

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th February 2018**

Present: Parish Councillors: P Sadler, J Damant, K Miller, J Sait, S Sawyer, K Sharpe,
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllrs F Nicholls & R Heaney, A Sadler, A Dewar, 6 members of the public, K Fairhurst (Clerk)
The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

Part A

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs J Hindle (Holiday) & S Turner (work commitments)
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd January 2018, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 4. **Public Questions** – A number of residents from Brick Kiln Lane and an appointed representative from the Scouting movement raised their concerns re a planning application to develop 4 residential building plots on land in BK Lane. These concerns were noted and Cllrs agreed to ask DCllr Nicholls to “call in” the planning application. The Clerk would action urgently. {This application is listed below at Item 6(a)} A resident raised concerns about the effects on traffic flow, access & drainage on Rosemary Lane to the Clacton Rd from the extension to the Red Lion Public House.
- 5. **Reports from County and District Councillors:-**
CCllr Goggin informed the Meeting that the ECC Budget for the coming year would be decided at the Meeting on Tuesday next. It was expected that rates would be increased by 2%, only the second increase in 8 years. Extra funding would be awarded for social care, infrastructure, Broadband, schools, housing and major roads. There would also be £3 million for parks.
CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman.

DCllr Heaney reported that the Council Tax increase for TDC would be 3.17%. BT had been awarded £250,000 for Broadband. It was hoped that 9 million homes would soon have 98% superfast Broadband.

DCllr Nicholls reported that £100,000 was available in the Big Society Fund. Parish Councils could apply for funding for deserving causes. DCllr Nicholls also reported that he had proposed to ECC Highways that the speed limit outside all Tendring schools and colleges should be reduced to 20mph during the periods 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm during school terms. Also that there should be a speed limit of 30mph in all roads through villages& towns in Tendring.

DCllrs Heaney & Nicholls were thanked by the Chairman.

CCllr Goggin left the meeting at 8pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council Meeting.

6(a) Planning Applications:-

17/02197/OUT. Four proposed residential building plots, land at Brick Kiln Lane Thorrington. Council were opposed to this development as they believed it would have significant impact on the ecology of site, drainage, highway access & public safety and that access to/from & safety within the Scout Camp site facility would be severely compromised.

17/02151/FUL. Variation of condition of approved application 16/00789/FUL. Omit 330/03A, 330/04, 330/05, 330/06 and to add back drawings 875/01 and 875/02. Bryngwynant, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. Council had no comments to make.

17/02196/FUL. Proposed loft conversion including 2 no. pitched roof front dormers, flat roof rear dormer & relocation of side entrance door to the front. Caprice, Church Rd, Thorrington. Council had no comments to make.

18/00122/COUNOT Change of use of agricultural storage barn to two bedroom dwelling. Land opposite Brook Cottage, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. Notification only, No comments required. Previous application refused- Highway safety issue.

18/00139/FUL Proposed new dwelling and change of use from agricultural to residential. Land adjacent to Crossview, Clacton Rd, Thorrington. Council had no comments to make.

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

17/01949/FUL. Construction of 3 bedroom detached dwelling & associated garaging. Amendment to 17/00403/FUL. Land to rear of Berberis Cottage, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Full approval. D/D

17/02020/FUL. Borel House, Church Rd. enlarged ground floor rear extensions and porch. Re-submission of 17/00944/FUL. Full approval 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. Correspondence -

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance – confirming receipt of £250.00 donation from TPC.

Frating with Thorrington PCC – thanking TPC for donation of £250.00 to Graveyard fund.

EALC- Training Bursary (75% of cost) approved for Clerk to attend Data Protection Course.

