

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: J Damant, J Hindle, K Miller, J Sait, K Sharpe, S Turner and Y Webb

**Also present:** CCllr A.Goggin (Items 1 to 5) DCllrs R.Heaney & F.Nicholls (Items 1-12) K. Fairhurst (Parish Clerk) 2 Members of the Public joined the Meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7.15 pm by Cllr J Damant – Vice Chairman, after the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** P. Sadler & S.Sawyer
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** - None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the acting Chairman as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public Questions** – This item was discussed after Item 5.
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**  
**C.Cllr Goggin** reported: The First bus company would now run the No 62 bus to Brightlingsea. This would be in addition to the No 87 bus run by Heddingham. This could be both good and bad. A big problem was that a passenger buying a return ticket on a First bus would not be able to use that ticket to return on a Heddingham bus. Cllr Goggin felt there should be a universal charge so return tickets could be used on any bus. Cllr Goggin would press for local Railway Ticket Offices to be open for at least part of the day. He felt that Ticket Machines were not simple to use. At a recent Audit Meeting it was reported that schools in Essex had performed well above the average with 377 of the 409 schools inspected rated as good or outstanding. Special needs schools were rated 100%. Cllr Goggin referred to the ECC Elections which would take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A new local radio station Colne Radio, would be going live on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Cllr Goggin felt Colne Radio, with at least 60% talk time, would be aimed at local places like Thorrington. The LHP budget of £30K for the Church Road Footpath was no longer needed as the project had proved to be non-viable. It was hoped that a Traffic calming scheme would be installed. It was noted that the meeting in Thorrington between representatives of the Parish Council and Essex Highways saved time and money in clarifying the issues. Funding had been included in the budget for 2017/18 for the one-way system in Chapel Lane. Cllr Goggin responded to questions regarding recycling. In the government's 15 year replacement plan each city should have a recycling facility for 60%/75%. Concern was expressed about the volume of waste being moved long

distances around the County and the resultant increase in the number of heavy lorries using the local roads.

Cllr Damant thanked C.Cllr Goggin who then left the Meeting at 8pm to attend the Alresford PC Meeting.

**D.Cllr Nicholls** reported that the owners of the property on Cedar Drive had been made aware that the lights at the end of their Drive were causing confusion to motorists. The owners would consider how to resolve the concerns. It had been reported that there had been a reduction in fly tipping in the area.

**Cllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.**

**4. Public Questions:**

A question was raised concerning the siting of waste bins in the Village. It was suggested by a Resident that waste bins were needed by Bus stops as rubbish was being discarded in resident's gardens. Cllrs replied that the waste bins had been re-sited after consultation with Residents. (See Item 13 for further information on waste/dog bins). Residents were reminded that Parish Council information was available on the Notice Board sited in front of the Village Hall, in the Grapevine and on the web site.

**6. (a) Planning Applications :**

Ref: 17/00300/FUL. Proposed outbuilding to form games room. Baytree House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

17/00359/FUL Proposed 2 storey side and single storey rear extensions. Thorpe House, Brightlingsea Road Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

17/00360/TPO. 1 No Beech – reduce for maintenance of good health, Old Rectory, Church Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

17/00403/FUL Construction of new dwelling to rear of Berberis Cottage (following demolition of existing stable). Amendment to application 16/00429/FUL to allow for one further bedroom and bathroom and to make a more sustainable eco-timber clad chalet. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

**b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations**

17/00203/CMTR – Brett Group -*The Clerk was asked to obtain more details about this.*

17/00118/FUL Cart Lodge. Delegated Decision, would adversely impact on character of surrounding area.

**c) Planning Variation - 17/00500/FUL** – variation of condition two of approved planning application 16/01137/FUL. Site to West of Edwards Drive, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this variation.*

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

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

It was confirmed this work had been included in the budget for 2017/18

**b. Church Road -Traffic Calming (see note in Item 5)**

There had been no further information on this project.

**8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	Cllr Sait reported that there were no vacant allotments. Manure would be ordered soon.
Playing Field	Cllr Webb had checked the Playing Field equipment and a few minor repairs were noted. Residents had been seen riding a quad bike on the Playing Field which was not permitted. Broken glass had been left on the field. It was decided to put a notice in Grapevine asking for users to dispose of broken glass in the bins provided.
Tennis Court	The Tennis Court was being well used. Some minor repairs were needed. Cllr Sait would action.
Village Hall	The Academy of Dance was proving popular with classes for adults and children.
Footpaths	Cllr Miller had reported another bridge plank was missing.
Tree Warden	None this Month.
Hazel Close Open Space	Older children had been using the apparatus in the young children's play area and leaving the gate open. The area was being well used.
Thorrington in Bloom	2 new volunteers had been added to the team. It was hoped more people could be encouraged to volunteer.

