

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

Present: Cllrs: P Sadler, J Damant, A Sadler, J Sait, K Sharpe, S Turner (from 7.45pm)

Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllrs R Heaney & F Nicholls, K Fairhurst (Clerk)

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** J Hindle, S Sawyer
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018, and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2018, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as true and accurate records.
4. **Public Questions** – There were none
5. **Report from County Councillor A Goggin.**
CCllr Goggin referred to the e.mail from Essex Highways in response to the e.mail sent from TPC following the extraordinary meeting held on 11th June 2018. The response was most unsatisfactory in that the questions had not been answered. CCllr Goggin recommended that Council book a slot with the Portfolio holder at the September meeting. CCllr Goggin suggested that Council contact local Parish Councils to seek advice on grants for grounds maintenance. CCllr Goggin reported that Well House in Brightlingsea would be closing in 2 weeks, after it was rated inadequate by the CQC.
There is still uncertainty regarding the future of the bus services to Brightlingsea. Headingham buses have given notice that services will change from September this year.
Cllr Sadler thanked CCllr Goggin who left the Meeting at 8.20pm to attend the Alresford PC Meeting.

DCllrs F Nicholls and R Heaney reported that the signage on the roadworks at the roundabout on A120 is very misleading and causing delays and confusion to motorists. So far all attempts to get them improved have been unsuccessful. TDC are pushing Essex CC and the government for an upgrade to the A120 in the next 5/6 years. Some of the toilets in Clacton are to be closed because of vandalism and drug usage. Following a recent controversial planning decision, Council were very dissatisfied with the Planning Department at TDC. Council were advised to contact the director of Planning and regeneration at TDC. A Councillor reported that a resident had erected a fence which abutted onto the access road. DCllr Nicholls advised contacting the enforcement officer in the planning department at TDC. The Chairman thanked DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney who left the meeting at 8.50pm.

6(a) Planning Applications:-

18/00878/FUL. Demolition of studio with implement store under and construction of single storey residential annexe with implement and garage, and construction of a four car garage. Cedar Lodge, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington.

18/00886/FUL Erection of dwelling and cart-lodge, with access served from adjacent agricultural access track (Alteration to planning approval 18/00139/FUL) Land adjacent Crossview, Clacton Road, Thorrington.

18/00894/FUL. Two storey rear extension, 1 Heathlands, Thorrington.

18/00956/FUL. Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling together with a 3 bay garage, Cross Farm, Station Road, Thorrington.

The Council had no comments to make on these applications.

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

18/00487/FUL. Single storey extension 50 Hazel Close, Thorrington, *Full approval 1/6/18 D/D*

18/00645/FUL. First floor extension and single storey rear extension, 30 Clover Drive, Thorrington. *Full approval 13/6/18 D/D*

18/00745/FUL. Rear addition to March House. *Full approval 27/06/2018. D/D*

6(c) Appeal Decision Ref: APP/P1560/W/17/3190615, 1 house & 1 bungalow Land at Frating Road, Thorrington. Appeal refused 19th June 2018

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

- a. **Proposed Chapel Lane** – this Item had been discussed at Item 5
- b. **Church Road -Traffic Calming** – there was nothing to report.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) TDC re. Operation London Bridge - this was to be referred to the Church.
- (b) Tendring Community Safety Partnership – Crucial Crew – event for older person 27th September 2018. This was noted.
- (c) Seafarers UK - Fly the Red Ensign – for Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2018. To raise public awareness.
- (d) Essex Heritage News – Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Trust.
- (e) e.on. To note increased costs for Street Lighting with effect from 9 April 2018. Increase of 2.15pence per kwh from 15.75 to 17.90. No standing charge.
- (f) Tendring Local History Recorders – asking for a donation. The Clerk will keep this on file for later in the year when Donations for the year are decided.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait reported that a barrier had been put in place at the entrance to the allotment & allotment holders had been notified of the entry code. A BBQ had been held on 30 th June which was well attended and enjoyed by all present. Cllr Sait was thanked for being chef in charge of the BBQ & Mrs Sait for her delicious Victoria sponge cake. It was agreed to purchase a new hose reel as the old one was past repair. Proposed J Damant, seconded K Sharpe. All were in favour.
Playing Field	See Item 12 below.
Tennis Court	It was reported that a resident had applied weed killer to the Tennis Court. Council would thank him.
Village Hall	There was nothing to report.
Footpaths	No report
Tree Warden	There was nothing to report.
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr P Sadler reported that she had used the dog refuse bags provided by the Council to remove numerous deposits of dog refuse. A tree had been damaged.
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle reported by e.mail that the planting is looking good.

