

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th September 2017**

Present: Parish Councillors: P Sadler, J Hindle, K Miller, J Sait, S Sawyer, K Sharpe, S Turner, Y Webb.
Also present: County Councillor A Goggin (Items 1 to 5) 1 Member of the Public, K Fairhurst (Parish Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** District Councillors F Nicholls & R Heaney, Parish Cllr J Damant.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 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 Member of the Public asked if the Parish Council were aware of any plans following the shutdown of the ECC depot in Station Road, Thorrington. It was noted that the depot was still in part use and the Parish Council did not have any information as to the future of the site.
5. **Reports from County Councillor**
CClr Goggin thanked the Clerk for keeping him informed about local issues and concerns. It was noted that the date and time of the next LHP Meeting had been changed to 19th September at 5pm. Cllr Goggin reported that he was in discussions with the Colne School in Brightlingsea regarding the siting of a pedestrian crossing for the pupils coming out of school. A possible solution would be to change the position of the school gates. CCllr Goggin informed the Meeting that his next Clinic would now be held on 26th September 2017, from 4 to 6pm. A new round of CIF would be coming through. CCllr Goggin was in favour of using the Highway Rangers wherever possible. Cllr Sharpe raised concerns about changes to government building legislation and their impact on homeowners in newly built dwellings. Cllr Sait asked if there was any point in individual Councillors attending the LHP Meetings if they could not speak. CCllr Goggin reported that there were serious concerns regarding the current arrangements for LHP meetings and he felt it was important for local Councillors to have an input into what is done. He hoped that local Councillors would attend whenever possible. There was discussion regarding the length of the contract between Essex County Council and Ringway Jacobs and concerns that priority works were being sidelined in favour of more lucrative works. Cllr Sadler reported that the A120 road maintenance had been de-prioritised and this was being followed up by Councillors in Harwich, Dovercourt and Parkeston as it was felt the roadworks should have the highest priority in view of the high volume of Port traffic increasing the already deep and dangerous potholes.
Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin, who left the Meeting at 7.30pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council Meeting.

6(a) Planning Applications:-

17/01066/FUL Proposed sewage pumping station & electricity substation, Land to West of Edwards Drive. D Edwards. *Council requested clarification as to why this application was made outside the original planning application as it was obvious at that time that services would be required for the development.*

17/01106/FUL. Single storey rear Extension Tru Bern, Station Rd. Mr Maunton. *Council had no objections to this application.*

17/01360/FUL. Replacement Dwelling. Cross Farm, Station Road, Mr Tomlin. *Council have made comments on this application, stating concerns about the proposed size, appearance, height, proximity to the boundary and inconsistency in light of planning permission being refused to other applications in the area.*

17/01453/FUL. Two storey rear extension, Woodside, Brick Kiln Lane, Thorrington. Mr Cameron. *Council had no objections to this application.*

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

17/00500/FUL Variation of condition 2 of approved planning application.

Approved 25/8/17 D/D

17/00721/OUT Erect 1 house & 1 Bungalow, Station Rd, Thorrington. Mr Green.

Refused 20/7/17

17/00728/FUL S/S, flat roofed swimming pool including changing room, plant room & cloakroom, Windyridge, Brightlingsea Rd. **Full Approval, D/D**

17/00733/FUL. Replace conservatory with Garden Room, insulated flat roof & glazed roof lantern. **Approved 14/7/17 D/D**

17/00828/FUL 1st Floor extn & front porch, 22 Clover Dr, Thorrington. D Williams. **Approved 20/7/17**

17/01106/FUL S/s rear ext, Tru Bern, Station Rd. Maunton. **Approved D/D 28/8/17**

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

a. Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System. There was nothing to report.

b. Church Road -Traffic Calming

The Clerk reported that the results of the speed and volume survey had not been above the police interception levels for speeding. The completed validation report was still awaited.

c. Tenpenny Hill – there was nothing to report on this issue.

8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait was awaiting quotes for installing a gate/barrier at the entrance to the allotment site.
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Playing Field	Cllr Webb reported that the old Ramp had been removed. Cllr Webb had obtained information regarding the legal issues concerning the misuse of small powered vehicles. The law states that such machines should not be used on public land/play areas without permission. A motorised toy had been used on the Playing Field. The Clerk was instructed to write to the person concerned if this happened again.
Tennis Court	The Tennis Court had been weeded, de-littered and generally tidied up by two residents Geoff & Sheena Parks. It was agreed to thank them in the next edition of Grapevine.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe reported that the stage floor had been permanently fixed. Bookings for the Farrow Room continued to be low.
Footpaths	There was nothing to report.
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	Following a complaint from a Resident that her fence had been damaged a strip of land had been weed killed. The new posts for the Doggy signs needed fixing again.
Thorrington in Bloom	There was nothing to report.