**9. Correspondence:**

Mrs K Sadler had requested Council consider plans for a house she was hoping to have built on land belonging to Glebe Farm. Plans and photos had been submitted for comment by Councillors. After consideration, Council had no objections to this proposal and wished Mrs Sadler well. The Clerk would write to Mrs Sadler.

**e.on** Announcing price increases from 14.40kwh to 15.75kwh with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

**Barclays Bank** – had created a new dedicated team of Business Direct Relationship Managers to support customers over extended hours with effect from 12 April 2017.

**A & J Lighting** – to inform of increase in cost of sox lamps with effect from 1 April 2017 and list of prices and call-out charges for the coming year.

Mrs Ruth Clarke – Thanking TPC for Donations made for Graveyard and Grapevine.

Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Tendring Draft recommendations for comments. The Clerk was asked to write and re-state the Council's comments that they felt the current arrangements worked well and provided the appropriate level of support to Councils.

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Robert Max – Frinton Festival Poster – for display on Noticeboard

**10. Accounts – Cheques Approved and Signed and Direct Debits paid.**

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102230	Landscape Services	£474.00	Grass cuts to recreational areas and verges. Invs .282 & 283
102231	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£244.30	Clerk's pay for April 2017, mileage & accommodation..
102232	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£60.00	To re-imburse Clerk for payment made to J Gleeson for installing software and setting up new computer.
D/D 104 *	e.on H1422ACE5A	£119.86	Street Lighting for February 2017
D/D 105 *	e.on H14223AC43	£24.78	Electricity supply to Playing field Feb 17
D/D 106	Affinity 5014654-8	£87.68	Water for allotments Oct 2016/March 2017

\* Please Note D/D's 104 & 105 were included in the March payments as they were taken out of the Bank Account in March after the TPC meeting.

**11. Skate Ramp.**

(a) The Clerk confirmed that the Quote for a new Skate Ramp from Radium Ramps had been accepted. Work would begin the first day in September after the new school term started. Payment would be made in 3 Stages, each one being £4,000, a third of the total cost. The first payment in June to enable fabrication to begin. The second payment to be made at the start of the works and the final payment on satisfactory completion of the project.

The Chairman praised Cllr Miller for her efforts and dedication in progressing this project.

**12. To consider Quotes for repairs to Playground surface**

Two quotes had been received. One costing £7751.68, the second costing £2949.68. Cllr Sait would check out what was needed.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Heaney and Nicholls who left the Meeting at 9pm.

**13. To consider/approve purchase of Dog Waste Bags**

Council approved the purchase of another batch of Economy Refill Dog Waste Bags. Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Sait. All were in favour. The Clerk would place the order. There was discussion regarding the siting of litter/dog waste bins. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of new general bins.

**14. To approve amended Asset Register -this was approved.**

**15. To review/approve the Parish Council's Standing Orders - these were approved.**

**16. To review/approve The Parish Council's Financial Regulations - these were approved.**

**17. Clerk's Report and General Update on Current Projects**

The Clerk raised the matter of Keyholders for the Playing Field. Cllr Sait had one set of keys and he would make enquiries regarding another set. Thors Park – update. The Clerk had reported the incidents on the Playing Field to Social Services. Initially, Thors Park had been unwilling to accept responsibility for these incidents. The matter was then reported to the Police who contacted Thors Park and were given assurances that they would make efforts to ensure these incidents did not happen again. It was agreed to place a notice in Grapevine advising Residents to report any further incidents to the Police.

**18. Councillors' Reports**

It was noted that the Burger Van was being parked in the layby more often. It was reported that there had been 2 burglaries in the Village. There had been concern about the level of litter in the Village. It was suggested that a "litter picking party" be held say once a month. Anyone willing to Volunteer to help would be most welcome. Cllr Turner reported that she had attended a recent TDALC Meeting where the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex and his Deputy had been the speakers. It was noted that they were hoping to recruit more Special Constables. There was no age limit, just a requirement to be physically active.

**19. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

**20. Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35pm.**

P. Sadler  
Actual Signature Redacted

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