

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Annual Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

**Present:** Cllrs: P Sadler (Chairman), J Hindle, K Miller, A Sadler, J Sait, S Sawyer, K Sharpe, S Turner.

**Also present:** CCllr A Goggin, DCllr F Nicholls, 2 members of the public, K Fairhurst, Clerk.

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

1. **Election of Chairman** – Councillor P Sadler was duly elected as Chairman and signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office form. All in favour.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – It was understood that Cllr Damant would continue as Vice Chairman but he was unable to attend the meeting as recovering from recent major surgery.
3. **Election of Representatives**  
 The following were duly elected:  
 Allotments – Cllr J. Sait  
 Playing Field – Cllr A Sadler  
 Tennis Court – Cllr S Sawyer  
 Village Hall – Cllr A Sadler  
 Footpaths – Cllr K Miller  
 Tree Warden – Cllr S Turner  
 Hazel Close Open Space (HCOS) – Cllr P Sadler  
 Thorrington in Bloom – Cllr J Hindle  
 TDALC members – Cllrs P Sadler
4. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Damant, DCllr R Heaney.
5. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** - there were none
6. **(a) Minutes of the last meeting**  
 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, having been previously circulated, were amended by the Chairman at Item 9, Thorrington in Bloom. "It was proposed that new edging be purchased for the cost of £30 for the areas by the folly/cut through to estate to protect those 2 areas". The Minutes were then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.  
  
**(b) Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.** These having been previously circulated were agreed by those present as a true and correct record.
7. **Public Questions**  
 A representative of the Village Hall committee raised the issue of providing a car park on the Playing field in Thorrington. He stated that the Village Hall provided good facilities but there was a need for additional car parking to help avoid the dangers associated with car parking on nearby roads. It was suggested that possible s106 monies could be earmarked for this or a developer could gift monies in lieu of s106. Council will consider this further in due course.



## 8. Reports from County & District Councillors

CCllr Goggin reported that there will be a major review of the LHP. There was a need for openness with regard to costs for works carried out. A representative of the Highways department would be at Weeley on 10<sup>th</sup> May to give Councillors an opportunity to speak with him about their local issues. The number of potholes reported outnumbered those being temporarily repaired. CCllr Goggin reported that he had had a very busy year in office. *CCllr Goggin was thanked by Cllr Sadler.*

DCllr Nicholls reported that he had been able to resolve a Thorrington resident's drainage problem. At the TDC annual meeting the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been re-elected. There were major traffic problems with the new A120 roundabout works. Cllr Nicholls hoped that getting the local press involved would bring some resolutions to the problems. Any issues with sand on the roads should be reported to the contractor. *Cllr Sadler thanked DCllr Nicholls.*

### 9(a) Planning Applications

18/00484/FUL. Proposed extension to create second storey & proposed detached annexe, Briarpatch, Brightlingsea Rd, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

18/00487/FUL. Proposed single storey rear extension. 50 Hazel Close, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

18/00645/FUL First floor extension & single storey rear extension 30 Clover Drive, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make on this application.*

18/00659/FUL. Proposed annexe building to provide living accommodation, March House, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Council made the following comments on this application: the planned addition was disproportionate, would be a standalone dwelling, was out of the building line, access and parking not available at the rear of main property, insufficient space for car parking as already congested at the front of main property, this would be an overdevelopment of the main site. A recent application for a new dwelling on land nearby had been refused. The Clerk would ask DCllr Nicholls to "call in" this application on behalf of TPC.

### 9(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

18/00267/FUL. Single storey rear extension & garage conversion. The Cherries, Church Rd, Thorrington. *Full approval 18/04/2018 D/D*

## 10. Reports on Highways Issues

(a) Chapel Lane one way system – there was nothing to report

(b) Church Road – proposed Traffic Calming – there was nothing to report.

## 11. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

(a) Allotments – There was a discussion relating to the allotment tenancy agreement. It was agreed to review the wording at section two. Cllr Sadler would action. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July was suggested as a possible date for a BBQ. The Clerk would notify the allotment holders. There is now a waiting list of one for a vacant plot.



- (b) Playing Field – the new tree had been planted, necessary repairs had been carried out on play equipment.
- (c) Tennis Court – there was nothing to report.
- (d) Village Hall – some updating to the Hall had been carried out. Ideas were considered for the siting of a car park in Thorrington. A suggestion that the bowls club be re-sited on the Playing field and the existing bowls lawn be made into an additional car park was considered. Cllr Sharpe would source a contact with Chelmsford diocese, who own the land to enable further enquiries to be made.
- (e) Footpaths – there was nothing to report.
- (f) Tree Warden – the newly planted trees are growing well.
- (g) Hazel Close Open Space – TDC had finally put the dog refuse bin back to its original position. A new bag dispenser had been fitted on a new post and a laminated sign attached.
- (h) Thorrington in Bloom – seeds are growing well, trees in flower. Edging purchased ready for fitting when weather permits.

**12. Correspondence:**

TDC. Notification had been received of the award of a Parish Tree Planting grant in the sum of £222.00.  
 TDC Elections poster – sent for display in the village, but Thorrington has no election on 3rd May this year.

**13(a) Accounts – Listing prepared 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102297	JRB Enterprises Ltd	£410.64	Dog waste bag dispenser & dog waste bags
102298	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£16.30	Spare part for see saw on Playing field.
102299	Landscape Services	£96.00	Planting 4 trees on bed on Clacton Rd.
102300	Mrs J Hindle	£47.92	Grass seed, edging.
102301	Kendall Plus	£430.45	1st cut of Playing field, HCOS & verges.
102302	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£368.16	May Pay, Accom x4, Stationery, & postage.

**Payments for May- Cheques:- £1369.47. Direct Debits- None advised to date.**

**13(b) Receipts: £10,500 (1st payment of Precept)**

**13(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018:**

Current Account £200.00, Savings Account : £25778.58

**Total £25,978.58**

**14. To consider and approve the new Standing Orders.**

The new Standing Orders as supplied by NALC were approved and adopted.

**15 Skate Ramp** – the Clerk confirmed that a “letter before claim” had been sent from DAS Law to R Steele on behalf of the Council. Subsequently, an e.mail had been received by the Clerk from R Steel offering to supply a skate ramp for Thorrington this year. This offer was rejected by Council.

**16 Clerk’s Report and General update on Current Projects**

The Clerk reported that a volunteer can be responsible for checking the



playing field equipment. He/she would need to sign a declaration from TPC that he/she would undertake this check on behalf of the Parish Council. There had been problems with the first grass cut of the season, especially HCOS. The contractor had been advised and a re-cut would be carried out as a matter of urgency. The locks on HCOS were broken and new ones were to be provided by TDC.

17 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Miller reported that Chapel Lane had experienced flooding following the heavy rain in recent weeks. Cllr Sait asked about the seat round the new oak tree on the playing field. It was hoped that a new one would be provided in the near future, as previously agreed when the re-siting of the old original seat (now un-useable) was discussed.

18 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Date..... 6/6/18

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