Catherine Bicknell re. request from TPC for Planning Appn 17/01709 (Kay Sadler) to be reported to Planning committee for determination. Unfortunately,

this application was out of time and would be determined by officers. Applicant would be able to appeal against the decision.
Citizens Advice Tendring - Council agreed to make a donation of £100.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	There was nothing to report. One plot remains available to rent
Playing Field	Vacant
Tennis Court	There was nothing to report
Village Hall	Vacant
Footpaths	Cllr Sadler reported a fallen sign. She would get the number.
Tree Warden	See Item 11.
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr Sadler reported that the damaged Dog refuse bin had not been repaired. The Clerk would chase TDC again.
Thorrington in Bloom	The damaged flower bed on Clacton Road would be removed, 3 new trees planted. and the area would be grassed.

10 To Review Amenities Representatives - this item was deferred until new Councillor appointed.

11. TDC Parish Tree Planting Grant - Council agreed to buy 3 bare rooted trees to replace the damaged flower bed on Clacton Road and to replace the broken Oak on the Playing Field and purchase a metal tree guard.

12. Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 7th February 2018

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102284	Tendring Assoc Local Councils	£10.00	Affiliation fees 2017/18
102285	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£339.59	Feb pay, mileage, cartridge, accom x 5
102286	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Renewal Data Protection Registration
102287	EALC	£45.00	Data Protection Briefing for Clerk
D/D 125	e.on H1549F94DC	£145.14	Street Lights for December 2017
D/D 126	A & J Lighting	£69.60	Call out charge to light out in Church Rd.
D/D 127	e.on H1567494B3	£145.14	Street Lights for January 2018

Payments for February - Cheques written £429.59. Direct Debits £359.88

Receipts: £40.00 on 9th Dec 2017, Cashback, renewal of Virus Protection.

Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank: At 29th December 2017: Current Account £200.00, Savings Account £27,856.85 Total £28,056.85



AGENDA - PART B - IN CAMERA

- 13. **To co-opt a Parish Councillor** – As one applicant was on holiday this item was deferred until all three applicants could be present.
- 14. **Skate Ramp**
 - (a) **Update on response from Raddi Ramps following cancellation of skate ramp project.** The Clerk reported that Raddi Ramps had refused to refund any of the £4,000 first stage payment made to them in July 2017. The Clerk would seek Legal Advice and if recommended would start legal proceedings against them.
 - (b) **Update on responses from Tesco Bags of Help and CIF-** Cllr Miller reported that she had not received a request for return of the £6,000 Grant from Tesco Bags of Help and CIF had not responded to her e-mails.
 - (c) **Clerk’s report on responsibilities and long term implications of having a skate ramp.** These reports had been e.mailed to Cllrs before the meeting and were not discussed at this stage.
 - (d) **To review decision of Council to provide a skate ramp by means of a DIY approach** – The Clerk had provided Councillors with information regarding the requirements & risks of this approach as she felt this should be re-considered. It was agreed that until the financial situation had been resolved no further discussions could take place regarding a replacement ramp but that the DIY option would not be a consideration in any further discussions.
 - (e) **To decide if provision of Skate Ramp for Thorrington is appropriate in light of the information provided in (c).** This item was not discussed as funding not currently available.
- 15. **Grass Cutting Quotation for 2018 (Landscape Services).**
The increases notified by Landscape Services would raise the cost of landscaping by over a thousand pounds a year. Council approved the motion that the Clerk obtain further quotes for the works. All in favour.
- 16. **Clerk’s Report** – Rita Sharpe had offered to place reports of TPC meetings in local publications. It was agreed that Council resume the Grapevine rota and send reports to Clerk for forwarding to Rita as before. Council agreed to purchase a gift for Rita as thanks for all her work in producing Grapevine. All in favour. The Clerk had attended a Data Protection Briefing.
- 17. **Councillor’s Reports** – Cllr Sadler reported from the TDALC meeting on 17 January. Planning anomalies were discussed. It was noted that some Councils were making potholes larger to get them re-prioritised. This was criminal damage to the Highway and actioned as such by ECC. Councillors should be noting & responding to the Weekly Bulletins from EALC. It was mentioned that some Grants would not be awarded to Councils whose Clerk did not have the CILCA qualification. Cllr Damant reported that some residents mentioned seeing a very large black cat in the village.
- 18. **Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018.**
Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm

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