

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

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

**Also present:** CCllr A. Goggin (Items 1 to 5)  
 DCllrs R. Heaney & F. Nicholls (Items 1-11), K. Fairhurst (Parish Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Turner
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None**
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**  
 The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public Questions** – A Resident had written a note to the District Councillors concerning the recent re-surfacing of sections of the pavement in Chapel Lane. He felt that the works were incomplete and the parts which had been completed were not of a satisfactory standard. The request for the footpath to be resurfaced in its entirety has been ongoing for a number of years so great disappointment was felt that it had only been “patch” repaired. As footpaths come under the ECC budget County Councillor Goggin agreed to look into these concerns.
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**  
 CCllr Goggin reported that the new Chair of the LHP had changed the format and timing of the Meetings. CCllr Goggin had been chosen as one of the four County Council Members of the Panel. There will be 4 Meetings a year and members of the Public can attend the Meetings by prior invitation of the Chairman but are not allowed to speak. All of the £447,000 Budget for 2017/18 had been allocated and the Church Road and Chapel Lane projects were included. They were at the Consultation stage and should be completed this financial year, but this was not guaranteed. CCllr Goggin answered questions regarding the recent deaths on the roads in the area and confirmed he was still actively campaigning for reductions in the speed limit. It was noted that the County Rangers were available to carry out general maintenance of footpaths and verges on request and contact details for this purpose were given to the Clerk. **Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin.**  
**D.Cllr Nicholls** reported that Contractors had been appointed for the A120 Harwich Road roundabout project. Residents had been informed that there would be no need to purchase further land. The roundabout work is programmed for 2017/18  
**D.Cllr Heaney** fully supported the comments made by Cllr Nicholls.  
**Cllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.**  
**C.Cllr Goggin left the Meeting at 8pm to attend the Alresford PC Meeting**

6. (a) Planning Applications:

There was a proposal to change the previously agreed name of Avocet Drive to Avocet Place. Council were in favour with one objection.

Ref: 17/00944/FUL. Proposed 2 storey & single storey extensions. Borel House, Church Road, Thorrington. Mr & Mrs Obia. Council had no comments to make on this application.

b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations

17/00497/FUL Single storey outbuilding, Pear Tree Cottage, Mrs L Augier. Full Approval 5/6/17

17/00603/FUL 2 Bay Cart Lodge, Homewood, Church Road. Approved D/D 12/6/17

17/00609/FUL Detached bungalow, Brook Farmhouse, Colchester Main Rd, Alresford, Full approval 26/06/17

17/00707/FUL Construction 2 storey side & & first floor rear extensions, Hillview, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. Full approval 26/06/17

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

a. Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System

Some re-surfacing work had been carried out on the pavement in Chapel Lane over 3 days from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. The consensus of opinion among Councillors was that the works were not of an acceptable standard nor were they fully completed. It was also felt that the works done should have taken much less time to complete. Resurfacing of this footpath has been an ongoing request for several years and patch repairs are unacceptable.

b. Church Road -Traffic Calming

The Speed and Volume survey for Church Road (LTEN172005) had been carried out and the combined 7 day average speed was given as 32.3 mph. Further discussion will take place when the completed validation report has been concluded.

8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait suggested that a barrier would be a way of preventing unauthorised entry to the allotment area. This would be monitored going forward and actioned appropriately should there be an increase in the problems/issues.
Playing Field	There had been reports of cars being damaged by the overhanging hedges along the side of the Playing Field. The hedges would be cut as usual the week before Village Day.
Tennis Court	The Tennis Court would be tidied and treated with weedkiller.
Village Hall	Possible renovations to the surface of the Stage were under review by the Village Hall Committee.

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Footpaths	Cllr Sadler had been out with her secateurs trimming back overgrowth of brambles on sections of footpaths. The overgrowth on the footpath from opposite the pub had been trimmed back & a quote was awaited for weedkilling, strimming and clearance.
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The "no fouling" signs had been put up around the Open Space.
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported that 2 new volunteers had been added to the rota.

### 9. Correspondence:

Essex Heritage News - Spring edition.

Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire

Tendring Community Voluntary Services - Notice of AGM Wed 12 July.

### 10(a) Accounts:

Payments for July totalled £5400.66. Receipts were £1455.10

Balance in Barclays Bank as at 30 June 2017 was £31,361.11.

### 10(b) Payments approved/signed at TPC Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
102246	Landscape Services	£672.00	Grass cuts to verges & Playing field Invs.339, 357
102247	EALC	£55.00	Budget/Precept Course, Clerk. Inv.8273
102248	Mr J Sait	30.00	Manure for allotments
102249	Tendring District Council	£50.40	Annual Play Inspection - Chapel Lane, Inv 4968504
102250	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£388.12	Clerk's pay, accommodation (5 wks), mileage, ink cartridge
102251	EALC	£60.00	C A Baker Book
102252	Radii Skatepark Repairs	£4000.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Payment for new Skate Ramp
D/D 112	e.on H14805A92	£145.14	Street lighting for May 2017

### 11. Skate Ramp

The old skate ramp would be dismantled and removed after Village Day.

Radii Ramps informed the Council that they are running behind with their work and the start date for building the new Skate Ramp may be later in September than originally stated.

**District Councillors Heaney and Nicholls left the Meeting at 8.50pm.**

12. **Play Equipment.**  
It was agreed that Cllr Sawyer would purchase soft play wet pour kit for the Playing Field.

13. **Standing Order No. 18 (paragraph f) was amended to include "Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as per Financial Regulations)".**  
Proposed K Miller, seconded J Hindle. All in favour.

14. **To discuss/approve the purchase of Public Liability Insurance for the Allotment holders.**  
After discussion, it was resolved to purchase Public Liability Insurance, to the value of £5 million, for the Allotment holders. The group would have the title "Thorrington Allotment Holders". Proposed K. Miller, Seconded J. Hindle.  
All in favour.

15. **To accept the terms of the new Electricity Contract from e.on for the cost of electricity supply to the Feeder Pillar in the Playing Field.** The new costs would be: Standing Charge of 27pence per day, then 18.28p per kwh. There would be a 5% discount for having a quarterly Direct Debit. **This was approved.**

16. **£106 monies** - Cllr Miller reported that, from the development at Edwards Drive Thorrington, there would be an amount of £33,233 to be used for improving/purchasing new play equipment for the Playing Field. This would become payable before 5 dwellings were occupied and would be held by Tendring District Council for 10 years.

17. **Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk had ordered a new Dog Waste Bin, delivery would be 5/6 weeks. There had been no progress in getting the litter bin on Clacton Road moved from the old bus stop to the new bus stop. The Clerk will ask the Rangers for help. The Clerk had received reports from Residents regarding the damaged flower bed. A car had crashed into it over the Whit Bank Holiday weekend. The Police and Fire Brigade were in attendance. Cllr Sawyer reported that the sleepers were damaged beyond repair and he would source new ones. The beds would be replanted when the new sleepers were installed. The Clerk was asked to contact the local Police to obtain an Incident Number and it was intended to pursue an insurance claim against the offender for the substantial damage caused.

18. **Councillor's Reports**  
The Tendring Local Plan had been received and would be studied by Councillors. Cllr Sharpe presented Cllr Miller with a bottle of spirits for Village Day Raffle. Cllr Sharpe was disappointed that the Village Day Committee had missed the opportunity to have a full page advert in Grapevine to promote the day. Cllr Sait informed the Meeting that the renovations to the Priory had been completed to a good standard and he could arrange a site visit for any Councillors wishing to view.

19. **Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

20. **Closure.** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm

 P. Sadler  
Actual Signature Redacted  
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