

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th August 2019

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, A Dewar, J Sait, A Sadler,
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr G Scott, DCllr A Wiggins, E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO) & 4 members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7.05pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 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 asked whether the parish council would be prepared to be the accountable body for a community broadband project. Following a discussion Cllr P Sadler informed the resident that in order to progress the matter it would need further scrutiny and suggested that this be added to the September agenda.

A member of the public asked whether Tendring District Council (TDC) and the Police could look into the speeding and vehicle noise on Clacton Road. Following a discussion, it was noted that there used to be a village speed watch but it folded due to a decline in volunteers. CCllr Goggin added he had not heard from the resident who contacted him about the speeding situation. Essex County Council (ECC) organise speed surveys and in order to show the scale of the issue it was suggested a petition be organised and placed in the shop.

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

CCllr Goggin reported that ECC have a business development division to help small business to grow.

At the July full council meeting, there was a motion requesting emergency funding towards the improving the state of the education system in Essex.

CCllr Goggin confirmed he had received TPCs pavement initiative submission; the submission and photos will be looked at and it will be decided if the works are possible.

On 8th August there is a discussion about the plan for libraries in Essex, for the next 5 years if a town has a library currently then it is unlikely to close but it may change building.

On August 13th CCllr Goggin will hold his bi monthly clinic at the library.

Broadband is on the priority list for CCllr Kevin Bentley and ECC, there is a specific department to help businesses.

Following a serious road traffic accident on B1027 in Flag Hill a police prosecution is pending. A number of residents made contact asking what could be done about it. Despite having five speed surveys done on this road, there is no evidence that the average speed is beyond the tolerance. Speed limits are an ECC issue, any noise problems are a TDC issue.

The Chairman thanked CCllr Goggin

DCllr Scott reported that the Chief Executive of TDC Ian Davidson visited Thorrington in early July as part of his walk the wards tour and identified a number of issues.

TDC are planning to build properties for its own housing stock in Jaywick Sands for the first time in 50 years.

At a full council meeting there was a motion to save the libraries which was supported by the full council.

Following a vote to approve section one of the local plan, it will now be open for public consultation from August to September.

There will be no further roadshows, residents are advised to go to local public libraries, the Weeley Council Offices or the Clacton Town Hall.

DCllr Scott is now a shadow housing cabinet member.

A motion on climate emergency was put forward and supported by all cabinets. £150,000 has been allocated to discuss climate change.

DCllr Scott reported that there have been numerous issues with the new waste collections. Overall recycle figures are up; food by 44%, garden 29%, plastic and can 11% and overall black bags down by 17%. Some properties have not received their bins where other properties have received them twice. New instructions had been given to the collection crews and only TDC wheelie bins will be collected. Crews have also been changed from their usual routes, leaving some roads and assisted collections missed. If residents have problems with collections, they can contact DCllr Talbot (portfolio holder for waste and recycling) directly or DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins. The service will be reviewed at the end of the year.

TDC received an Ofsted award for their career track for 18 – 26 year olds. Young people spend 6 weeks moving around TDC departments so they can learn how authorities work.

Careline are having a future proofing upgrade to their system.

DCllrs Scott and Wiggins were thanked by the Chairman

CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins left the meeting at 8.25pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

6. (a) Planning Applications

19/00804/FUL Proposed change of use to existing barn to B2 and creation of new vehicular entrance. Pound Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

19/00780/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural building, the stationing of 2 no. holiday let shepherds huts and storage of materials and equipment in association with the landscaping business in operation from this site. Mill Farm, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. *Council had no comments to make.*

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

18/01558/FUL Proposed new dwelling. Land adjacent 5 Chapel Lane, Thorrington. **Approval Full – 05.07.2019 D/D**

19/00579/FUL Proposed dwelling and cart lodge. Amendment of planning permission 18/00886/FUL to add utility room and conservatory. Land to Clacton Road, Thorrington. Approval Full – 28.06.2019 D/D

18/00466/OUT Two dwellings. Sambeck Caravans Ltd, Woodland Business Park, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. The appeal is allowed.

