

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th June 2019

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, A Dewar, J Hindle, A Sadler & J Sait

Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr G Scott, DCllr A Wiggins, E Crook (Clerk) & K Fairhurst (RFO)

The meeting was called to order at 7.03pm 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 1st May 2019, having been previously circulated, were amended by the Chairman as CCllr A Goggin was present at the meeting but not listed as such. This was agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

5. **Public questions** – There were none

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

CCllr Goggin updated the Council on his new role as deputy to the portfolio holder for education, a department that has a budget of £800 million.

Essex County Council (ECC) is concentrating on the condition of pavements and pathways with each Councillor being given a wish list form. CCllr Goggin has a team of workers available and they will be able to address issues in the parish list for 3 days. CCllr Goggin advised the Council to discuss their priorities and send them to him. Footpath vegetation issues however can go through to the Highways Rangers as usual.

CCllr Goggin encouraged Councillors to use the 'Report It' website and updated the Council on changes made recently, including users receiving an acknowledgement email and the ability to check if a fault has already been reported.

The Chairman thanked CCllr Goggin

Cllr A Sadler enquired about road closures around the A120 roundabout, CCllr Goggin will look into whether this is permanent.

DCllr Scott introduced himself and paid tribute, on behalf of himself and DCllr Wiggins, to Rosemary Heaney & Fred Nicholls, the previous district councillors, for their work.

DCllr Scott reiterated the wheelie bin roll out will commence on 10th June, as mentioned at previous meetings.

DCllr Scott reported on the changes in cabinet members on Tendring District Council (TDC) and handed the Clerk a copy to circulate to the rest of the Council.



DCllr Wiggins introduced herself and noted that this was her first election as a district councillor.

DCllr Scott reported residents in Church Road had mentioned the Chapel Lane one-way system. Members of the Council gave a more detailed history of the situation. Cllr P Sadler informed the DCllr that after consideration of the options available the one year trial was the best option and is awaiting sign off. The next LHP meeting is due to be held on 14th June.

DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins were thanked by the Chairman

CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins left the meeting at 7.36pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

7. (a) Planning Applications

19/00741/AGRIC Construction of a general agricultural building. Whitehouse Farm, Church Road, Thorrington, Colchester. *For information only.*

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations – There were none

8. (a) Accounts

Payments for June – cheques written: - £3,530.37

Direct Debits: - £418.01

(b) Receipts: - £3,378.08. Refund of VAT from HMRC.

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

Current Account: - £200, Savings Account: - £31,227.39 Total: £ 31,427.39

NB. BHIB Insurance – original cheque in May lost in post, so new cheque written in June

(b) Payments approved and signed at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 5th June 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
102377	Kendall Facility Management Ltd	£748.60	Grass cuts for April & May
102378	Mr. A Sadler	£23.00	Fuel for Mower
102379	EALC	£78.00	Course fee for Clerk
102380	Mrs. E Crook	£267.57	Clerk's pay for June, mileage, & accommodation
102381	Mrs. K Fairhurst	£47.76	RFO pay for June
102382	BHIB Insurance Brokers	£1,329.94	Premium for coming year
Bank fee	Barclays Bank	£12.50	Fee for cancellation of cheque No. 102376
102383	Mrs. J Hindle	£73.00	Plants for Thorrington in Bloom
102384	EALC	£600.00	Inv 11035, course for Clerk
102385	SLCC	£350.00	Registration fee for Cilca
D/D 156	e.on	£23.97	Q electricity bill for Playing Field
D/D 157	A & J Lighting	£190.38	Q maintenance for street lighting

D/D 158	e.on	£203.66	Street lighting for May
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9. Council to approve change of bank to Unity Bank

The Council discussed the research provided and the change of banking was approved. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

10. Annual Governance Statement for approval

This was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

11. Accounting Statements to be (a) considered, (b) approved and (c) signed by the Chairman

Accounting statements were considered, approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

12. RFO to present an updated budget and projected expenses for consideration

The RFO advised the Council that the total funds in Barclays Bank at end of this financial year were £20,425.00 and the precept is £22,000. Projected expenditure which includes provision for various items is just over £22,000. The RFO advised caution with future spending bearing in mind costly maintenance items like street lights and play equipment.

