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Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th November 2019

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Hindle & J Sait, E Crook (Clerk) & K Lott (RFO)
Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Wiggins and 2 members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7.04pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs J Damant, A Sadler & A Dewar

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 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

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

DCllr Wiggins reported that DCllr Scott attended the cabinet & scrutiny committee meetings.

There was a Tendring for Growth meeting at Clacton Town Hall where business in Tendring was discussed.

Pride of Tendring nominations have been submitted and the awards will be announced at the start of the new year.

DCllrs Wiggins and Scott attended the planning committee where DCllr Scott spoke about applications in their ward.

DCllr Scott attended a recent climate change committee meeting. Tendring District Council (TDC) will be planting 2000 trees in the Rush Green area. There will be a visit to Felixstowe in the new year to see how they deal with their plastic waste.

DCllrs Wiggins & Scott attended planning & policy committee meeting last week where DCllr Scott spoke about new policies.

TDC have had reports of clothing banks are being opened illegally and the clothes being stolen.

There have been over 6000 complaints about missed bin collections, but recycling is up. Cllr Mike Talbot and Jon Hamlet, Street Scene Manager for TDC, have been asked to attend a parish council meeting in December. Cllr Talbot has agreed and Jon Hamlet has yet to confirm.

Fly tipping on the edge of Thorrington has been reported.

DCllr Wiggins was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.11 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

CCllr Goggin advised that work through the pavement initiative in Hazel Close and Clover Drive have been completed. Chapel Lane has a road closure planned from 18th November for 4 days so that the pavement works can be carried out between numbers 1 to 6.

Essex County Council are to charge bus pass holders £1.50 to use the Park & Ride.

Cllr Goggin has secured a private surgery meeting with Cllr Bentley in December to challenge his decision on the proposed Chapel Lane One Way System. Councillors were invited to reinforce the facts originally put forward. Cllr P Sadler & Cllr Sait to attend.

The November meeting of the full council had been postponed due to the elections.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Goggin and he left the meeting at 7.33pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

6. (a) Planning Applications

19/0149/FUL - Proposed rear extension. Pear Tree Cottage, Clacton Road, Thorrington
Council could not comment as the full plans received contained no details.

19/01453/FUL - Proposed dropped kerb. Cameronian, Station Road, Thorrington
Council had no objections.

19/01569/FUL - Proposed first floor extension including new roof, new porch and single storey rear extension. 33 Clover Drive, Thorrington
Council objected that the proposed works are out of character for the rest of the estate.

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

18/00163/FUL- Construction of 29 specialist bungalows (for those aged over 60, and/or those with, or supporting someone with a disability) with associated roads, parking and garaging. Land to west of Edwards Drive, Thorrington. **18/00163/FUL**
Approval – Full 30.09.2019 Committee Decision

7. Co-option of a Councillor

It was proposed that Sheena Parks be co-opted on to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle and all voted in favour. Cllr Parks was welcomed to the Council.

8. To discuss and allocate responsibility for weekly safety checks to tennis court

As the playing field rep was not present this motion was moved to December's agenda.

9. To consider the budget for 2020/21

As a number of councillors were not present this motion was moved to December's agenda.

10. To approve Clerk to attend allotment course (£120)

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

11. To consider applying for a Tree Planting Grant from Tendring District Council

The Clerk has not received any notification so this motion was moved to December's agenda

12. To approve 5 hours of overtime for the Clerk

The Council approved the Clerk's overtime of 5 hours to cover attendance of CiLCA training. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

13. To consider purchase of 30mph speed limit stickers for wheelie bins

Cllr Sait to investigate pricing. The Council moved this motion to December's agenda

14. To discuss servicing of strimmer and ride on mower

This motion moved to February's agenda

15. To discuss grass cutting contract for 2020

This motion moved to January's agenda

16. To review the bus shelter cleaning rate for Thorrington Cross

After a discussion it was decided that the Clerk would write to Mr. Baker

17. To consider/agree donations to charities given by Thorrington Parish Council

The RFO advised the Council that £800 had been budgeted for donations, £400 of which was donated at the previous meeting to the Thorrington Village Day Committee to enable their purchase of a defibrillator. Following a discussion of the organisations that had written in, it was agreed to divide the remaining money as follows: The Autumn Centre £200, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance £75, East Anglia's Children's Hospices £75 and Thorrington Gardening Club £50. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Parks. All in favour.

18. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 6th November 2019

Cheque No.	Payable to	Amount	Reason for Payment
300035	Elizabeth Crook	£301.92	Clerk's pay and expenses for November
300036	Katherine Lott	£58.62	RFO's pay for November
300037	Mr J Sait	£30.00	Manure for allotments
300038	Mr A Sadler	£36.53	Fuel for mower
300039	Thorrington Village Day	£400.00	Donation to TVD defibrillator
300040	Tendring District Council	£189.35	Election costs
300041	EALC	£120.00	Chairman's Day Course Fee
300042	Kendall Facility Management	£374.30	Grass cutting
300043	Thorrington Village Hall	£102.00	Hall fees
300044	Thorrington Village Hall	£119.00	Hall fees

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1,731.72	£0	£197.10 electricity	£371.19 allotment fees & Barclays

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £21,005.04

Balance of accounts with Barclays = £0.00 – Accounts are now closed.

19. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Cllr Sait advised he has the pallets to build the composting areas and was hoping to remove the incinerator so it can be repaired soon.
Playing Field	The playing field has been in use quite a lot and the gym equipment in particular.
Tennis Court	No report
Village Hall	No report as meeting time was changed and Cllr A Sadler had not been informed.
Footpaths	Cllr P Sadler has requested that the footpaths are re-instated on the field from Clacton Road that goes to Brightlingsea Road
Tree Warden	No report
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr P Sadler reported that the firework debris has been removed
Thorrington in Bloom	Nothing to report

20. Clerk's Report

Freedom of information request received regarding numbers of looked after children in the area. Legally a reply must be sent within 20 working days. It was explained that we do not have these details and they were directed to the County Council.

It was noted that the records held regarding tree preservation orders within the village might not be up to date. The Clerk contacted Clive Dawson at TDC regarding these details and he was very helpful. There are no digital records but can be accessed from the Weeley Council Office.

Following a situation regarding parking on playing field the Council were reminded that anyone wishing to use the field must ask the Council for permission.

Councillors were reminded that the Essex County Council Report It page can be used by anyone to report issues with street lights, bollards etc.

The Clerk was contacted by what3words about their mobile app that allows coordinates to be given as three words. Emergency services are suggesting people use it as it allows them to pin point people very quickly. It is free for the general public to use.

Andrew Bilby from Essex Highways contacted the Council concerning permission to install a soak away under the surface of the Chapel Lane Playing Field in order to alleviate surface water on Clacton Road. He was reminded of the existing drainage in that area and asked for further details so that the Council can make an informed decision.

Allotment payments have been chased, 3 payments are still outstanding. Plot 23 has been re-let.

Thanks to Cllr A Sadler and Cllr Dewar for their feedback on the potential tree in the road.

The village hall hire fee is rising. *Clerk to enquire about the cost of hiring the Farrow Room.*

21. Councillor's Reports

Cllr P Sadler encouraged all councillors to complete the Fire Service consultation survey.

The Chairman informed the Council that Cllr Dewar has resigned.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th December 2019

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting 8.56 pm

SIGNED. 

DATE. 4/12/19