

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, J Hindle, A Sadler, J Sait & K Sharpe.
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr R Heaney, Angus Dewar & E Crook (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7.07 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** DCllr F Nicholls & Cllr S Sawyer
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none.
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 4. **Public Questions** – There were none. Mr John Jinks (Church Warden) was here to listen to the Thorrington Graveyard donation discussion.
- 5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
CCllr Goggin reported on the 11th December there was a Council meeting regarding the libraries consultation where residents of Alresford and Thorrington attended. He mentioned the library survey and if residents have strong feelings about the library then they need to fill it in, you don't have to be IT literate and the survey can be done over the phone or posted to you. There are no excuses not to take part.

Brightlingsea library is a Tier 3 library and it's not likely it will carry on so a joint working venture could possibly happen instead. Cllr Goggin met with 5 different organisations with regards to it becoming a Community Hub. Cllr Goggin has arranged meetings with the Community Centre, Springmead Trust, YMCA and the senior school already has a library. Wivenhoe are thinking of buying their with the idea for a Community Centre / Hub.

CCllr Kevin Bentley replied to a letter dated 28th December from Mr. Harvey regarding the measuring device for the road problems at Frating Cross/Lufkins Farm junction.

Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) has awarded grants of £7000 each to St Osyth Parish Council for an Open Space Manager and Alresford Parish Council for a Handyman.

On the 28th February the budget for Essex County Council will be discussed. Cllr Goggin will appraise us of it at the March meeting.

Cllr P Sadler asked whether any news from the LHP, CCllr Goggin advised the one-way system is going through as engineers are looking at it and a report has been requisitioned.

DCllr Heaney advised the Lufkins Lane issue has been sent to the ^{LHP} local planning committee, Cllr A Sadler advised this is the same end regarding the recent traffic accident. The bank of earth hasn't moved due to lack of rainfall. Cllr A Sadler

expressed concerns about wheels going up against it and if the side wears down then the previous issues with fly tipping will re-occur. Cllr Damant raised concerns about who to contact in the event of queries with the workmanship, CCllr Goggin replied the concerns can be reported to him.

Cllr Sait raised concerns about the closure of the gravel pit at Moverons increasing traffic flow through our village. After discussions about the number of large vehicles accessing the wharf CCllr Goggin replied he will speak with Alresford Parish Council that same night to see if they have similar concerns.

DCllr Heaney discussed the proposed dispersal of the West Tey Garden Village around Tendring. This was felt to be unlikely due to the lack of increase in West Tendring ~~infrastructure planned for the West Tey development which includes several new primary schools~~ *DC not accepting*
& the required Colchester Council Housing & the

Pride of Tendring Awards Ceremony is to be held on 22nd March. There are 2 nominations; Mr. J Baker (bus shelter cleaner) & Mr. N Clarke (litter picker).

CCllr Goggin left the meeting at 7.50pm to attend the Alresford PC Meeting.

DCllr Heaney was thanked by the Chairman.

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

(b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations

18/01805/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension. Car port to front of property. The Lodge, Church Road, Thorrington, Colchester. Full approval 19th December 2018 D/D.

7. **Reports on Highways Issues: Updates**

a. Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – See comment above from CCllr Goggin.

8. **Correspondence:**

Cllr S Turned has resigned. Cllr P Sadler advised Clerk to advertise for a Councillor by co-option.

9. **Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	There is one vacant allotment plot.
Playing Field	The semi rotten telegraph poles need to be removed. The bin on the edge of the old skate ramp on the tarmac area will have to be moved for the installation of the new outdoor gym equipment.
Tennis Court	Cllr Sait asked whether remaining monies from the closed Tennis Club could be donated towards the mower. Cllr Damant suggested the Tennis Club buy the mower and donate it to the Parish. Cllr A Sadler has personally paid a deposit to hold the mower Cllr Sait and Cllr Sawyer will confirm the money available for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr A Sadler reminded the Council of the time frame for this issue in light of the need to get tenders for grass cutting or verges for the coming year.

