

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December 2018

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, J Hindle, A Sadler, J Sait & K Sharpe.
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllrs F Nicholls, R Heaney,
K Fairhurst & E Crook (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr's K Miller, S Sawyer & S Turner

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 & minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 5th November 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 member of the public living in Hazel Close came to the meeting to raise his concerns about the one-way system for Chapel Lane and asked why had it not been considered the other way. Cllr P Sadler explained it has been considered over the last 3 plus years. Cllr Sait advised that when people are accessing Clacton Road from Chapel Lane and using the shop they are having to pull out in front of other vehicles which is very dangerous. Cllr Sait said a feasibility study has been done and Cllr P Sadler said it's all about visibility.

The member of the public left the meeting at 7.17pm

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

CCllr Goggin reported he is on the board of Essex Homes, has involvement in Pride of Tendring, Haven Gateway, Colchester Creative Board and Essex Fisheries. He advised that the next meeting for the local highways panel is 17th December 2018.

The libraries consultation started on Friday regarding the future of 74 libraries. Brightlingsea library is one of the libraries to be affected. It also serves Thorrington and the surrounding villages. There will be a consultation for residents regarding what to do. In some areas the library is run by the community; Jaywick is an example with Essex County Council supplying books and computers with volunteers running it. There will be a public meeting at some stage. They are looking for an alternative home like the Springmead Trust, YMCA, Town Council or the Community Centre. There is a survey that Essex County are running regarding the libraries, the deadline for the survey is 12th February 2019 and the details are also in the Chronicle.

If the public are not using the library it is costing money to run and the money comes from a budget from Essex County Council that they supplement.

Cllr P Sadler thanked CCllr Goggin.

D.Cllr Nicholls

The Motor Sports Association have issued a permit for the Clacton Car Rally to go ahead. Tendring District Council on the 9th November 2018 agreed to support the rally and to take an active part in the promotion and also the safety aspect.

The Local Highways Panel is being changed. It is to receive more money to enable more local issues to be resolved quicker. However, pot holes do not come under the remit of the LHP.

Following a meeting with Bernard Jenkin, DCllr Nicholls has written to Kevin Bentley, ECC Cabinet Member for infrastructure that he intervenes in the Broadband issue in our ward.

The A120 roundabout will not be operational until July 2019. The Old Harwich Road A604 will be closed for up to 6 days during the Easter holiday in 2019 to enable the "arms" of the roundabout to be linked into the roundabout. Due to design faults and lack of materials there will be a diversion. DCllr Nicholls queried the diversion and has informed the contractor they must have a consultation with the public, parish councils and district councilors.

Edme have acquired Horsley Cross Business Park and are intending to relocate their business there. A public consultation was held at Tendring Village Hall on Tuesday 27th November.

An increase of 20% in planning fees has been announced which will allow TDC to appoint a Section 106 Officer who will also be able to carry out inspections of buildings who have approved planning permission.

Cllr A Sadler mentioned that Lufkins Lane is open after completion of works but asked why there is a mound of earth and not proper kerb edging. He said lorries are driving over the mound, he's concerned that the build up is flush with the soil and why was something not put over it to stop it going over. DCllr Heaney said it's to force lorries to turn left. CCllr Goggin said he can bring it to the LHP before next Wednesday.

LHP are appointing a non ECC person to champion local councilors which is Frank Belgrove.

D.Cllr Heaney.

Cllr P Sadler asked for Pride of Tendring to confirm the date for February or March 2019, DCllr Heaney to check.

Cllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.

C.Cllr Goggin left the Meeting at 7.53pm to attend the Alresford PC Meeting

6. (a) Planning Applications:

18/01889/FUL To remove planning Condition 2 (The development hereby permitted shall be occupied only as an annexe to the existing dwelling and shall not be used as an unrelated unit of residential accommodation) of application **11/00715/FUL**.

Rosslyn Coach House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington, Colchester. *Council had no comments to make.*

18/01805/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension. Car port to front of property. The Lodge, Church Road, Thorrington, Colchester. *Council had no comments to make.*

18/01929/FUL Single storey rear extension. 34 Clover Drive, Thorrington, Colchester. *Council had no comments to make.*

18/01891/FUL Proposed garage/annexe conversion. Borel House, Church Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

This application was received too late for inclusion on the Agenda but it was felt necessary to consider it at this meeting. **18/01558/FUL** Proposed new dwelling, land adjacent to 5 Chapel Lane, Thorrington, Colchester. *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. Due to the implementation of the 12-month trial of a one-way system in Chapel Lane, Thorrington Parish Council have concerns regarding the delivery of building materials not being viable and the extra vehicles building services inevitably bring, all requiring access which would make it impossible for building works to be serviced in a one way system without causing chaos in the area of the building site and neighbouring roads.*

b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations

18/01263/FUL Proposed alterations & extensions to dwelling house, Borel House, Church Road, Thorrington **Full approval 5th October 2018 D/D**

18/01327/FUL V & B Variations, Heathfields, **Full approval 26/09/2018 D/D**

18/01687 FUL Variations, Cedar Lodge, Tenpenny Hill, **Amendment approved 5th November 2018 D/D**

18/01576/FUL Construction of Horse Gallop. Gatehouse Farm, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Full approval 28th November 2018 D/D.** This resolution / determination was received too late for inclusion on the Agenda but it was mentioned at this meeting.

