

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

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Hindle, A Sadler, J Sait, K Sharpe, S Sawyer & A Dewar.
Also present: CCllr A Goggin, DCllr's R Heaney & F Nicholls, & E Crook (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Damant
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 2nd January 2019 having been previously circulated, following a vote were amended by the Chairman at items 5 & 9, then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 4. **Public Questions** – There were none
- 5. **Reports from County & District Councillors**
CCllr Goggin reported the bus service provided by Go Ride to Clacton which affects Brightlingsea, Thorrington, Gt Bentley and St Osyth has been cancelled.

Essex Housing is looking at stocks of county council properties to see if they can be used in a better or different way. East of England Ambulance Service are reviewing their base at the hospital and are looking at bigger depots.

Essex County Council (ECC) budget meeting is 12th February.

There was a meeting in the Brightlingsea library about its future on 4th February and the deadline for the survey being submitted is 20th March.

Discussions are ongoing with The Colne Community School about the zebra crossing near the front of the school. Frank Belgrove, the LHP representative, advised the crossing has been approved but is waiting for the school and ECC to agree the changed exit for pupils. All parties must agree to position the crossing safely.

Pride of Tendring will be 22nd March 2019.

There was an independent survey carried out at the end of last year amongst the 150 bigger upper tier councils about spending money effectively and getting the best results for residents. The results were from 6 key areas and ECC came 7th overall.

Cllr P Sadler and CCllr Goggin are attending a meeting on Monday 25th February where Harwich volunteers are giving a talk about running a community library.

Alresford, Gt Bentley and St Osyth Parish Councils have joined in an ECC project, a pilot scheme, where parish councils are given money and the responsibility for some small works that ECC normally carry out.

Cllr Sadler thanked Cllr Goggin.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney

The local plan budget was approved 5th February.

The independent examination of the garden community plan should take place in the Autumn of this year and adopted by full council in Spring 2020. Tendring District Council (TDC) plan will take place spring / summer 2020 and adopted by full council of Winter 2020 / 2021.

DCllr Nicholls, as a member of the LHP, continues to push for all our villages to have a 30-mph speed limit throughout. He has achieved to have an advisory 20mph limit outside all schools that have signed up for it.

DCllr Heaney advised that Vaughan & Blythe have not replanted the hedge on the Larkfield development.

DCllrs Nicholls and Heaney were thanked by the Chairman.

CCllr Goggin left the meeting at 8.10 pm to attend the Alresford PC meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications:

18/01792/FUL Change of use of land from Agricultural to Equestrian and erection of stables. Burrsville, Frating Road, Thorrington. Council made no comments.

19/00041/FUL Proposed new cart lodge with home office. Churchview House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. Council made no comments.

19/00136/FUL Proposed single storey front extension to existing restaurant including a chimney stack. Sorano's, Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington, Colchester. Council made no comments.

b) Planning Resolutions/ Determinations

18/01136/FUL Demolition of existing barn and garden room and construction of a new 12 bed supported living home to extend the existing 5 bed residential care home service currently on site which is to be retained. Land to the rear of The Orchards, Station Road, Thorrington. **Refusal – Full 04.01.2019 D/D**

18/01889/FUL To remove planning Condition 2 (The development hereby permitted shall be occupied only as an annexe to the existing dwelling and shall not be used as an unrelated unit of residential accommodation) of application **11/00715/FUL**. Rosslyn Coach House, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Approval – Full 08.01.2019 D/D**

18/01891/FUL Proposed garage/annexe conversion. Borel House, Church Road, Thorrington. **Approval – Full 08.01.2019 D/D**

18/01929/FUL Single storey rear extension. 34 Clover Drive, Thorrington. **Approval – Full 14.01.2019 D/D**

17/01709/FUL Proposed one new dwelling with garage and associated driveway, hard and soft landscaping. Land adjacent Glebe Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Appeal reference** APP/P1560/W/18/3208700. Appeal start date 15.01.2019, appeal withdrawn via TDC email 22.01.2019

7. Highways Issues: Updates

Proposed Chapel Lane - One Way System. Cllr P Sadler advised engineers report is ongoing.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Thank You letter received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for £200 donation
- (b) Too good to throw away leaflet – log onto www.loveessex.org to find out more
- (c) Adult Mental Health First Aid Training – emailed EALC to add Cllr P Sadler to a local meeting to receive training on behalf of Council at this free event.
- (d) Clacton 79 Bus Service – Go Ride will discontinue this service.

9. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait will find out whether more manure is required.
Playing Field	Telegraph poles removed. Bin near skate ramp relocated by the hedge.
Tennis Court	No report.
Village Hall	No meeting.
Footpaths	Vacant post
Tree Warden	Vacant post
Hazel Close Open Space	No report.
Thorrington in Bloom	No report.

10. To Review Amenities Representatives

Cllr A Dewar has taken on the roles of Tree Warden and Footpaths representative.