9. Correspondence:

(a) Aon will no longer be providing Insurance for Local Councils. A renewal quotation would be offered from BHIB, Insurance Brokers, recommended by NALC.

(b) Tendring Community Safety Partnership – information re. a free event “Older Persons Crucial Crew” on 4th October, for anyone 55 or over.

(c) e-on – electricity plan & contract – new fixed price contract to start 15 October. Standing Charge 27pence per day and unit price 18pence per kwh.

(d) EALC – Invitation to Annual General Meeting & ECC & EALC Joint Conference 2017 on 19th September.

10(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 6th September 2017

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102253	Shield Total Insurance	£97.94	Pub Liability Ins for Allotment holders
102254	Landscape Services	£1164.00	Grass cuts to verges, Playing Field, clearing footpath in Jly/Aug. Invs.363,375,385,387,403,411,418,422
102255	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£366.70	Clerks Pay for August, Mileage, Accommodation, Ink Cartridge.
102256	Thorrington Village Hall	£204.00	Hire of Hall Jly 16/Apl 17 & May/Jly 17

102257	John Peak & Sons	£372.00	Trim hedges around Playing Field
102258	Broxap	£216.00	Dog waste bin
102259	CPRE	£36.00	Membership fee for 2017/18
102260	HMRC120PD002978891806	£208.00	Quarterly income tax payt for Clerk
102261	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£246.00	Clerk's Pay for September
D/D 113	e.on H149B7FAE2	£140.46	Street Lighting for June 2017
D/D 114	e.on H14B7B2FFE	£145.14	Street lighting for July 2017
D/D 115	e.on H14D1FF6FF	£28.20	Charges for Feedar Pillar May/Aug 2017
D/D 116	A & J Lighting	£190.38	Lighting Maintenance for Sept/Nov 2017

Total payments for September **£3414.82**

10(b) Receipt of £176.25. Refund from Essex Clerk's Training Bursary.

10(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank:

At 31st July 2017 – Current Account: £200.00. Savings Account: £25,971.38.
Total £26,171.38.

At 31st Aug 2017: Current Account £200.00, Savings Account £25796.24.
Total £25,996.

11. Skate Ramp.

The old Skate Ramp had been dismantled and removed. Contact had been made with Radii Ramps re. delivery and installation of new Skate Ramp.

12. Play Equipment: Cllr Sawyer was awaiting delivery of soft play wet pour kits.

13. Allotments

(a) To decide Rent and other Charges for coming year.

It was decided to increase the rent to £15 a year with an additional charge of £5 per allotment for supply of water. All were in favour. It was noted that the costs of Public Indemnity Insurance for all allotment holders and 2 deliveries of Manure were included in the rent.

(b) To approve cost of installing gate/barrier at entrance to allotments.

This item was deferred until the next Meeting for 3 quotes to be obtained.

(c) To confirm Public Liability Insurance in place for Allotment holders.

This was confirmed.

(d) Cost of Grass cutting to pathways. It was agreed that grass cutting on the allotment site continue to be paid for by allotment holders.

14 To consider/approve having a "Handy man" to assist with small repairs around the Parish.

This was approved. It was agreed that Andy Sadler be invited to carry out small repairs. He would be recompensed for expenses incurred in order to carry out these repairs, including the cost of fuel for journeys to obtain items. All requests for jobs would be made through the Clerk. All were in favour.

15. To consider/approve Pay rise for Clerk.

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's pay from £8.873 per hour to £9.054 per hour with effect from 1st October 2017. Proposed by Cllr Miller. All in favour.

16. Clerk's Report

The litter bin on Clacton Road had been re-sited to the new Bus stop. The dog refuse bin had been delivered and would be installed in the field opposite the allotment site shortly. 2 Minute books had been deposited at the Essex Records office in Chelmsford. The web site had been updated. Brightlingsea Action Group invited the Parish Council to support their opposition to the local waste plan.

17. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Miller informed Cllr Sharpe the Village Day report would be ready for the next edition of the Grapevine.

Cllr Sait reported that the drain covers on Clacton Road were in need of repair. Clerk would contact Highways with location details.

Cllr Miller reported that the Village Day had been successful, with good weather for the event. A cheque for £100 was presented to Thorrington in Bloom from the Village Day funds.

18. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm after the Allotment Meeting.

19. Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.40 pm

SIGNED..  P. Sadler
Actual Signature Redacted Date 4/10/17