

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th April 2018

Present: Parish Councillors: P Sadler, J Hindle, A Sadler, J Sait, K Sharpe,
 Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllrs F Nicholls & R Heaney, 2 members of the
 Public, K Fairhurst (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7.10 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs: J Damant (illness), K Miller, S Turner, S Sawyer.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March having been previously circulated, were amended by the Chairman at Items 5 & 6 and then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. **Public Questions** – The Landowner and developer of the proposed new development of 29 bungalows for the over 55's attended the meeting to answer any questions and concerns. A document detailing the potential benefits of the development had been circulated to Council for their information. Unfortunately, there were no other members of the public at the meeting. Cllr Sait thanked Mr Edwards on behalf of the Council for his help in clearing the damaged flower bed on Clacton Road. The two members of the Public left the meeting at 7.35pm.

5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**

CCllr Goggin informed the meeting of the serious financial situation at Northamptonshire County Council. He re-assured the meeting that Essex County Council had received a triple A rating for their accounts. He stressed the importance of financial security of County Councils in providing essential services. Cllr Goggin had attended a meeting in Clacton on the future of Libraries in this area. There would be no closure of libraries but new criteria would mean that some mobile library stops would be discontinued. Thorrington will no longer have the library stop in Station Road and the Hazel Close stop will be the only one. It was hoped that the Library premises could become Community hubs providing additional services. It was reported that the Library vehicle serving Thorrington at present was a small van with a Library board placed close by. Cllr Goggin would take this up at ECC. On the issue of Potholes CCllr Goggin reported that Essex CC had a budget of £3million for this quarter, 2.6 million from the government. The focus for dealing with potholes is report, repair, re-do. The number one priority being safety. Special marks were designed to indicate the level of urgency. It was accepted that repairs would only be temporary measures. CCllr Goggin would prefer Essex CC to be more honest in their dealings with the public. There were 3200 registered things needing fixing and it is possible to find out where your problem is on the list. At this point Cllr Sharpe reported a large pothole at Thorrington Cross which was considered to be a danger to road users. CCllr Goggin would report this to ECC as urgent. A question was raised concerning Frating Abbey Farm Road. CCllr Goggin reported that the traffic survey on this road had indicated that speed limit signing was not required as it did not meet the national criteria.

Cllr P Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin who left the meeting at 8.05 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council Meeting.

DCllr Nicholls reported that the consultation regarding refuse collection had resulted in a majority decision to change to the use of wheelie bins and fortnightly collections from June 2019. Special arrangements for the disabled would be unchanged. DCllr Nicholls proposal for a 30mph speed limit in all Tendring villages and 20mph outside schools had been unanimously accepted. DCllr Nicholls had been invited to City Hall next Wednesday to meet Ian Grundy from Highways to discuss the proposal. DCllr Nicholls drew the meeting's attention to a recent e.mail from Rural services network which gave lists of sources for obtaining grants up to £5000 for a variety of community projects. The Clerk will forward the e.mail to Parish Councillors. A suggestion was made that the Tennis Court in Thorrington could be a potential beneficiary of such a grant.

D.Cllr Heaney had nothing further to report.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.

6(a) Planning Applications:-

18/00338/FUL Proposed detached outbuilding, Old Rectory Church Rd, Thorrington. *Council had no objections.*

18/00380/FUL Proposal for new access road to agricultural Building, Brook Cottage, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. *Council objected to this application on the grounds of poor access.*

18/00466/OUT Two dwellings, Sambeck Caravans Ltd, Woodlands Business Park, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. *Council had no objections.*

18/00467/FUL Proposed new offices, Sambeck Caravans Ltd, Woodlands Business Park, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. *Council had no objections.*

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

17/01709/FUL Proposed one new dwelling with garage and associated driveway, hard and soft landscaping, land adjacent Glebe Farm Clacton Rd, Thorrington. *Refused 7/3/2018. Council felt this result was very unsatisfactory.*

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. *Full approval 6/3/2018*

18/00139/FUL Proposed new dwelling & change of use from agricultural to residential, Land adjacent Crossview, Clacton Road, Thorrington. *Full approval 14/3/18 D/D*

6(c) Planning Appeal: 17/00721/OUT. Erection of one house and one bungalow on Land at Station Rd, Thorrington. *No comments required.*

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:

Elan City – Radar speed sign, details of benefits. This item to be considered at a later date.

Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) – 2018 Village of the Year Competition. Council would not be entering this year.

Essex County Council –Library services notification that the current stop at Red Roofs, Thorrington would be discontinued as it does not meet the new criteria.

Essex County Council – notification of temporary road closure of St Osyth Road, Alresford from 14th to 16th April 2018.

