

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

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, J Hindle, A Sadler, K Sharpe, S Turner.

Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllrs F Nicholls & R Heaney, 2 observers & K Fairhurst (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7.20pm, following the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting, by the Chairman, Cllr P Sadler who took the opportunity to remind Councillors that it was not acceptable for anyone to use mobile phones and other devices during the Meeting. Councillors were there to discuss Council business and it was expected that all devices be turned off during the Meeting. A Councillor should inform the Chair before the Meeting if there was a need to keep a mobile switched on in case of a family emergency.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs K Miller and J Sait.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2018, having been previously circulated, were amended at Item 17(a) to read “Rent should be £17 a year and total fees should read £32 per allotment”. The Minutes were then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
4. **Public Questions** – There were none.
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
An LHP Request Form for a one year trial of the proposed One Way System in Chapel Lane, Thorrington had been completed. CCllr Goggin confirmed that he would forward this to Essex County Council Highways Dept for inclusion on the Agenda at the next LHP Meeting on 25th October. CCllr Goggin reported that there was a £2.4million underspend of the Essex Highways budget and Councillors were asked to prepare a “wish list” of the 4 most urgent projects relating to defects in the roads in Thorrington. It was noted that pavements were excluded from this list. Councillors would let the Clerk know their suggestions (pictures would be helpful) and the Clerk would forward these to CCllr Goggin. The Winter programme for Roads was being prepared. The ECC Transport Meeting would be held at Clacton on 30th October. CCllr Goggin invited any interested Councillor to attend/accompany him. CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chair and left the meeting at 8pm to attend the Alresford P C Meeting.
DCllr Nicholls reported that a member of the Superfast Broadband team would be speaking at a meeting at Gt Bromley. He would e.mail the date when known. Plans were going ahead for the Clacton Car Rally which would take place again next year. There were differences of opinion regarding this event and it was noted that TDC can be consultees but do not have any part in the running of this event. DCllr Nicholls continues to press for a 30mph speed limit in all the Villages in Tendring and if approved it was hoped that local people would help enforce it. D.Cllr Heaney reported on the traffic problems as a result of the road closures around Lufkins Lane whilst a reservoir was being installed in a nearby field. These delays could continue for six weeks. DCllr Heaney was concerned that the planting of replacement hedges in front of properties on the Larkfield development on Clacton Road, Thorrington, were not up to the agreed standard. She would pursue the developer. The Clerk handed DCllrs Heaney & Nicholls

two recommendations from the Parish Council for the Pride of Tendring Awards for forwarding to TDC for consideration.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman. They left the Meeting at 9.05pm.

Cllr P Sadler reported on the recent TDALC meeting. A representative from the Planning department at TDC had been a speaker at the meeting and Cllrs had voiced their concerns regarding apparent inconsistencies in Planning decisions and concerns that Parish Council's comments were not taken into consideration by planners. Cllr P Sadler also reported that the second speaker at the Meeting was a representative from the NE Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. He informed the Meeting that the wards at Clacton Hospital would be closed and patients would be treated at Harwich. Clacton Hospital would provide General Practice services and community hubs for various health issues. There was concern as to how some patients would get to Harwich and consultations will take place, organized by NEECCG, with local public transport providers and voluntary transport organisations to resolve this problem.

6(a) Planning Applications:-

18/01558/FUL. Proposed new dwelling, Land adjacent to 5 Chapel Lane, Thorrington. *Council commented that this application be refused as insufficient amenity space, lack of parking and close proximity to corner & junction of Chapel Lane and Church Road.*

18/01576/FUL. Construction of Horse Gallop, Gatehouse Farm, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

6(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:-

18/00878/FUL. Cedar Lodge, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. Demolition of studio & construction of s/s residential annexe with implement & garage and construction of 4 car garage. *Full approval 5 Sept 2018 D/D*

7. Highways Issues:

(a) **Chapel Lane** - see Item 5.

(b) **LHP** -see Item 5.

8. Correspondence:

(a) TDC Tree Planting Programme for 2018/19. Cllr Turner would make a list and forward to Clerk for submission.

(b) CPRE – Council were notified of AGM on 6th October 2018.

(c) Royal Mail – scam mail. A poster would be put up in the Village Hall giving advice on this problem.

(d) Parish Map – Council were not in favour of purchasing a Parish Map.

9.Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait would arrange a delivery of Manure. The barrier, having dropped would be re-hung and improved.
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler reported that a local builder would remove the humps. The telegraph poles were no longer needed and were rotted. Cllr Sadler would remove them.

Tennis Court	No report.
Village Hall	No report
Footpaths	No report
Tree Warden	Overgrown hedges and a tree on Station Road would be cut back.
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr P Sadler reported she was still having to deal with the problem of dog refuse not being placed in the bins.
Thorrington in Bloom	Thorrington Cross flower beds would be cleared soon and the Autumn planting would begin.

10.Accounts

(a) Payments approved and signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 3rd October 2018

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Payment Details
102329	Portable Space Ltd	£1920.00	Container for Mower. Inv THORRING
102330	Rural Community Council of Essex	£72.60	Annual Membership Renewal 2017/18
102331	Kendall Plus	£430.45	Inv T101G7094.Gr Maintenance - September
102332	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£317.91	Oct Pay, Accom, Stationery, stamps
102333	Kendall Plus	£430.45	Inv T101G7111. Gr Maintenance - October

Payments for October – Cheques written £3171.41.

Direct Debits- (Nos 141/142.) £380.54

10(b) Receipts: £200.00, £10,500 (Second Half of Precept) Total = £10,700.

10© Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 30th September 2018:

Current Account £200.00, Savings Account: **£ TBA when statement received.**

- 11. Raddi Ramps** – the Clerk reported that the Parish Council's Insurers had advised that they would no longer fund the cost of pursuing the claim against R Steele as he does not own any assets and has a County Court judgement against him. Even if TPC were to succeed in its legal claim against him (which the Insurers considered to be likely) there were no reasonable prospects of recovering damages. Council would wait to hear from Tesco Bags of Help, who had grant funded the payment made to Raddi Ramps, before deciding on the best course of action in this matter.
- 12. Lawn Mower for Playing Field** – the application to Essex Community Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of a lawnmower had been refused. The Clerk would seek other grant funding.
- 13. Bus Shelter Cleaning Rate for coming year.** It was agreed to increase the rate to £225 per annum.

- 14 **Donations to Charities: it was agreed to make the following donations:**
 Wildlives £200, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance £200 and Tendring Local History Recorders Group £100
 Cllr Sharpe declared an interest in this Item and took no part in the decision.
- 15. **Clerk's Report** - a new PCSO had been appointed to look after Thorrington.
 Council gave an invitation to her to drop in at the PC meeting if she was in the area. Council were asked to consider taking Membership of Essex Playing Fields Association as it was felt that useful advice and information could be obtained. Council agreed to take out a year's Membership at a cost of £30. All in favour.
- 16. **Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Sharpe reported that he would be providing a wreath for Remembrance Sunday on the 100th Anniversary of the end of the first World War.

There would not be a Meeting in November as both the Chairman and the Clerk would not be able to attend. The cost of engaging a stand -in Clerk would be prohibitive.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7pm

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25pm

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Date.....5/12/18.....