


Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st May 2019

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

ECC Goggin 

The meeting was called to order at 7.02pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence** - There were none
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 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 from Clacton Road remarked that a footpath (No 23) which runs from Clacton Road to the church is in an unkempt condition. Cllr Sait agreed to take this up with the farm manager and also request the clearance of vegetation obscuring the sign to the foot path at the side of Clacton Road.

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

CCllr Goggin reported that a resident from Clacton Road contacted him with regards to speeding on the Clacton Road as the 30mph speed limit sign is only just past her house. The resident advised that a neighbour has contacted Essex County Council (ECC) who are carrying out a speed survey in May. Cllr P Sadler suggested waiting to see what the results of the speed survey are before taking fur her action and the Council were in agreement.

Following Cllr Damant's query regarding missing speed limit signs CCllr Goggin advised that signs around the entrance of Martin's Farm and the caravan site were temporary and had now been removed. It was a fixed term scheme due to a rise in accidents which have since stopped. CCllr Goggin is also trying to get an Elderly People crossing sign with agreement of the caravan site where a speed survey is due.

CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman

DCllr Nicholls

Wheelie bins will be introduced from June.

With regards to overgrown footpaths the Council were reminded they could contact Steve Gove from the Highways Rangers service.

Speed Watch report motorists speeding in a 30mph zone doing 36mph but the limit is being raised to 38mph.



DCllr Heaney

Not all residents are going to receive wheelie bins, black bin bag collection will continue in areas with terraced properties or where refuse lorries cannot access their road.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman

CCllr Goggin left the Meeting at 7.59pm to attend another engagement.

6. (a) Planning Applications

19/00543/FUL – Retrospective application for commercial biomass boiler and associated chimney for supplying heat to commercial greenhouse. Whitehouse Farm, Church Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

19/00623/OUT – Outline application for two dwellings with all matters reserved. Little Oaks, Church Road, Thorrington. *Clerk to email Planning Department with objections.*

19/00579/FUL – Proposed dwelling and cartlodge. Amendment of planning permission 18/00886/FUL to add utility room and conservatory. Land to Clacton Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

None received

7. Highways Issues - Updates

Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System. No further update

8. Correspondence

None received

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Nothing to report
Playing Field	Grass getting long, Clerk to contact contractor. Recent grass seeding has not germinated well and will need further work.
Tennis Court	Nothing to report
Village Hall	Nothing to report
Footpaths	Footpath 23 was previously mentioned
Tree Warden	Cllr Dewar will bring quotes for tree works to June meeting.
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report
Thorrington in Bloom	There has been a good tidy up and looking towards end of May to get planting done.

10. (a) Accounts: Payments for May – cheques written: - £2,777.51

Direct Debits: - e.on:- £197.10. (Lighting for April 2019)

(b)Receipts: - £40.00 Allotment fees.

(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 30 April 2019

Current Account: - £200, Savings Account: - £29,506.48 Total: £29,706.48

10. (b) Payments approved and signed at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 1st May 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
102371	Mr. A Dewar	£77.41	Fencing for Playing Field
102372	EALC	£941.03	Course, exam & book fees
102373	Mr. A Sadler	£23.50	Fuel for Mower
102374	Mrs. E Crook	£357.87	Clerk's pay for May, mileage, & accommodation
102375	Mrs. K Fairhurst	£47.76	RFO pay for May
102376	BHIB Insurance Brokers	£1,329.94	Premium for coming year

11. To approve BHIB insurance quote of £1,329.94

The new policy was accepted and the new premium was approved

12. Clerk's Report

Having contacted Tendring District Council Planning Department to clarify rules regarding garage conversions the Clerk reported back that planning permission is generally not required for internal alterations. It may be required should the work result in a separate living accommodation provision or enlarging the existing main property.

13. Councillor's Reports


Cllr Damant received an email from a resident regarding trespassers camping on private residential land whilst the property is unoccupied. Concerns were raised over the potential risk of squatter. Cllr Damant will circulate the email to the Council members.

Cllr Sharpe reported that a lady had complained that whilst using the pedals on an item of the gym equipment the bolts were knocking her ankles, Cllr A Sadler to investigate.

After 29 years as a member of the Parish Council Cllr Sharpe has decided to retire. To honour this long service the Councillors created a certificate and purchased a suitable gift. This was presented to him by the Chairman with thanks for his dedication.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 15th May 2019

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

SIGNED 

DATE 5/6/19