11. Co-option of a Councillor

No applications received

12. To approve Annual Play Area Inspections 2019 (Cost £43.98)

The purchase of the Annual Play Area Inspections was approved. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle and all in favour.

12(a) To approve purchase of second-hand laptop for the RFO at a cost of £100 (£69 from transparency fund & £31 from TPC)

The purchase of the second-hand lap top for the RFO was approved. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr Hindle and all in favour.

12(b) To approve purchase for Dictaphone £21.99 for Clerk

The purchase of the Dictaphone for the Clerk was approved. Proposed by Cllr Dewar, seconded by Cllr Sharp and all in favour.

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12(c) To approve Clerk to attend courses – Understanding the Annual Meetings (£50), New Clerks Introduction Briefing (£65), Minutes & Agenda Course (£65), Standing Orders (£65), Law & Procedures (£90) CiLCA (£500)
 For the Clerk to attend courses listed above was approved. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr A Sadler and all in favour.

12(d) To approve Cllr A Sadler to attend Routine Playground Inspection course (£150) & Routine Playground exam (£160)
 For Cllr A Sadler to attend the above course and exam was approved. Proposed by Cllr Sharp, seconded by Cllr Dewar and all in favour.

13. Accounts

(a) Payments approved & signed at Thorrington Parish Council Meeting on 6th February 2019

Cheque No.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Payment Details
102353	Mrs E Crook	£309.97	Clerk's pay for Feb, Accom, Mileage.
102354	Mrs K D Fairhurst	£61.95	RFO pay for Feb, ink cartridge
102355	Information Commissioner	£40.00	Annual registration renewal
102356	TDALC	£10.00	Annual affiliation fee.
102357	Mr A Sadler	£100.00	Laptop for RFO (£69 from Transparency fund and £31 PC contribution)

Payments for February – cheques written: -£521.92

Direct Debits: - £178.69. Street Lighting for January 2019

(b) Receipts: - £63.75 EALC Bursary for Clerk's training course.

(c) Balance of Accounts with Barclays Bank as at 31st January 2019

Current Account £200, Savings Account £31,821.68. Total: £32,021.68

Please Note: Cheque Number 102349, Amount £341.30, date 2nd January 2019 was cancelled as payment refused by Barclays Bank. New/replacement cheque No. 102352 Issued 24 January 2019.

14. Quarterly statement of accounts

This has to be checked by a Councillor once a quarter and this will be done by Cllr Dewar.

15. Grass Cutting

Clerk to obtain external quotes for grounds maintenance for period 1st April to 31st October 2019 for grass cutting of the playing field & verges only, as detailed in existing specification. Proposed by Cllr J Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler.

16. Banking - RFO

Due to recent communication difficulties with Barclays, it seemed appropriate to look into other banks and internet banking. Due to the upcoming elections Council decided to leave the banking as is. RFO to research for discussion after the elections.

17. Tennis Court

Cllr Sawyer updated the council on the remaining funds in tennis club bank account. RFO advised the parish council of the complicated legal implications surrounding the situation. RFO to investigate historical records to further trace tennis club ownership.

18. Update on outdoor gym – Cllr A Sadler

Cllr A Sadler advised he had been informed by Broxap that there would be a two-week delay in delivery. Concerns were raised as to the time constraints of the project in view of the funding deadline.


19. Clerk's Report

All Cllr's reminded that apologies for meetings must come through the Clerk, either by email or telephone before 5.00pm on the day.
With regard to previous calls for donation from Vaughan & Blythe Council was reminded that two previous requests have gone unanswered. It was considered a fresh request made following the completion of work including the replanting of the hedge in Larkfield Drive.
TDC updated new gate spring is on order for the gate to Hazel Close Open Space.
A resident from Clacton Road phoned regarding speeding on the Clacton Road, resident invited to attend meeting or to contact DCllr Nicholls or PCSO Groves direct.

20. Councillor's Reports

At the TDALC meeting the following was discussed;
Clacton Car Rally taking place on 28th April has been extended to other areas which will be confirmed next month.
LHP: Frank Belgrove reported the Elmstead Market speed survey will go ahead. There are issues regarding staffing of the agreed pedestrian crossing at Little Clacton. The pedestrian crossing at the Colne School is still under discussion with the school and ECC.
At the next LHP meeting Frank Belgrove will bring up one-way system. Clerk to email him to add it to his list.
Devolution timetables for 75 parish councils will take place in 2021. £1000 per annum paid by ECC Parish Councils to do works for themselves and ECC will continue to do pavements and highway issues e.g. pot holes.
Each Parish Council will give a list for discussion of examples of planning issues and stressors, as the head of planning has been invited to meeting later in the year. Any questions or examples need to be sent to TDALC before March meeting and Cllr's to think of items and send their thoughts to Cllr P Sadler via email. There was a discussion on planning and neighbourhood plan as Thorrington don't have one so TDC decisions are based on the NPPF.

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

SIGNED.......... Date... 6/3/19