a site visit with Councillors. Cllr Goggin would also raise the issue of the Chapel Lane One Way system. He would ask if there was any possibility of getting this done sooner than planned pointing out that the cost of the project is a modest three thousand pounds. Cllr Goggin then referred to the Frating Abbey Farm Road issue. It was understood that an application form had been submitted by Mr Harvey and Council had given their full support to the application. Cllr Goggin to follow up with Mr Harvey before the LHP meeting to ensure a copy of the submission was available. Cllr Goggin then asked the Meeting if there had been any response from Parishioners regarding the new re-cycling procedures at the Clacton refuse site. No comments had been received by Councillors. Cllr Sharpe asked if details of the new regulations could be provided for the Grapevine. Cllr Goggin would action. It was noted that the new regulations were in fact re-affirming what should already have been happening. Cllr Sharpe raised concerns about a possible 3% increase in Council Tax. Cllr Goggin explained that this issue was still being considered but increases in other expenditure would cancel out any potential benefits.

Cllr Sait commented that the reflective bollards on the Brightlingsea Road needed regular cleaning to maintain their efficiency. Solar lighting on bollards was suggested as a possible alternative. Cllr Sadler highlighted the issue of the Church Road footpath and asked for the Meetings approval to keep pressing for action on this issue. All were in agreement and Cllrs Sait and Miller would attend



the LHP Meeting to seek information as to what is happening. If no progress then a site visit would be the next step.

Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin who then left the Meeting at 7.45pm.

Cllr Nicholls informed the Meeting that he also would be attending the LHP Meeting and would be supporting the issues relating to Chapel Lane and Church Road in Thorrington. Cllr Nicholls had concerns regarding a traffic issue in Gt Bromley, which he would also be raising at the LHP Meeting. Cllr Sait again raised his concerns regarding bright lights being displayed at a property along the roadside in the local area. These were considered to be a danger to motorists and it was hoped they could be removed. Cllr Nicholls will raise the issue again with Frating Parish Council.

Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Nicholls.

**6. (a) Planning Applications**

There were none this month

**(b) Planning Decisions - Appn No. ESS/45/16/TEN/(Breakers Yard)**

This application had been refused.

**7. Reports on Highways Issues:**

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

This had been discussed under Item 5.

**b. Church Road Footpath – Update**

Cllrs Sait and Miller would attend the LHP meeting on 5 January 2017 to raise this issue.

**8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	Cllr Sait reported that most of latest delivery of Manure had been used. He asked Council to approve a further delivery of Manure at a cost of £40. This cost would be added to the Allotment holders Annual rent in October 2017. This was approved by Council. There was a query regarding the Allotment Rules and Regulations Notice displayed on the new Notice Board. The Clerk would check for inaccuracies. The Clerk was also asked to provide a Plot Plan for display.
Playing Field	Nothing to report this Month
Tennis Court	Nothing to report this Month
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe reported that a new boiler had been installed in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would be meeting in two weeks time and the new boiler would be under review.
Footpaths	Cllr Hindle reported that there had been a complaint from a local Farmer.
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report this Month
Hazel Close Open Space	There had been a number of incidents where “dog fouling” had not been picked up. This coincided with the increase in visitors over the Holiday period. Cllr Sadler and Cllr Sait would take action to install the “Do not let your Dogs Foul” signs.
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report this Month

**9. Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported that a letter of acknowledgement had been received from The Local Government Boundary Commission acknowledging the view of this Council that the current electoral arrangements should remain the same.

**10. Accounts - Cheques approved and signed:**

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102214	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£219.95	Clerk's Pay, mileage, accommodation.
102215	Mr J Sait	£40.20	Hose Connector Tap for Allotment
102216	Mr S Sawyer	£520.00	Inv SS01, New Notice Board for TPC Allotments
D/D	e.on	£128.43	Charges for Street Lighting
D/D	e.on	£25.19	Electricity for Feeder Pillar
D/D	A & J Lighting	£190.38	Inv 30069. Quarterly maintenance for Dec 2016, Jan & Feb 2017.

**11. To Review Amenities representatives.**

There was no change.

**12. Skate Ramp**

Cllr Miller presented sample specifications for a new Skate Ramp. It was noted that under the terms of the Grant of £8,000 from Tesco "Bags of Help" Scheme, the total cost of a new Skate Ramp could not be more than £12,000. Council agreed that Cllr Miller obtain quotes for a new Skate Ramp based on the £12,000 maximum cost. Council agreed to accept the offers of £8,000 from Tesco Bags of Help and £1650 from CIF. Cllr Miller would complete and send off the online acceptance forms and the CIF acceptance offer letter and provide the Clerk with copies of these for Councils records once done.

**13. Councillors Reports**


Cllr Hindle commented that it had been noticed that the original hedge has been removed by the developers of Larks Meadow and queried if a new hedge would be installed once the building works were complete. No information currently available.

There were no further reports.

**14. Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.55pm

**Date of next meeting - Wednesday, 1st February 2017** at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7pm

SIGNED  Date 1/2/17  
 Chairman