

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th October 2017

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

Also present: County Councillor A Goggin, District Councillors: F.Nicholls, R Heaney, 3 Members of the Public, K. Fairhurst (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7.15pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Y. Webb, S. Sawyer
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. **Public Questions** – appreciation was shown to two residents who had tidied up the Tennis Court.

5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
Cllr Goggin reported that one of the items for discussion at the Council Meeting on 10th October would be the problem of Travellers. It was hoped to be able to have an injunction in place beforehand to block Travellers from occupying an area. The Mobile Library consultation is in process and CCllr Goggin provided a fact sheet with statistics showing Mobile Library usage for 2016/17. Seven of the nine vehicles will need replacing in the near future and usage of the Mobile Libraries has fallen by nearly half since 2010/11. Consideration would need to be given to the future operation of this service. Cllr Goggin felt that factors such as: distance from nearest Library, visitors per stop, frequency of visits, duration of stop and cost per person to visit would be the main considerations. There was a suggestion that Volunteers could be used to provide this service.

Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin, who then left the Meeting at 7.35pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council Meeting.

D.Cllr Nicholls reported that at a recent TDC meeting with representatives from ECC he had met with and spoken to the Senior officer of the LHP and she would be attending the next Highways meeting on 7th December. There is a new website for ECC Highways. This is reportedly easier to use than the previous method for reporting faults, e.g potholes, and it is possible to track the problem logged to its conclusion. The Police officer in charge of Tendring will raise concerns about the 101 service as a priority at Headquarters. **D.Cllr Heaney** was in full agreement with DCllr Nicholls.

Cllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.

6. (a) Planning Applications:

17/01459/FUL Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extensions (Variation of design approved under 17/00359/FUL), Thorpe House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. Mr & Mrs Bourne. Council had no objections to this application.

17/01525/LBC. To remove large windows from garden room and replace with smaller windows and rendered timber frame infill. Mr Aungier. Pear Tree Cottage, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Council had no objections to this application.

b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations: There were none.

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

a. Proposed Chapel Lane One Way System - this would be included in the Highways Budget for 2018/19.

b. Church Road -Traffic Calming -- there was nothing to report.

c. Tenpenny Hill - there was nothing to report

8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait requested permission to order more manure. This was approved. One allotment is now vacant. Cllr Sharpe was asked to have this vacancy advised in the Grapevine. The Dog refuse bin will be put up shortly next to the bag dispenser.
Playing Field	There was nothing to report.
Tennis Court	There was nothing to report.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe reported that the kitchen had been re-organised. The increase in Pre-school hours had not affected the Village Hall.
Footpaths	A footbridge was in need of repair. Cllr Miller would report this.
Tree Warden	It was agreed to wait until next year to apply for funding from the Tree Planting Scheme, when a better assessment could be made.
Hazel Close Open Space	The two fallen dog fouling signs would be put back up using metal frames in concrete.
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported overgrown and unsightly shrubs in walkway between Clacton Road and Heathlands. Cllr Miller will clear these.

9. Correspondence:

BHIB Insurance Brokers introduced themselves as the new Insurance Company and stated their intention to write to Council 3 weeks before date of renewal next year. AON will continue to cover Council until then.

10(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 4th October 2017

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102262	PKF Littlejohn	£240.00	Audit - Limited Assurance Review 2017 Inv SB20171108
102263	EALC	£40.00	Course Fee for Clerk. Inv 7879
102264	Landscape Services	£192.00	Grass cuts to Playing Field/allotment Inv 437
102265	Mrs J Hindle	£22.00	Compost, plants, wood filler for Bus shelter
102266	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£469.22	Pay, Mileage, Accom, Stamps, Stationery, Transparency Code
D/D 117	e.on H14D5DF7F4	£145.14	Street Lights for August
D/D 118	Affinity	£74.95	Water for allotments Jan/Aug, S/c Apl/Sept
D/D 119	e.on H14F350A07	£140.46	Street Lights for September

Total payments for October: £1323.77

10(b) Receipts: £10,140.00(Inc £10,000 Precept Part 2)

10(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank: At 30th Sept 2017:

Current Account £200.00, Savings Account £22661.88. **Total £22861.88**

11. Skate Ramp

Radii Ramps had been unable to start the work early in September as previously arranged. Alternative arrangements are in place to obtain a fabricator and for Radii Ramps to provide sketches of the new Ramp. It was felt important for Radii Ramps to maintain regular communication. Cllr Miller will keep Council updated.

12. Play Equipment – this Item was held over until the next Council Meeting.

D.Cllrs Heaney and Nicholls left the Meeting at 8.45pm

13. Tree Planting Scheme – this item was discussed at Item 8(f).

14 To receive the External Auditors Report.

This was received and comments were noted.

15. To consider the Community Governance Reviews and record comments.

Council were agreed that they were content with the current arrangements and had no desire to change the number of Councilors or to merge with any other Parish.

16. To consider nominations for Pride of Tendring Award – this item was held over until the next Council Meeting.

17. Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave an update on the damage to the flower bed on Clacton Road. Following information from the local Police it was unlikely that any action could be taken against the driver of the car. Council agreed to fund the cost of replacing the damaged flower bed. Cllr Miller would obtain a quote for the work.

Essex Highways would be holding a Training Session on 14th November. Cllrs Sait and Sawyer hoped to attend.

The Clerk reported on the large number of e-mails being received and asked for guidance as to which should be forwarded to Councilors. The Clerk was advised to continue to forward e-mails as before.

The Clerk informed the Meeting of two new sources for funding local projects, the Local Services Fund and the Essex Crowd.

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hindle reported that the grass by the Bush shelter looks unsightly. Cllr Damant queried the construction of a Cart Lodge on Church Road. This had been approved.

Cllr Sait referred to the siting of Banners at Thorrington Cross. The Clerk was asked to write to Brightlingsea Town Council to remind them that it was Council Policy that Banners should not be displayed at Thorrington Cross for safety reasons.

19. Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9pm.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 1st November 2017.

P. Sadler
Actual Signature Redacted

SIGNED

Date 1/11/17