10. Accounts

10(a) Payments approved and signed at TPC Meeting on 4th July 2018

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102313	Mr A Sadler	£5.90	Fuel to dispose of cuttings
102314	Mr J Sait	£55.00	Padlock, concrete for allotment barrier
102315	Kendall Plus	£430.45	Grounds maintenance June. T101G7021
102316	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£304.58	Clerk's pay for July, Acc, Mileage. Stamps
102317	Kendall Plus	£430.45	Grounds Maintenance July. T101G7042

Payments for July - Cheques written £1226.38. Direct Debit- £164.96 (No.136)

10(b) Receipts: £185.11 (Tree grant from TDC)

10(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 2018: Current Acc: £200.00, Savings Account: £31453.31. **Total £31,653.31**

10(d) TPC reserves: the Clerk informed Council that the current level of funds in the Bank were not a true reflection of the financial situation. A repayment of £6,000 to the Tesco Bags of Help grant funding scheme could be required during this financial year. Consideration should be given to the replacement of street lights in the next 5 years.

Also much of the play equipment will require replacing in the near future. The half yearly precept from TDC had recently been credited to the account.

11. **Request from Village Hall Committee for an area of car parking on the Playing Field in Thorrington.** Consideration was given to all aspects of this request. The proposal to allow car parking on an area of the Playing Field was not approved. Reasons for the decision to refuse this request included:- Costs of providing the facility, maintenance, security, concern that it would not be used as intended, any s106 monies already earmarked. Proposal that the request be refused J Sait, seconded J Damant, all in favour of refusal.
12. **Playground Equipment** - Cllr A Sadler had obtained costs for replacement of equipment. These would be considered further when s106 monies available.
13. **Grass Cutting**
 - (a) Council approved the purchase of a lawnmower. Cllrs J Sait and A Sadler would source funding and a suitable machine for next year.
 - (b) Cllr A Sadler had sourced a container for storage of equipment, which could be sited on the allotment. Council approved the purchase of this container costing approximately £1,920. The Clerk would place the order at a suitable time for delivery. Proposed A Sadler, seconded J Sait, all in favour.
14. **Radii Ramps** - the Clerk reported that DAS Law were preparing a letter of reply to Radii Ramps solicitors. Cllr Miller had updated Tesco Bags of Help and they had agreed to wait a further 3 months to allow for developments in the legal process.
15. **GDPR** - the Clerk had prepared a Data Protection Policy on behalf of the Council to meet the requirements of the new Data Protection Regulations. This was approved by the Council. Proposed A Sadler, seconded J Sait. All in favour.
16.
 - (a) Council approved payment of 8 hours overtime for the Clerk.
 - (b) As the Clerk is currently unable to drive it was agreed to draft a short term rota to take her home after Council meetings.
 - (c) It was agreed that the Clerk should write the report for the local press each month and e.mail to Rita for forwarding on. The Clerk should be paid one extra hour per month to do this.
17. **The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to: a resident re overhanging hedge & Essex Police regarding cars being parked on the pavement in Station Road. TPC are responsible for checking HCOS each month & recording findings. Council were not in favour of providing a mobile phone for Clerk's use.**
18. **Councillors Reports:** Cllr Damant reported that problems with car parking on pavements are now the responsibility of TDC. (Traffic Management Act 2004).
19. **Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018.**
20. **Closure.** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 10pm

SIGNED.....  Date 5/9/18

