

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7.03pm 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 3rd February 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 Wiggins reported that Tendring District Council (TDC) is continuing to give out grants, information can be found on their website.

DCllr Wiggins and DCllr Scott attended a council briefing where Dr Gogarty from Essex County Council (ECC) gave an update on the Covid situation. Community360, who help families in Essex also gave a presentation.

TDC and Colbea launched Business4Growth to help new businesses following the pandemic.

Both district councillors continue to give out recycling boxes and deliver medicines to residents. They also reported receiving enquiries about planning issues.

Cllr Dewar asked DCllr Wiggins about the litter on the A120 between Frating and the Ardleigh Interchange. DCllr Wiggin advised that teams had begun clearing it.

CCllr Goggin reported that there are slight delays in service levels, mainly with the highways department at ECC due to the pandemic and staffing levels.

Surface water issues have disappeared and the next step is to nominate drains and gutters to be cleared. Any regular problems area should be reported to ECC in the usual manner.

The next Local Highways Panel meeting is scheduled for 18th March, CCllr Goggin has submitted 5 different things for positive change, one in Thorrington. As the budget for next year has already been allocated, any new schemes would be looked at 18 months from now.

Cllr P Sadler asked whether the loose manhole cover in Clacton Road can be prioritised, she noted that a month had passed and no inspection has taken place. CCllr Goggin advised that the ECC highways team and CCllr Bentley are aware. He asked for Cllr Dewar to send him the video he had taken of the noise so that he could pass it on.

Cllr G Parks reported that since the works were carried out to the level crossing, the roadwork signs have been left behind. CCllr Goggin suggested he can report it to ECC via the website.

CCllr Goggin and DCllr Wiggins were thanked by the Chairman and left the call at 7.37 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

20/01843/FUL Proposed single storey and rear extensions. Holly Tree, Station Road

21/00102/FUL Proposed rear extension and conversion of garage into annex for use of main dwelling only. 44 Heathlands

21/00112/LUPROP Proposed part conversion of existing garage/carport to fitness & games room. Glebe Farm, Clacton Road

21/00126/FUL Proposed 1st floor and single storey extension. Enlargement of shop area with internal alterations. Post Office, Clacton Road

21/00068/PREMGR Premises Licence Grant. Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley.

21/00060/PREMGR Premises Licence Grant. D.F. Alresford, 1 Alresford Business Centre

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

20/01629/OUT Proposed erection of 6 dwellings with all matters reserved. Land adjacent Cross Farm, Station Road. Refusal – Outline 29.01.2021

7. Payroll Provider

Council decided to use the services of DM Payroll Services. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

8. Internal Audit

It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be invited to carry out this audit.

9. Electric road speed sign

Motion moved to April agenda, Clerk waiting to hear back from ECC regarding permissions.

10. To approve Annual Play Area Inspection (£45.95)

This was approved. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.

11. To review effectiveness of internal controls

It was agreed that no changes are needed.

12. Siting of Happy to Chat bench

Council decided to locate the bench on the Chapel Lane side of the field halfway between the bin and electricity box. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.

13. Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported that TDC planning department informed her that planning permission is required. She was asked to find out if planning was required if only alterations were made.

14. Stone Snake

Cllr Dewar has received casing quotes. It is still a work in progress. The RFO asked that ownership of the snake be established given the implications for VAT reclaim, insurance and future maintenance. The Council agreed that the snake and casing belong to the parish council.

15. Accounts

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300123	Elizabeth Crook	£332.50	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses

300124	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO wages & accom.
300125	SLCC Enterprise	£40.80	Law of Parks & Open Spaces book
300126	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£198.60	2 x Replacement bag dispensers
300127	Bellet Ltd	£338.32	Lawn mower service
300128	Earth Anchors Ltd	£706.80	'Happy to chat' bench
300129	HMRC	£89.90	Quarterly tax return
300130	A & J Lighting Solutions	£7,006.74	LED street light upgrade

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£8800.58	£0	£443.72	£46

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £33,295.14

16. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	No report
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler reported that branches from the trees behind the Chapel dumped on the field. Clerk to write to new owner asking them to contact the Council before fly tipping on Council land. <i>leaving tree cuttings</i> Clerk to obtain quotes for clearing debris. The goal posts are being misused, it was agreed that posting on Spotted Thorrington reminding residents to treat Parish Council property with respect or they will be removed from the site.
Tennis Court	Cllr A Sadler has ordered the moss killer.
Footpaths	The entrance to Footpath 14 is inaccessible, Cllr Parks to report this direct to ECC via the Report It website.
Tree Warden	Nothing to report
Hazel Close Open Space	Nothing to report
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant

17. Clerk's Report

The fly tipping along Frating Abbey Road has been reported to TDC.

Posters have been placed in the noticeboards and shop about the 2021 census.

The new allotment holder of plot 11 asked about replacing the shed and requesting the council remove the rubbish. Cllr Dewar advised the shed has already been replaced.

Clerk explained that due to the audit process looming she and the RFO will be busy and asked the council to report issues direct to ECC or TDC themselves.

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr P Sadler advised the obsolete light in Station Road has been removed by the lighting contractor and the other street lights are being replaced as per the schedule.

Date of next meeting 7th April 2021

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm

SIGNED 

Date 7.4.21

