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Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, A Dewar, J Hindle, J Sait, A Sadler, E Crook (Clerk) & K Lott (RFO)
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr G Scott & 1 member of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7.06 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence** - Cllr Damant & DCllr A Wiggins
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th August 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 resident asked the Council what could be done about the speeding problem on Clacton Road, DCllr Scott suggested the resident lobby Essex County Council (ECC) with the Parish Council. The Council members stressed that this has been discussed at several recent meetings and the Chairman restated a brief history of the situation. It was suggested that more properties being built lends more weight for the Parish Council to lobby the necessary people to get speed cameras, VAS signs and police presence to do a speed check.

The resident also mentioned seeing a pedestrian struggle to get down the pavement past an overgrown hedge on Chapel Lane. *Clerk to write to resident asking them to cut the hedge back and ensure that the pavement is kept clear.*

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

DCllr Scott is now a member of the Climate Change Committee, the first meeting will be in September. Cllrs encouraged to send any green initiative ideas to him.

DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins attended the planning meeting where the application for the development to the west of Edwards Drive of 29 bungalows for the over 55's was discussed.

A full council meeting is next week and the waste collection issues will be discussed.

A Highways Officer visited Thorrington looking at defects on roads and pavements.

DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins attended Thorrington Village Day.

DCllr Scott was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.35 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

CCllr Goggin held his clinic at the library and whilst there noted a reasonable amount of activity but was disappointed that statistics seem to show that traditional library activities are down on this time last year.

Following the recent car crash at Flag Hill it has been suggested that local residents and businesses form an action group to make a stronger case for a more sensible speed limit.

CCllr Goggin advised the next Local Highways Panel meeting is next Thursday and he will raise the Chapel Lane one-way system.

The Chairman thanked CCllr Goggin, who then left the meeting at 8.04 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) **Planning Applications** – There were none

(b) **Planning Resolutions/Determinations**

19/00885/FUL Proposed 5 bedroomed detached dwelling. Glebe Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Approval – Full 23.08.2019 D/D

7. **To consider the future of the tennis court**

Following on from previous meetings the Clerk received a quote from the insurance company to cover damage to the court of £38.84, with a condition that it is kept secure. The court will be free to use with the key collected and returned to the shop for a £5 refundable deposit. On the understanding the work currently being carried out is finished it was proposed by Cllr Sait that the court be taken on, seconded by Cllr A Sadler with a majority in favour. Cllr Sait will check with the owner of the shop that this arrangement is acceptable and it was suggested that a sign informing users of the court that they do so at their own risk be put up. The Council expressed thanks to Shaun Cook for his hard work clearing the surface of the court ready for the relining.

8. **Council to approve quote of £38.84 from BHIB Insurance to insure tennis court**
The Council approved. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour

9. **The shrubbery at the “hole in the wall”, Clacton Road**
Cllr A Sadler advised the berberis is causing the problem so he will remove it.

10. **To approve Cllr P Sadler to attend Chairman’s Training short course (£100)**
The Council approved. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

11. **Child swing in Chapel Lane playing field**
The Council decided not to replace the swing at this time.

12. **Council to approve replacement of 5 a side goal netting to Chapel Lane playing field**
The Council approved the replacement of the goal nets at £54 plus postage. Proposed by J Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

13. **To approve overtime**
The Council approved the Clerk’s overtime of 5 hours to cover attendance of CiLCA training. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

14. **Allotment Insurance**
The Council approved the quote of £97.94. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

15. **Allotment Fees**
The Council agreed that the rent would remain at £17. After an update on usage it was decided the water charge would be £6 and £3 for manure bringing the total per allotment plot to £26. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Hindle. All in favour.

16. **Feeder pillar on playing field**
The Council approved the renewing of the contract for the electricity supply to the playing field. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

17. **Accounts**
Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 4th Sept 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Invoice & Reason for Payment
300018	Katherine Lott	£58.62	RFO pay for August

300019	RCCE	£72.60	Annual membership
300020	EALC	£108.00	Course for Clerk
300021	Elizabeth Crook	£214.59	Clerk's pay for Sept (plus accomm & mileage)
300022	Katherine Lott	£58.62	RFO pay for September
300023	Kendalls	£372.40	Grass maintenance
300024	Wicksteed	£21.00	Fixings for baby swing (Inv. 000807565)
300025	Shield Insurance	£97.94	Allotment Insurance
300026	HMRC	£201.00	Tax July to September for Clerk & RFO
300027	PFK Littlejohn LLP	£240.00	External audit

Cheques: £1,444.77	BACS: None this month	Direct Debits: £190.38 (A&J Lighting)	Receipts: £20,000 (moved from Barclays)
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Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £21,428.47

Barclays Bank have been asked to close the accounts, raising a cheque for any remaining balance which is yet to be received. Current balance of account with Barclays Bank unknown at time of meeting.

18. Clerk's Report

Clerk reported there was broken glass near allotment plot 23, Cllr Dewar offered to dispose of glass safely. The allotment holders for plots 11 & 13 have been written to reminding them to clear their overgrown access path.

19. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Nothing to report
Playing Field	Nothing to report
Tennis Court	Nothing to report
Village Hall	Meeting next week and Cllr Dewar deputising in Cllr Sadler's absence.
Footpaths	Replacing broken "Adders Beware" sign to be added to October agenda.
Tree Warden	Nothing to report
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report
Thorrington in Bloom	The damaged planter outside the shop will be replaced but the damaged planter at the rail crossing due to difficulty maintaining it will not. There is still money left for the planter in memory of Wayne Hardy so Cllr Hindle will plant it up for the winter.

20. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Dewar asked whether speed limit signs could be sourced for residents to place on their wheelie bins and asked if a request could be placed on the EALC request site. *Clerk to action.*

Date of next meeting Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm after the Allotment Holders annual meeting at 7pm.

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm

SIGNED...  DATE 2/10/19

