

Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting **held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th February 2020**

Present: Cllrs P Sadler, J Damant, S Parks, A Sadler, J Sait

Also present: E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO), CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott & 2 members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7.01pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr J Hindle

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – There were none.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. Public questions – During Item 5 a resident arrived asking the Council what could be done about the speeding on Clacton Road, the Council members stressed that this has been discussed at several recent meetings and the Chairman suggested villagers organise a speed watch. Raising the issue of speeding lorries through the village, the resident was encouraged to pass on as many details as possible to the companies concerned so that the drivers are traced.

5. Reports from District & County Councillors

DCllr Scott reported that he attended a resource and service committee meeting at Tendring District Council (TDC) where the 2021 budget for the coming year was discussed.

The Council was advised that should they have questions about the roll out of the wheelie bins they could pass them to DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins and they will put them to DCllr Talbot. For new properties there is currently a 5 to 6 week wait for new wheelie bins to be delivered.

DCllr Wiggins recently attended the Constitution Working Party & Standards committee and Code of Conduct training.

Both DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins visited residents that have moved into the new properties in Avocet Place and were asked about recycling.

DCllr Scott was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.16pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

At a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner it was noted that by the end of 2020 there should be an increase in Police Officers.

There is a committee looking specifically at the B1027, CCllr Goggin would like one Councillor from each area locally that it runs through to attend a meeting in February.

CCllr Goggin had a meeting with CCllr Bentley to challenge the decision made concerning Chapel Lane. Essex County Council Highways have come up with a “build out” to improve visibility for vehicles waiting to turn out onto Clacton Road. This will stop cars driving dangerously over the junction when re-joining the B1027.

Cllr Goggin advised he will ask about a speed camera being placed in Thorrington.

Cllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.54pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

6. (a) Planning Applications – None received

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations:

19/00623/OUT - Outline application for two dwellings with all matters reserved Little Oaks, Church Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Refusal – Outline 05.12.2019 D/D**

19/01494/FUL - Proposed rear extension. Pear Tree Cottage, Clacton Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Approval – Full 03.12.2019 D/D**

19/01511/LBC - Proposed rear extension. Pear Tree Cottage, Clacton Road Thorrington, Colchester. **Approval - Listed Building Consent 03.12.2019 D/D**

19/01453/FUL - Proposed dropped kerb. Cameronian, Station Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Approval – Full 10.12.2019 D/D**

19/00780/FUL - Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural building, the stationing of 2 no. holiday let shepherds huts and storage of materials and equipment in association with the landscaping business in operation from the site. Mill Farm, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington, Colchester. **Approval – Full 19.12.2019 D/D**

19/01569/FUL - Proposed first floor extension including new roof, new porch and single storey rear extension. 33 Clover Drive, Thorrington, **Approval - Full 16.12.2019 D/D**

19/01670/FUL – Variation of condition 02 (Approved Plan) of planning permission 19/00885/FUL. Glebe Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington. **Approval - Full 02.02.2020 D/D**

19/01689/FUL – Variation of condition 02 (approved plans to allow for new cladding of first floor rear extension) of planning permission 18/01263/FUL. Borel House, Church Road, Thorrington. **Approval – Full 02.01.2020 D/D**

19/01313/OUT – Proposed conversion and extension of existing masonry storage building to form a 3 bedroom detached bungalow with new cart lodge and garage (all matters reserved. Windyridge, Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. **Approval – Outline 09.01.2020 D/D**

7. Co-option of a Councillor

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

8. To approve purchase of 30mph signs for wheelie bins in Clacton Road and Church Road

Cllr Sait informed the Council that reflective stickers would cost £1.15 each and for non-reflective stickers would be £0.95. After a discussion it was decided that reflective stickers would be better. This proposal was approved by the majority of Councillors present.

9. Servicing of strimmer and ride on mower

As the lawn mower is under warranty it was decided to use Bellets for the servicing.

10. To set grass cutting schedule for 2020

The Council decided to leave the schedule as it is. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

11. To approve 5 hours of overtime for Clerk's attendance at training

Proposed by Cllr G Parks, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour

12. To approve 3 hours overtime for both Clerk and RFO

Pump history work. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Damant. All in favour

13. Cleaning of bus shelter at Thorrington Cross

The Council decided to use Old King Cole Cleaning Solutions for a quarterly clean.

Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

14. To approve subscription to SLCC for Clerk (£76)

Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

15. To review and accept updated Financial Regulations

These were reviewed and found to be fit for purpose. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour

16. To renew antivirus for Council owned laptops (£94.99)

Proposed by Cllr G Parks, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.

17. Accounts**Payments approved at Thorrington Parish Council meeting on 5th February 2020**

Cheque No.	Payable to	Amount	Reason for payment
300055	Elizabeth Crook	£313.32	Clerk's pay & expenses - Jan
300056	Katherine Lott	£82.52	RFO's pay & expenses - Jan
300057	Mr. A Sadler	£23.25	Repairs to dog bag dispenser post
300058	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	£80.70	Allotment book & Clerk's manual
300059	Elizabeth Crook	£240.12	Clerk's pay & expenses - Feb
300060	Katherine Lott	£63.82	RFO's pay & expenses - Feb
300061	Society of Local Council Clerks	£78.00	Membership fee
300062	Information Commissioners Office	£40.00	Data protection fee

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£921.53	£0	£572.45	£251.25 - EALC Bursary

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £29,121.94

18. Reports from Amenities Representatives:

Allotments	Cllr Sait is waiting to better weather with regards to the compost bins
Playing Field	No report
Tennis Court	No report
Footpaths	No report. Previously vacant position has now been filled by Cllr G Parks
Tree Warden	No report. Previously vacant position has now been filled by Cllr S Parks
Hazel Close Open Space	Dog waste bin overflowing. <i>Clerk to report to TDC</i>
Thorrington in Bloom	No report

19. Clerk's Report

A resident on the allotment waiting list contacted the Clerk regarding the unworked plots. It was explained that unfortunately all plots had tenants but that the Council would be reminded of the issue ahead of the new growing season. *Cllr Sait to speak to plot holders.*

Letters received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, EACH and the Autumn Centre thanking the Council for the donations made.

The Council were advised of the price increase from A&J Lighting for traditional light fittings.

Andrew Bilby from Essex Highways emailed the Clerk again regarding the soak away.

A post placed on Spotted Thorrington asking for information regarding the replaced tree on the playing field received no sensible responses or any further information.

The new website has been applied for and the Clerk is awaiting a response.

20. Councillor's Reports

Cllr S Parks advised that a resident had reported overgrowing vegetation on the paths at Thorrington Cross. *Cllr S Parks to email photos to the Clerk.*

Cllr Sait raised concerns about work being carried out at a property on Tenpenny Hill. *Cllr Sait to obtain more information.*

Cllr P Sadler was contacted by a resident asking why retail units had not been built with the recent new developments. They were advised that this only happens on larger scale builds.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th March 2020

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.29pm

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