

Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st November 2017

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

Also present: County Councillor A Goggin, 1 Member of the Public,
 K. Fairhurst (Clerk)

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** D.Cllrs F Nicholls and R Heaney, Cllr Y. Webb,
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 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 for clarification of Item 8, on the Agenda for 4th October, the Village Hall report. It was confirmed that the new government regulations relating to pre-school hours would not affect the Village Hall.
5. **Report from County Councillor** – CCllr Alan Goggin reported that the Library Consultation period would end on the 6th November. He was not able to assess the level of response until after that date. A Resident had reported to the Clerk concerns about the speed limit on Tenpenny Hill following the recent fatal collision and regular disregard of the speed limit by drivers. CCllr Goggin would be willing to meet with the Resident to discuss the issues. His next Residents Clinic would be on 21st November from 4 to 6 pm. To further understand the implications of the proposed Local Waste Plan at Brightlingsea, CCllr Goggin had made a site visit to the Crushing Unit at Rochford in June 2016. There had been 4 meetings with Alan and Eastern Waste. At the recent public meeting a comment had been made by the Residents Action Group that there would be an increase of 1700 traffic movements in a year. From the traffic survey completed in May 2016 it was noted that less than 2% were the bigger lorries. Having the Crusher sited at Brightlingsea could reduce the need for some lorries to travel to Ardleigh then back to Brightlingsea, cutting four journeys down to two. The Residents have a 60 day period to raise objections to any Plan once it is submitted. CCllr Goggin felt that this Plan would make a big impact on the traffic movements through and around Thorrington. Cllr Goggin reported that he had been appointed as an additional Deputy to Highways Portfolio holder with possible special reference to the Ringway Jacobs contract. This would not affect his position on the LHP, whose next Meeting would be on 14th November. CCllr Goggin then referred to a newspaper article about Essex Cares, a subsidiary of ECC, who are responsible for the supply and collection of some NHS Aids primarily used at home. It was noted that 92% of these are repaired/cleaned and put back into the system. Most of the rest go to re-cycling. CCllr Goggin would continue to press for action on the Church Road issue. There was discussion regarding the percentage of Council Tax which goes to funding the Police.

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

6. (a) Planning Applications:

17/01709/FUL Mrs K Sadler, Proposed one new dwelling with garage and associated driveway, hard and soft landscaping. Land adjacent Glebe Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Council had no objections.

17/01750/COUNOT. Change of use of agricultural storage barn to a two bedroom dwelling. Land opposite Brook Cottage, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. For information only.

17/01769/FUL. Mr Wiseman, Construction of a two storey side and first floor rear extension, Hillview, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. Council had no objections.

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

17/01433/HHPNOT. Russell Currie, Single storey rear extension 6.4m deep by 2.9m high. Dulce Domum, Church Road, Thorrington. Prior approval not required. Approved D/D 9 October 2017

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

a. Proposed Chapel Lane One Way System – It was hoped there would be an update after the Highways Meeting on 14th November.

b. Church Road -Traffic Calming – There had been no progress on this issue.

c. Tenpenny Hill –this was considered at Item 5.

8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait would arrange to hire a mini digger to tidy up the allotment areas.
Playing Field	There was nothing to report.
Tennis Court	The white lines would need re-painting.
Village Hall	Cllr Sharpe reported that new curtains were on order. The kitchen had had a re-vamp. Cllr Sharpe would be taking up a new role as Vice Chair for Essex History Recorder so would be unable to continue as the Village Hall representative.
Footpaths	The footpath adjacent to Silver Springs was overgrown with brambles. The Clerk would report to Highways Rangers.
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	It was noted that there had not been an increase in uncleared dog fouling this half term. Cllr Sait and A Sadler would put the "Do not let your dog foul" signs back in place.

Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported that the overgrown and unsightly shrubs in the walkway between Clacton Road and Heathlands had been cleared. The beds had been tidied and new planting for the winter had been completed. All were agreed that D Bird be asked to clear the damaged flower bed and remove all rubbish from site.
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9. Correspondence:

Barclays Bank -Changes to Business Customer Agreement/Ring fenced Bank.
These changes had been noted but would not directly affect the Parish Council,

10(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 1st November 2017

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102267	Landscape Services	£672.00	Invs. 457,459,478,485
102268	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£267.07	Pay for Nov, Accommodation 4wks @ £4

Total payments for November £939.07

10(b) Receipts: £400.00 (Allotment rents credited to Bank a/c in October)

11. **Skate Ramp** – There had been a further delay caused by the lack of a fabricator. Alternative arrangements were being considered. It was hoped that Radian Ramps would honour the promised start date in January 2018. Cllr Miller would continue to press for a positive response from Radian Ramps.
12. **Play Equipment** -Cllr Sawyer had obtained the soft play wet pour kits free of charge and would be doing this work when weather permitted.
13. **To consider/agree Nominations for the Pride of Tendring Awards** – Council were advised by DCllr Heaney that it was too late to submit nominations for this award. The Clerk was asked to diarise this Item for the September 2018 Parish Council Meeting.
14. **To review/agree the Budget/Precept for 2018/1** - The Clerk had prepared an estimate of expenditure for the year 2018/19. This would be further considered after the TDC Budget Meeting on 9th November.
15. **To review/approve the Bus Shelter cleaning rate for the coming year**- it was agreed to keep the rate at £200.
16. **To consider/approve donations to Charities/small grants given by TPC** – it was agreed to donate £250 each to East Anglia Children's Hospices, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and Thorrington Graveyard. Proposed, Cllr Miller, seconded Cllr Sait. All in favour.
17. **Recycling Plant at Brightlingsea** - it was noted that this would result in an increase in traffic flow through Thorrington and if Martins Farm was used for crushing there would also be an increase in noise levels affecting neighbouring villages.

- 18. **Clerk's Report** – the noisy manhole cover on Clacton Road had been reported to ECC and would be repaired in due course. All allotment rents had been paid for the coming year. There is one vacant plot. A notice would be put in Grapevine. It was agreed to spend £30 to purchase some flowers for the providers of the water bowser to express Council's thanks for their assistance with this. An e.mail had been received from Cllr Webb explaining that she would be unable to attend Council Meetings at the moment as her new job required her to work late.
- 19. **Councillor's Reports** -Cllr Sharpe referred to a lack of interest in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The December edition of the Grapevine would be the last as no one had come forward to take it on. Cllr Sharpe was commended for his efforts and dedication over the years.
- 20. **Closure.** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 6th December 2017.

SIGNED *P. Sadler*
Actual Signature Redacted

Date 6/12/17