19/00431/OUT Proposed detached dwelling. Site R/O St Michaels House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. Refusal – Outline 26.07.2019 D/D

7. To consider the future of the tennis court

The Council dismissed point b and agreed to move this motion to the September agenda as the tennis court needs to be valued in order for the Clerk to obtain an insurance quote. Cllr A Sadler will contact the tennis court contractor for a valuation of the court. Cllr Sait will ask the owner of the local shop whether he is willing to continue retaining the key to the court.

8. Accounts

(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 7th August 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
Unity Trust 300010	Kendall Facility Management	£374.30	July Grounds Maintenance
300011	Kendall Facility Management	£51.00	Grass seeding on Playing field
300012	A & J Lighting	£669.30	New parts following annual service
300013	TCVS	£25.00	Annual Membership
300014	Mrs. E Crook	£298.20	Clerk's pay Aug, mileage, accom, stationery
300015	Mrs. K Fairhurst	£204.04	RFO pay Aug, accom, postage
300016	Mr. A Sadler	£53.18	Fuel for mower (2) Dog notices
Barclays Bank 102388	Unity Trust Bank for Thorrington Parish Council	£10,000	To transfer funds to new Unity Instant Access Account
102389	Unity Trust Bank for Thorrington Parish Council	£10,000	To transfer funds to new Unity Trust account for TPC current account

Cheques written: £1675.02 (Unity) + £20,000 (Barclays)

BACS: None this month

Direct Debits: £203.66 (e-on)

Receipts: None this month

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust £3513.79

Balance at Barclays £22,308.22 as at 31st July 2019

N.B Cheques for £20,000 to be drawn against Barclays bank and to be paid into Unity bank current account to transfer monies to new accounts at Unity Trust

9. Thorrington Cross Bus Shelter

The Council approved for Mr. Baker to paint the bus shelter as per his estimated costs.

The Council requested this work to be completed by 31st August 2019. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

10. Section 106 money from Tendring District Council

Following a discussion the Council decided to allocate this money to work on the Chapel Lane play equipment. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait.

11. To approve CVST membership at a cost of £25.00

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

12. To approve RCCE membership at a cost of £60.50

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

13. TDALC Report

There were no comments to make on the previously circulated report from Cllr P Sadler.

14. Clerk's Report

Kendalls have cut back the overgrown footpath between Station Road and Church Road, also confirming they will cut again the week beginning 12th August, ready for village day.

Overgrown weeds in Hazel Close area Trevor Mills from TDC visited the area and assures the weeds have been treated successfully and are declining rapidly. A further herbicide application will take place during the next few weeks. The chemical used takes around 5-7 days to take effect, it has no residual action and weeds must be present for it to take effect.

15. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

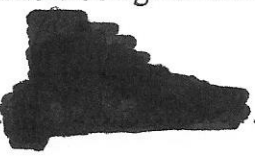
Allotments	Cllr Sait is organising another load of manure. The bank running along the left-hand side of the allotments is getting overgrown with nettles. Cllr Sait to ask allotment holders to volunteer with this task.
Playing Field	The second lot of grass seed has not germinated.
Tennis Court	No report
Village Hall	Next meeting 10 th September, Cllr A Sadler unable to attend so Cllr Dewar will go in his place.
Footpaths	Cllr Dewar has been informed by TDC that the footpath that leads to the church, the finger sign and the trip hazards are ECC responsibility. Footpath 8, that runs by Glebe Farm and down to Crocky Grove, does not exist due to crops growing.
Tree Warden	The tree in the metal cage support has died in Chapel Lane playing field. Cllr P Sadler suggested the Council wait for TDC tree initiative.
Hazel Close Open Space	'No Dog Fouling' signs have fallen down, Cllr A Sadler as handyman will affix to the bollard.
Thorrington in Bloom	No report

16. Councillor's Reports

No reports

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th September 2019

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23pm

SIGNED: 

DATE 4/9/19