

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via conference call on
Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7pm



Present: Cllrs P Sadler, A Sadler, S Parks, G Parks, Dewar & Sait.

Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott, E Crook (Clerk) & K Lott (RFO)

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

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Damant

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – There were none

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021, 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 reported that Tendring District Council (TDC) has given out £38m in grants to businesses so far. Grants should still be applied for on the TDC website.

At a virtual briefing Dr Mike Gogarty from Essex County Council (ECC) and Pam Green from North Essex Clinical Commissioning Group spoke about the vaccination roll out.

The District Councillors have visited new residents in Avocet Place and Firmin Gardens to distribute recycling boxes and council information.

Neither District Councillor has received any response from TDC regarding the mud and stones that were on Clacton Road.

Money made available due to the Covid crisis has been allowed to be used for remembrance and could be spent on preserving and displaying the 'Covid Snake' that local children created.

DCllr Scott highlighted the number of scam calls and emails that residents may come across regarding the Covid pandemic and asked that everyone remain vigilant.

CCllr Goggin noted that there have been problems with surface water and drains in the Tendring area. Cllr P Sadler advised that Chapel Lane has a lot of surface water which is covering the pavement and blocking access to the shop.

Following contact from the Clerk, CCllr Goggin has arranged for the noisy manhole cover on Clacton Road to be site inspected by ECC. Cllr Sait reinforced the importance of dealing with the noise, it is worse that it has been before and can be heard by a greater number of residents.

When the budget was discussed it was decided not to increase the ECC portion of the rates.

Laptops are being provided by ECC to aid the more vulnerable children in the county while they are being home schooled.

CCllr Goggin and DCllr Scott were thanked by the Chairman and left the call at 7.38 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

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

(b) **Planning Resolutions/Determinations**

20/01443/FUL Proposed erection of a summer house with veranda and landscaping. Pear Tree Cottage, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Approval – Full 23.12.2020 D/D

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7. **The Law of Parks and Open Spaces**

Book purchase agreed. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour.

8. **Dog waste bag dispensers**

Purchase was agreed to replace two rusted dispensers, one by the hole in the wall in Clacton Road and the other one in Church Road at the entrance to the footpath that leads to Station Road. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

9. **Thorrington Cross bus shelter**

A discussion took place regarding the future of the current shelter. Clerk to contact the landowner to seek further guidance.

10. **Grass maintenance**

Six quotations had been received for the maintenance of the verges contract for 2021. After discussion, the Council decided to accept the quote from Great Oak Tree Land Services. Proposed by Cllr Dewar, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

11. **Electric road speed signs**

More information was required so the motion was moved to March agenda.

12. **TDALC report**

Cllr Belgrove approached CCllr Bentley to invite a Highways Officer to attend a future meeting, but had not yet had a response. Cllr McWilliams reported that work on potholes had continued since the previous meeting but that the recent heavy rain had brought work to a halt.

Cllr Talbot stressed the importance of each Parish holding climate change discussions and the TDC decision to be net carbon neutral by the end of the decade. He added that he hoped Parishes would include this on any future agenda. He then highlighted the importance of adopting a climate change policy.

The matter of village halls being unused was raised and what, if any, support was in place given that they are being used by the preschool children of key workers. It was reported that TDC had grant money available and that an approach could be made to them.

13. **Accounts**

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 3rd February 2021

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300120	Elizabeth Crook	£335.70	Clerk's pay, accom. & expenses
300121	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO's pay & accommodation
300122	Angus Dewar	£131.95	Membrane to cover allotment plots

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£422.62	£0	£203.66	£46

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £37,453.72

14. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Cllr Dewar reported that a chopped-up Christmas tree had been fly tipped by the foot of the bank. There is a lot of timber stacked up near the burner. Clerk to email all allotment holders reminding them not to dump rubbish. It was agreed that the resident whose tree is leaning over the allotments can have access to allow a tree surgeon to attend.
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler reported, due to a lot of children playing football, patches of grass were getting worn. He has replaced the ties on the goal nets again.
Tennis Court	No report
Footpaths	No report
Tree Warden	No report
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr P Sadler reported that the dog bin has not been emptied.
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant

15. Clerk's Report

A resident made contact regarding the rotting carrots in the field. The resident was advised the grower had been unable to lift the harvest and that what happened to the crop had been discussed but was ultimately up to the grower.

A Freedom of Information request had been received regarding byelaws and policies concerning unmanned aircraft use on Council property. Replied informing that we have none.

The street light contractor revised the contract in light of the updated information and this has been signed and returned. The LED upgrade roll out was agreed starting with Tenpenny Hill and Clacton Road where a number of lights are out.

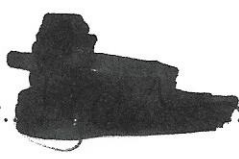
16. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Dewar has purchased the membrane for empty allotment plots. He is getting the materials ready to house the stone snake.

Cllr Sait advised the "keep left" signs on Brightlingsea Road need cleaning. CCllr Goggin has previously been able to help with this.

Date of next meeting 3rd March 2021

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.41 pm

SIGNED. 

Date. 3/3/21

