

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Present: Parish Councillors: P Sadler, J Hindle, K Miller, J Sait, K Sharpe
Also present: DCllr F Nicholls, 6 members of the public, K Fairhurst (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7.05 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** CCllr A Goggin (illness), DCllr R Heaney (other meeting)
Cllrs: J Damant, S Turner (work commitments), S Sawyer (unwell) & Y Webb (resigned)
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 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 enquired about the proposed new development of bungalows in the Village. These would be sited at the back of Avocet Place and not on Church Road as the resident had thought. The developer was still in discussion with Anglian Water regarding sewage disposal. BT had indicated that high specification cables would be in place at Avocet Way within a year to 18 months. A resident asked about the Council Yard and was advised that there was no information regarding the future of the Council yard on Station Road. A resident raised concerns about the Council's intention to provide a DIY Skate Ramp. There was concern for the ongoing costs (maintenance, repairs, inspections) and also whether a Skate Ramp was needed in Thorrington. These concerns and objections were noted.
- 5. **DCllr Nicholls** reported that there had been no further progress on the Chapel Lane, Church Road and Tenpenny Hill issues at the LHP meeting. DCllr Nicholls had requested all County Councillors to put pressure on ECC to introduce a 30mph speed limit on all village roads in the Tendring area and 20mph speed limit outside schools and colleges during school hours. ECC are not able to enforce such speed limits but it was hoped that local drivers would abide by these limits if introduced.
Cllr Sharpe enquired if any Councils in TDC were using private security companies to combat crime. Cllr Nicholls said there were none in Tendring DC.
Discussion centred on a Pizza van which was trading and parking illegally and inconsiderately in Thorrington. DCllr Nicholls advised that such activities should be reported to Trading Standards who would intervene if the trader was in breach of his licence.
Cllr Nicholls was thanked by the Chairman

6(a) Planning Applications:-

17/02170/COUNOT Proposed conversion of barn into a habitable dwelling. Barn at Whitehouse Farm, Church Road, Thorrington. **For information only.**

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

17/017502/COUNOT. Change of use of agricultural barn to two bedroom dwelling. Land opposite Brook cottage, Tenpenny Hill. **Application refused.**
Highway safety issue.01/12/2017

17/01883/FUL. Re-build of existing stable block, Brook Farm, Colchester Rd, Alresford. **Full approval 12/12/2017 D/D**

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

- a. **Proposed Chapel Lane One Way System** – there was nothing to report .
- b. **Church Road -Traffic Calming** – there was nothing to report
- c. **Tenpenny Hill** – there was nothing to report

8. Skate Ramp

(a) Update on response from Radii Ramps following cancellation of skate ramp project. Radii Ramps had acknowledged letter of cancellation and were consulting with legal, business and financial advisers and would be in contact as soon as possible.

(b) Update on responses from Tesco Bags of Help and CIF- Cllr Miller reported that she had received a reply from Tesco but not from CIF.

(c) Clerk’s report on responsibilities and long term implications of having a skate ramp. This report had been e.mailed to Cllrs before the Meeting and would be discussed at the next PC meeting.

(d)To review decision of Council to provide a skate ramp by means of a DIY approach – this item will be reviewed at the next P C meeting.

(e) To decide if provision of Skate Ramp for Thorrington is appropriate in light of the information provided in (c). This item to be decided at next PC meeting.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait reported that manure had been delivered and a general tidy up had been done. It was agreed that Allotment holders be reminded of their responsibility to keep the area around their plots tidy. It was suggested that an advert for the vacant plot be placed in the local shop, on the allotment noticeboard and in ‘Spotted Thorrington’. Clerk would action.
Playing Field	There was nothing to report.
Tennis Court	There was nothing to report
Village Hall	There was nothing to report
Footpaths	The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to Mill Farm & Thors Park to request they cut back brambles along the pathway from the Pond to the Mill. Cllr Sait would check if this had been actioned. The Clerk would chase Thors Park for a response.
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr Sadler reported that the dog waste bin was damaged beyond repair. The Clerk had reported to TDC & would follow up to ensure urgent action taken.

Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle suggested that the damaged flower bed on Clacton Road be removed and three new trees be purchased. All were in favour. Cllrs Hindle & Miller would action.
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10. To Review Amenities Representatives – this item was deferred to next Meeting.

11. Cheque & Direct Debit payments for January 2018

(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington PC Meeting on 3rd January 2018

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102281	Mr J A Baker	£200.00	Cleaning Bus Shelter in 2017
102282	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£281.72	Pay for Jan, Accom, stamps & stationery
102283	Mr J Sait	£30.00	Flowers for Mrs ?for use of water bowser.
D/D 123	e.on H153046073	£140.46	Street lighting for December 2017 11/12
D/D 124	A & J Lighting	£190.38	Inv 31195. Q Maintenance Dec/Feb 15/12

Cheque Payments for January £511.72.

12. Play Equipment - this item was deferred until next Meeting.

13. Clerk's Report – A request had been received from Essex Air Ambulance to site a clothing donation bank in Thorrington. Clerk was asked to reply and suggest they ask the Red Lion Pub, and the Village Hall Committee (Chair Colin Dewell) as the PC do not own any land. An email had been received from a Resident enquiring if Council would ask DCllr Nicholls to 'call in' their planning application. The Clerk would send request to DCllr Nicholls. The Clerk asked permission to attend Data Protection Course. This was approved.

14. Councillor Resignation- It has been noted that Councillor Yvonne Webb has resigned from the Parish Council. The clerk will notify the Returning Officer and issue "Notice of Vacancy in office of Councillor".

15. Councillor's Reports – Cllr Hindle reported that the pot holes on the level crossing had got worse and needed re-reporting. Cllr Sait reported that he was awaiting a reply from the Brightlingsea Chronicle with regard to placing a report from TPC in their publication. The Clerk would send an e.mail.

16. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018.

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.20pm

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Date..... 7/2/18