Alresford P C – notification of training dates on 10th & 17th April for new Councillors or Councillors who would like refresher training.

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Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	No report.
Playing Field	This was discussed at length at Item 12
Tennis Court	No report
Village Hall	V H Committee had made request for a car park on the Playing Field – see Item 14
Footpaths	Cllr Sadler reported that Footpath No. 8 was in need of attention. Clerk would report.
Tree Warden	No report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The damaged dog refuse bin had not been re-erected in its original location. The Clerk would send details to District Cllrs Nicholls & Heaney who would make enquiries at TDC.
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported that the flower beds had been tidied. It was proposed that new edging costing £30 approx be purchased for the damaged flower bed on Clacton Road to protect the new bare root trees. This was agreed. Cllr Hindle would action. <i>areas by the telly club Thoman</i> <i>those 2 areas</i>

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10. TDC Parish Tree Planting Grant – The bare root trees had been delivered and would be planted as soon as possible. The Clerk would make application to TDC for the Grant once the final costs were known.

11. (a) To approve the purchase of dog waste bags. Resolution “Council approved the purchase of 27 cases of dog waste bags at a cost of £530.25 + VAT of £106.05, Total £636.30”. The Clerk was asked to order a further 13 cases as it was felt that more would be needed to last through the coming year.

(b) To consider a request for an additional dog waste bin to be sited along the road at the side of the Red Lion Pub. Council did not feel there was a need for an additional bin as the demand was insufficient and there are other bins nearby.

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(c) To discuss the disappearing dog poo bags. Resolution – “It was agreed that notices be attached to the dog refuse bins advising that bags should only be used in case of emergency and not for general everyday use”. Cllr Sait & the Clerk would action.

(d) To approve purchase of replacement dog refuse bag dispenser as existing one damaged beyond repair. Cost £79 + postage of £6.75. This was approved. All were in favour. The Clerk will place the order.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney left the Meeting at 8.50pm.

**11(a) Payments approved & signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on
4th April 2018**

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102292	JRB Enterprises Ltd	£636.30	Bags for dog waste dispenser
102293	EALC	£350.94	EALC & NALC Affiliation fee 2018/19
102294	Kate Miller	£269.66	Bare root trees for flower bed, Clacton Rd
102295	Kate Miller	£78.60	Tree guard for Playing Field
102296	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£305.47	April Pay, Mileage & Accom x 5

Payments for April - Cheques written £1640.97. Direct Debits- None to date

11(b) Receipts: None to date

11(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 29 March 2018:

Current Account £200.00, Savings Account : £25,778.58 **Total £25,998.58**

12. Risk Assessment –

(a) To review current arrangements for inspections. The Clerk was awaiting a response from the current insurers as to whether a member of the public could be responsible for making the weekly checks on the play equipment. Cllr A Sadler would continue to make the checks.

(b) To approve purchase of replacement end cap for Seesaw on Playing field. Cost £16.30 (inc VAT) This was approved.

(c) To consider ongoing repair/replacement of equipment on Playing field. Resolution: “It was resolved to repair individual items of play equipment each year as required, on a most urgent basis”. It was hoped that s106 monies would become available for the purchase of new equipment.

13. Data Protection – this item was held over as not all Councillors present. It was proposed to hold an Extraordinary meeting to discuss all aspects of the new regulations. The Clerk would advise the date for this meeting.

14. Proposal from Village Hall Committee for new Car Park on Playing Field
The Clerk advised that there is a Deed of Gift made in August 1930 which states that the parcel of land known as the Playing field be held by Thorrington Parish Council as a public ground for the purposes of "The Recreation Grounds Act 1859". Cllr A Sadler would inform the Village Hall Committee.

15. Skate Ramp

(a) Tesco Bags of Help were aware of the situation and were not making any requests for re-payment at this time but wished to be updated as to developments.

(b) The Clerk reported that further documentation had been requested by DAS Law and this had been provided. They would be in touch in due course.

16. Clerk's Report there was nothing to report.

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hindle reported that bottles of milk were being taken from doorsteps again. Cllr Sharpe had obtained copies of a map of the footpaths in Thorrington and these were circulated to Councillors. Cllr A Sadler reported that lights were out at 2 locations in the Village. The Clerk would report these to Essex CC. for their attention. Cllr P Sadler reported that a representative from TDC Planning department would be a speaker at the September TDALC meeting and Councils were invited to present non-specific questions for discussion. Lawford Parish Council have set up their own Housing Trust with Rose builders and 11 properties would be designated for rent to local residents.

19. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd May 2018. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

20. Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40pm

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Date 2nd May 2018.