13. To approve Cilca Registration fee for Clerk at a cost of £350

The Council approved. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

14. To accept quote for work to trees on playing field as supplied by Cllr Dewar

After discussion of the three quotes received, Council decided to accept the quote from Landscape Services. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

15. To accept quote from Kendalls to reseed bare patches in playing field at a cost of £42.50 plus VAT

The Council agreed to accept Kendalls quote. Proposed by Cllr Hindle, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

16. Play Equipment Annual Inspection

Following consideration of the report Cllr A Sadler will contact Broxap and report the missing instruction label for the bicycle and request one be fitted. One of the infant swings has been removed without the Council being notified, Cllr A Sadler to post an appeal for information on social media.

17. Council to purchase a defibrillator with the Village Day Committee.

The Council discussed the proposal and research distributed before the meeting, which included the experiences of other local Councils. Following suggestion that the Council buy the defibrillator in order to claim back the VAT, RFO advised the Council that it is illegal to do this and then not own the item. The Council would be liable for maintenance cost and the running of it. Cllr P Sadler advised the Council that a Parish Council must maintain as far as its precept allows what already exists. It was suggested that the difference could be made up by charitable donation, possibly during Village Day, with bucket donations and a sign up sheet to register interest to be one of the 12 volunteers needed to receive training. The Council was reminded, in light of the RFOs previous report, that the budget for the year is set and it was suggested that in this financial year, given other previous purchases it was not possible. Majority of the Council were against the proposal. Cllr Sait abstained.

18. Clerk to claim overtime (4 hours) for additional work required for election related

paperwork

The Council approved. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

19. To approve CPRE membership at a cost of £36.00

The Council approved. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

20. Clerk's Report

A resident contacted the Clerk regarding Colchester Borough Council (CBC) signage at Thorrington Cross. CBC have been contacted asking them to remove them on the grounds of safety.

Following a report about signs for Gt Bentley Carnival being displayed at Thorrington Cross Gt Bentley Parish Council have been contacted requesting removal of these signs. Cllr Sait offered to remove them in order to maintain road safety.

21. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait advised the annual BBQ for allotment holders will be held on Saturday 6 th July at 3.00pm. Allotment holders just need to bring their own food and drink.
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler mentioned the quality of the grass cutting, Cllr P Sadler said it has all been budgeted for and this will be discussed next year when the budget is set.
Tennis Court	No representative
Village Hall	Nothing to report
Footpaths	Footpath 23 has been cut back but the concrete finger sign is overgrown with vegetation. Areas of Footpath 8 could do with a trim. There are also trip hazards including a raised concrete drain cover and tree roots.
Tree Warden	Cllr Dewar raised the matter of a replacement horse chestnut tree for the existing tree at the triangle on Chapel Lane, Cllr P Sadler advised that a tree was planted on the playing field already.
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report
Thorrington in Bloom	Cllr Hindle advised it is all planted up apart from the Cross. There are some new volunteers from the Garden Club.

22. Councillor's Reports

Cllr P Sadler reported from the TDALC meeting;

Concerns were raised about the delay in A120 improvements would drag on again but has been promised that work will start in September.

Litter and rubbish on the A120 falling from the waste disposal lorries that have not been adequately netted is an ongoing problem, DCllr Talbot will contact Veolia to reminded them that it is part of their contract to ensure that lorries are well netted.

The car rally has been reported as a success. Instead of the agreed face to face consultation with residents on the route a leaflet drop was carried out. There were no reported complaints to either TDC or parish councils. No local residents have challenged the organisers over the

change of speed limit through Wix due to its addition to the race course. There were 2 accidents reported at Little Bromley.

Fly posting has been reported as prevalent in Frating, Thorrington and Manningtree. TDC are not removing them so TDALC will enquire about their removal. They will also contact CBC about the signs for Tom Jones and Tears for Fears concerts.


EALC hosted a talk on devolution. Alresford, St Oysth and Little Clacton have signed up to receive the money, but it was noted that many parishes were against it. EALC reminded attendees that micro grants of up to £500 are available for local groups and organization and as well as Parish Councils.

Cllr Dewar reported the footpath by the road that leads to the church is being encroached by a verge. He was asked to get pictures.

Cllr P Sadler received an invitation from Essex University for their annual meeting and summer reception, as she was not available it was offered to the Council.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm

SIGNED. 

DATE 3/7/19