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Village Hall	Nothing to report
Footpaths	Vacant post
Tree Warden	Vacant post
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report

10. Accounts:

(a) Payments approved/signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 2nd January 2019.

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Payment Details
102349	Mrs. E Crook	£341.30	January pay, 4 wks accom, £4 per week, stamps, mileage, stationery & USB sticks.
102350	Mrs K Fairhurst	£116.17	January pay & stamps (£7.50)
102351	SLCC	£92.00	Joining fee & annual membership

Payments for December – cheques written £549.47

Direct Debits - £ 159.53

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11. August Meetings

A discussion took place regarding the Council holding a meeting in August as the Council has not held one for a number of years due to a previous Clerks availability. Cllr P Sadler asked whether it is normal practice for other Councils to meet in August. DCllr Heaney confirmed that other local Councils do hold meeting in August. Proposed reinstatement of August meeting by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler and all in favour. Council will from now on hold a meeting in August.

12 Co-option of a Councillor

Angus Dewar was proposed by Cllr Damant, seconded by Cllr A Sadler to be co-opted to fill vacancy for councilor. Cllr Dewar was welcomed to the Council.

13. Gym equipment purchase and installation update

Cllr A Sadler reported that he has received an email from Broxap advising that the equipment is scheduled for delivery on 28th January, hopefully before Tesco's Bags of Help deadline. It is hoped to be operational by early February.

14. Donation to Thorrington Graveyard

Following a communication from the local church regarding previous regular donations to the maintenance of the Churchyard, the issue of legality of this donation has arisen. After researching the law surrounding this issue several articles were read out. Cllr P Sadler advised that at the October meeting donation requests are dealt with. It should not be taken for granted that specific organisations will receive any money nor assume that a past donation be repeated. Requests must be made and dealt in the appropriate manner. If the Church would like to be considered for a donation they must apply in writing to the Clerk by September in readiness for the October meeting when the Council look at all the applications.

Cllr P Sadler mentioned that when the Council put the precept in, they look at what they can afford with regards to donations and they don't want to raise the precept. In light of the precept coming from Council Tax it was discussed about the use of the money going to causes that benefit the majority of residents. There was further discussion about the expense needed for the repair and upgrading of street lighting in relation to the current precept level.

15. Clerks Report

Several dog waste bins in the village have not been emptied, this was reported to TDC on 17th December 2018. The gate to the children's play area on Hazel Close Open Space is flailing in the wind as the automatic closure is broken. This was also reported to TDC on 17th December but as yet has not been repaired. Clerk to chase with TDC.

16. Councillors' Reports –

Cllr Hindle reported there are some street lights that are not working. She will find out which ones and email the Clerk to report them.

Cllr Sait said no date has been set for the Village Day as there has been no meeting as yet.

Cllr Sharpe asked when the wheelie bins will be distributed, Cllr P Sadler advised this will be in June. DCllr Heaney advised that if there are elderly or disabled residents then TDC will pick up their wheelie bin. There will still be black sacks for people in terraced houses in the Tendring area.

Cllr Sait has asked for the Clerk to re-request a donation from Vaughan & Blythe as they have built 12 homes in the village. DCllr Heaney advised that it is unlikely they would make a donation as they built 9 and then 3 houses separately.

DCllr Heaney asked about the re-instatement of the hedge on the Larkfield development on Clacton Road, Thorrington. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Dewar asked who was responsible for the foot path, Cllr P Sadler advised that once Vaughan & Blythe had finished, it was their responsibility to tidy up/make good.

Cllr A Sadler queried whether the grass verge will be reseeded where amenities have been extended to Avocet Place. When building works are completed this is expected.

Cllr Dewar asked if he will have a specific role. Cllr P Sadler advised that Councillor roles (amenity reps) will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 pm

SIGNED:  Date: 4/2/18