

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Present: Cllr's P Sadler, A Dewar, J Sait, A Sadler, J Damant, K Sharpe, J Hindle
Also present: DCllr R Heaney, E Crook (Clerk) & 1 resident

The meeting was called to order at 7.18pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** CCllr A Goggin & DCllr F Nicholls
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** -There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2019, having been previously circulated, were amended by the decision of the council as follows; the amount stated in Item 5 was altered from £7,000 for repairing footpaths to £700,000. This has been signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. **Public Questions**

A resident from Station Road asked the Council why there is not any affordable properties in the village and why are all the properties detached. Cllr P Sadler explained that what is termed affordable housing is essentially social housing; dealt with by Councils and Housing Associations. When building a certain number of properties, a developer has to provide 20% of the build to social housing and can choose houses, flats or bungalows providing it gets through planning.

5. **Report from District Councillor Heaney**

The National Planning Policy Framework have changed the formula for working out the supply of building land, the new formula indicated an additional 847 homes for the Tendring District instead of the previously agreed 500 properties.

DCllr Heaney was thanked by the Chairman.

6(a) **Planning Applications: -**

19/00431/OUT Proposed detached dwelling. Site R/O St Michaels House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

6(b) **Planning Resolutions/Determinations: -**

18/00466/OUT Two dwellings. Sambeck Caravans Ltd, Woodlands Business Park, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. **Appeal reference APP/P1560/W/18/3216163.** Appeal start date 8.03.2019, via TDC email 12.03.2019. *Council had no comment to make.*

18/01136/FUL Demolition of existing barn and garden room & construction of a new 12 bed supported living home to extend the existing 5 bed residential care home services currently on site, which is to be retained. Land to the rear of The Orchards, Station Road, Thorrington. **Appeal reference APP/P1560/W/19/3221991.** Appeal start date 12.03.2019, via Tendring District Council (TDC) by email 15.03.2019. *Clerk to email the Planning Inspectorate with the Council objections.*



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7. Highways Issues:

(a) Proposed Chapel Lane One Way System – Update
 Cllr P Sadler reported that they are waiting for confirmation that the signatures have gone through. Cllr F Belgrove reported back from the Local Highways Panel (LHP) that everything was still progressing and we would get a copy of the report and signatures were awaited.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Frinton Festival Flyer, to be placed on noticeboard
- (b) Email from Keep Britain Tidy, emailed to Cllr P Sadler
- (c) Your Voice; Essex Partnership University Trust, to be placed on noticeboard
- (d) Grant request from the Autumn Centre, Clerk advised Centre of Council procedure.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Plot 11 is now let and a waiting list set up for the allotments.
Playing Field	The grass has been cut with the new mower. There are some branches that need clearing up so they do not cause damage during grass cutting. Grass seed not germinated as yet.
Tennis Court	Nothing to report
Village Hall	The village hall committee are proposing raising the hall charges, this will be reviewed every April and will be inflation based. The committee are in discussions with regards to displaying their meeting minutes on their notice board.
Footpaths	Footpath 8 has marker posts in need of replacement; Where the footpath crosses a farm track approx. mid-way between Glebe Farm footbridge and Crocky Grove footbridge - present & partly standing but broken Where the footpath crosses the brook at the bottom of Crocky Grove – broken & lying on the ground.
Tree Warden	Nothing to report
Hazel Close Open Space	The grass has been cut with the new parish mower.
Thorrington in Bloom	There was a discussion regarding 10 unauthorised trees planted on Clacton Road and it was agreed the matter be investigated and dealt with appropriately. Thorrington in Bloom was discussed at the Gardening Club as they are looking to recruit volunteers to go on the rota.

10(a) Accounts

Cheques signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 3rd April 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
102365	EALC	£10.00	VAT for Invoice 10969
102366	Mrs. E Crook	£344.27	Clerks pay for April, mileage, accom & stationery

102367	Mrs. K Fairhurst	£125.61	RFO pay for April
102368	Mr. J Sait	£30.00	Manure for allotments
102369	JRB Enterprises	£885.60	Dog refuse bags
102370	Mr. A Sadler	£134.88	Fuel for mower, plaque for playing field, grass seed & mower deposit

Total cheques written for April: £1530.36

Direct Debits: - £24.70 half yearly water charge for allotments

(b) Receipts: - £11,000 (1st half of precept)

(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 29th March 2019

Current Account £200, Savings Account £20,225.20, Total funds £20,425.20

11. Grass Cutting

Three quotations had been received for the grounds maintenance contract for 2019.

After discussion, the Council decided to accept the quote from Kendalls. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr K Sharpe and all in favour.

12. Tennis Court – Update from Cllr J Sait

No update, Cllr Sait to contact RFO

13. To discuss quotes for tree work as supplied by Cllr Dewar

Cllr Dewar is still awaiting quotes.

14. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reminded the Council that the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Parish Council Meeting are to be held on the 15th May, that as it is an election year they cannot be held before the poll day 2nd May.

The notice of election has been placed in the parish noticeboard.

Another broken way marker post has been reported.

15. Councillor's Reports

Cllr P Sadler reported that at the TDALC meeting the following was discussed; Due to the additional developments of housing estates in the district, concerns were raised about the lack of improvement to the local infrastructure and schools, etc.

The Section 106 money which developers pay to Tendring District Council to be used on leisure, health and education is not necessarily used on the area where the construction took place, it could be spent anywhere in the district.

The A133 and A120 had been cleared completely of litter but within a 2 days it had returned to its previous state. It was suspected that lorries with incorrect covering on their loads were the major contributor.

It is taking Essex County Council (ECC) up to 6 months to repair a street light with separate teams dispatched to make safe, with someone else sent to remedy the fault. It has been suggested that the problem is repaired faster if it is reported through the "Fix My Street" website rather than the Councils own reporting process. i.e. ECC website.

The car rally on 28th April will definitely be passing through the village of Wix. The local pub will have to close as the insurance will not cover them due to the close proximity of the route. The proposed course could still be changed up to the date as scheduled consultations with householders are yet to be held.

At the LHP meeting the situation with Flag Hill on the Great Bentley/St Osyth border, was discussed and possible improvements to the cross roads in St Osyth. A reduction in the speed limit was discussed in the area near to playing fields.

ECC are discussing the provision of a truck being fitted with a hydraulic lift to facilitate easier replacement of broken road signs.

There was a discussion about grants available to enhance wheelchair access to public footpaths, especially coastal footpaths. Parishes were reminded they could put in a bid for Section 106 monies.

Cllr P Sadler informed the Council she has received a resignation letter from Cllr Sharpe.

Cllr Damant reported that the 30mph speed limit signs in the area appear to have disappeared and have not been replaced. Clerk to email CCllr Goggin to investigate.

Cllr Hindle queried whether garage conversions required planning permission. Clerk to contact TDC to clarify.

Cllr A Sadler requested the Clerk write to a resident regarding rubbish tipped on council land.

Cllr Sait reported there is a large pot hole on the side of the rail crossing that needs to be repaired.

Cllr Dewar advised a resident had asked him whether the gardening club could put a notice on the allotment notice board. The Cllr also received two unrelated reports of near miss accidents regarding the modified junction with School Lane/Gt Bentley Road and Lufkins Lane. It was noted by Cllr Dewar that it is usual to warn drivers after works have been carried out by displaying a 'New Road Layout Ahead' sign but one has not been installed. Clerk to email CCllr Goggin.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 1st May 2019

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12 pm

SIGNED.......... Date 1/5/19.....