7. Reports on Highways Issues: Updates

(a) Chapel Lane – 12-month trial of one-way system -update

No update from CCllr Goggin. Nothing likely to be know after LHP meeting.

8. Correspondence

(a) Fear of Crime Survey – Cllr P Sadler did her link but encouraged all Cllr's to do theirs and ask friends and neighbours to complete.

(b) Request for donation from EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) – Cllr P Sadler advised to carry forward this request to next year when donations are discussed.

(c) Tendring Community Safety Partnership Letter – Cllr P Sadler advised this is a good idea but there is no man power to do it.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	During Cllr Sait's temporary absence Cllr A Sadler repaired the gate, cut the grass and need to sort clearing of rubbish. It has been noticed that an allotment holder has not been maintaining their plot, so Cllr Sait will speak to the individual. A vote of thanks mentioned for Cllr Sawyer for works to the allotment gate for providing the man power.
Playing Field	The humps have gone and grass seed will be needed but won't be done till the spring. The telegraph poles are rotten and they will be disposed of. The bin on the edge of the old skate ramp on the tarmac area will have to be removed.
Tennis Court	Nothing to report.
Village Hall	There was a meeting on 4 th December 2018 with regards to generating income, there has been a small increase on hiring the hall; it hasn't been raised for years and they will look at figures to go up with inflation. Cllr A Sadler asked why the Parish Council has the meeting in the ground floor room and why not use the Farrow Room upstairs as there is disabled access. Cllr Damant said the law says the public must have access and should a member of the public come to speak they must have the facility. The benefit of the Farrow room is it's smaller, better heating and more comfortable. Cllr Damant said the Council have to operate in requirement of the law. Cllr P Sadler asked if huge difference in price? Cllr A Sadler said it's exactly the same price. Raised and noted.
Footpaths	The footpath round the back of Thors Park to the scout camp has been cleared of the various fallen trees and overgrown blackthorn bushes.
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report.
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report.

10 Accounts

(ab) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 5th December 2018

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Payment Details
102334	Kendall Plus	120.00	Tree hedge services
102335	Essex Playing Fields & Childrens Play Association	£30.00	Annual Subscription
102336	Mr J A Baker	£225.00	Annual fee for cleaning Bus Shelter-Thorrington X

102337	EALC	£85.00	Election Course fee for E Crow
102338	Essex& Herts Air Ambulance	200.00	Donation
102339	Wildlives	200.00	Donation
102340	Tendring Local History Recorders Group	£100.00	Donation
102341	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£308.75	November pay, 8 wks accom, £4 per week
102342	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£93.26	December pay.
102343	Mrs E Crook	£166.40	November pay
102345	HMRC	£270.00	Quarterly Tax payment for Clerk/RFO
102346	Mrs J Hindle	£10.00	Plants for flower beds
102347	Mrs E Crook	£343.57	December pay for Clerk, mileage & accommodation
102348	Mr Sait	£30.00	Manure for Allotment

Payments for November/December - Cheques written £2181 98
Direct Debits -£539.81

10 (b)Receipts: Oct/Nov £858.00

10 (c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 31st October 2018:
 Current Account £200.00, Savings Account: £35,073.80 **£ Total = ££35,273.80**

Direct Debits

143	e.on H16515F928	£159.63	12 Oct - Street Lighting for Sept
144	e.on H1672BBBAC	£164.96	12 Nov. Street Lighting for October
145	e.on H168D1022A	£24.84	13 Dec Electricity for Playing Field
146	A & J Lighting	£190.38	15 Dec Quarterly Maintenance charge

11. Outdoor Gym for Playing Field

(a) Cllr A Sadler reported that quotes had been received for the purchase and installation of a package of gym equipment for the Playing Field. Sunshine Gym at Broxap had provided the most suitable package and were confident of bringing the project to completion before the deadline of the end of February 2019 as requested by Tesco Bags of Help. There was a shortfall of £55 in funding and Council were asked to agree to fund this extra amount. This was agreed.



(b) The proposal to approve the purchase of a package of Outdoor Gym Equipment from Sunshine Gym at Broxap at a cost of £6755 was approved. Proposed by Cllr Damant, seconded by Cllr Sharpe and all in favour.

- 12. Council approved the subscription of £30 for membership of SLCC for the Clerk.
- 13. Thorrington Parish Council is in budget. Estimated spend for 2019/2020 is £21,000. There is an expected spend in the region of £16,000 in the next few years to replace a number of street lights in the village.

It was therefore proposed that the Precept for 2019/2020 be increased to £22,000. Proposed Cllr Sait, seconded Cllr A Sadler, all were in favour.

- 14. Clerks Report
Fire and Rescue Plan Survey, Cllr P Sadler advised all to fill it in on an individual basis and mentioned the survey is in 2 parts.

Speed Camera – Email received from PCSCO Sue Groves saying that she'd been out with the Tru-cam twice in November, catching around twenty speeding motorists on the main Clacton Road.

- 15. Councillors' Reports

TDALC Cllr P Sadler reported that Chelmsford Auto Club has got a permit for the Car Rally on 28th April 2019. TDC are allowing it and there will be brochures to promote it 2 months before the event.

Election day on 2nd May 2019. TDC Cllr's reduced to 48 from 67.

Cllr Miller has resigned but will continue to fill dog waste bag dispensers in her area, help Cllr Hindle with Thorrington in Bloom and report on village day committee.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.28pm

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Date..... 2/1/19.....