

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting
held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th March 2020

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Sait, G Park, J Damant, A Sadler, & S Park

Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Wiggin, E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO) & 1 member of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7.02 pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

- 1. **Apologies for absence** – None received
- 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
- 3. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 5th February 2020**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020, 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 Scott and DCllr Wiggins attended a full council meeting at Tendring District Council (TDC) where the budget was outlined, amendments were put forward by the opposition group.

DCllr Wiggins attended the Constitution Working Party and the Standards Committee. She attended the Resources and Service Committee where the wheelie bins roll out was discussed.

DCllr Wiggins attended a briefing on climate change, TDC want to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The Pride of Tendring awards took place 28th February 2020.

DCllr Scott recently visited residents in Avocet Place.

DCllr Wiggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.13pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

CCllr Goggin reported that following a full meeting council meeting at Essex County Council (ECC) the budget was passed. Each CCllr will receive a £10,000 fund of money to spend in their area but they are not allowed to spend money on anything provided by the council.

CCllr Goggin attended an Active Essex cycling and walking exhibition, there is to be a new app and the Parish Councillors were asked of any walks they know of.

CCllr Goggin attended a passenger transport meeting, ECC is keen for buses to be electric and they are trying to get people to use buses instead of cars.

On 26th February the B1027 committee met for the first time.

The Bradwell Power Station consultation stage started on 4th March. There is a pro lobby meeting on 24th March and an anti-lobby meeting on 12th March, both at Brightlingsea.

CCllr Goggin advised that he would take the comments of the Parish Council regarding the proposed changes to Chapel Lane back to CCllr Bentley. Cllr A Sadler asked whether CCllr

Bentley would attend a site meeting. As the Parish Council has no record of engineer visits to Chapel Lane, Cllr P Sadler has requested the dates and times of the visits made.

CCllr Goggin invited Cllr G Parks to speak about the B1027 committee; Cllr G Parks reported the meeting relates to the B1027 which runs from Essex University to Clacton. Representatives from the four Parish Councils; Alresford, Thorrington, Gt Bentley and St Osyth, two employees from Essex Highways and CCllr Goggin attended. Each member of each village was asked to give a wish list of possible changes. A survey will soon be carried out by the engineers to decide what they consider to be the right thing. It was suggested that a 30 MPH speed limit start from Thorrington Bridge and continue through the village, being extended from the current end at the pub going back to the turning for the church.

CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.56 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications – There were none

(b) Planning Resolutions / Determination

19/01713/FUL Variation of conditions 02 (approved drawings) to change the proposed properties on plots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from bungalows to houses and 04 (parking spaces layout) of planning permission 19/01335/FUL. Land adjacent Morton House, Station Road, Thorrington. **Approval – Full 05.02.2020 D/D**

7. To approve annual play area inspection (£46)

Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Park. All in favour

8. To consider changes to situation regarding tree on Chapel Lane playing field

Council decided to check whether the tree in question is still alive and then look to move it. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr G Park. The majority were in favour

9. To appoint internal auditors for the account's year ending 31st March 2020

It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be invited to carry out this audit. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour

10. To consider obtained grass cutting quotes for 2020/21

Three quotations had been received for the ground's maintenance contract for 2020. After discussion, the Council decided to accept the quote from Kendalls. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour

11. Accounts

Payments approved at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 4th March 2020

| Cheque No. | Payable to | Amount | Reason for payment |
|------------|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 300063 | Mrs. E Crook | £428.94 | Clerk's pay & expenses – March |
| 300064 | K Lott | £92.93 | RFO's pay & expenses – March |
| 300065 | HMRC | £187.20 | Quarterly tax for Clerk & RFO |
| 300066 | Bellet Ltd | £207.38 | Service for ride on mower |
| 300067 | R & J Morrall (Clear To See) | £406.80 | 30mph wheelie bin stickers |

| Cheques written | BACS | Direct Debits | Receipts |
|-----------------|------|---------------|----------|
| £1323.25 | £0 | £427.72 | £0 |

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £27,963.07

12. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

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| Allotments | Cllr Sait advised he has been unable to contact the holder of plot 15 regarding the state of his plot. <i>Clerk to write to allotment holder.</i> |
| Playing Field | Cllr A Sadler reported that he has to keep replacing the nylon ties that secure the goal net. |
| Tennis Court | No report |
| Footpaths | No report |
| Tree Warden | No report |
| Hazel Close Open Space | No report |
| Thorrington in Bloom | Vacant |

13. Clerk's Report

Email received from Essex Highways advising of the 20mph zone in Avocet Place

A resident from Church Road contacted the Clerk with concerns about flying debris from hedge cutting being carried out on the road side of the ECC yard.

14. Councillor's Reports

Cllr G Park asked whether the Council had ever considered a convex mirror being placed at the junction of Chapel Lane and Church Road. It could be situated on the telegraph pole as the hedge to the Chapel is overgrown. Cllr A Sadler advised permission would have to be sought from BT to use the telegraph pole. Cllr Sait explained that the hedge belongs to the Chapel and it is their responsibility to cut back.

Cllr A Sadler reported there is a non-functioning street light in Hazel Close. *The Clerk reminded all Councillors they can report this direct to ECC through the Report It website.*

Cllr Sait reported that Village Day has been cancelled due to another event planned for a few weeks before.

Cllr P Sadler requested that dog waste bags be added to the April agenda. She also asked for volunteers to deliver the new 30mph wheelie bin stickers. Cllr Sait agreed to deliver to Clacton Road and Cllr Damant to deliver to Church Road.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 8th April 2020

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm

SIGNED.  *P. Sadler* **DATE.** *2/9/20*