

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via conference call on
Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7pm



Present: Cllrs P Sadler, A Sadler, S Parks, G Parks, Sait & E Crook (Clerk)
Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott, K Lott (RFO) & one resident.

The meeting was called to order at 7.03pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Damant & Dewar
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – There were none
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021 having been previously circulated, following a vote were amended by the Chairman at item 16 from “Clerk to write to new owner asking them to contact the Council before fly tipping on Council land to Clerk to write to new owner asking them to contact the Council before leaving tree cuttings on Council land”. This was agreed by the majority with one abstention and were 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 from 1st April new grants for businesses are available from Tendring District Council (TDC).

DCllr Wiggins attended a meeting about council owned buildings and both district councillors attended a talk on Covid, mental health and suicide rates.

The district councillors have continued to give out recycling boxes to new residents, received enquiries about planning issues and passed concerns about mud on the Clacton Road to TDC.

Cllr S Parks reported to DCllr Scott that although the mud along Clacton Road had been cleared by Highways, the drains are still full of mud. DCllr Scott said he will ask Veolia to attend.

CCllr Goggin reported the loose manhole cover on Clacton Road has been repaired and he thanked all the Parish Councillors involved.

CCllr Goggin has noted that the Happy to Chat bench is now in place.

There was a resident who made contact regarding the footpath to the church, this has been passed to Essex County Council (ECC) but no reply has been received at the moment.

A resident complained about the smell from the bio mass on White House Farm. The owner has promised to look into it. TDC advised the owner is not in breach of any conditions.

CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the call at 7.36 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

Cllr S Parks questioned the barbed wire that has been erected by the ditch on a boundary at Hazel Close Open Space. DCllr Scott will pass this onto TDC.

DCllr Scott was thanked by the Chairman and left the call at 7.40 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

21/00470/FUL Change of use to additional residential living space from existing gym & workshop/hobby room. The Coach House, Brightlingsea Road.

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

20/01843/FUL Proposed single storey and rear extensions. Holly Tree, Station Road, Thorrington. Approval – Full 26.02.2021 Delegated Decision

21/00102/FUL Proposed rear extension and conversion of garage into annexe for use of main dwelling only. 44 Heathlands, Thorrington. Approval – Full 03.03.2021 D/D

21/00112/LUPROP Proposed part conversion of existing garage/carport to fitness & games room. Glebe Farm, Clacton Road, Thorrington. Lawful Use Certificate Granted 02.03.2021

7. Electric road speed sign

Clerk advised Council this is still a work in progress.

8. Bus Shelter

Clerk is still waiting to hear from St John's College.

9. Clearing of disposed branches on Chapel Lane playing field

Work no longer required due to the branches being cleared by the resident from the Chapel.

10. Tennis court

- a) Risk assessment approved. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.
- b) Cllr Sait advised that the local shopkeeper will hand the key to court users. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

11. Allotments

Clerk to write to the private residences whose gardens back onto the allotments regarding their right to access.

12. Dog waste bin (Church Road footpath)

Cllr A Sadler explained this would be a new installation. *Clerk to contact TDC to confirm that this can be added to their waste collection round if installed.* Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Park. All in favour.

13. Dog waste bags

Cllr A Sadler calculated 20 boxes would be needed at a cost of £430.00 excluding VAT. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, proposed by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

14. Review of asset register

Clerk to add noticeboard on the allotments and the communal rotavator to the register. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.

15. To review risk assessment

No changes to be made. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

16. Review of Standing Orders / Financial Regulations

No changes to be made. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

17. Litter pickers

Cllr P Sadler advised she handed the last litter picker out recently so the Council decided to purchase 10 litter pickers. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

18. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 7th April 2021

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300131	Elizabeth Crook	£374.00	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300132	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO wages & accom.
300133	Mr A Dewar	£481.10	Items to create snake display case
300134	EALC	£392.65	Membership
300135	Mr A Sadler	£75.38	Mower fuel & moss killer

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1,410.05	£0	£203.66	£11,109.00

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £39,227.61

19. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	On Cllr Dewar's behalf, Cllr P Sadler reported that the tree leaning precariously over the allotments has been removed. <i>Clerk to contact the residents with thanks.</i> Cllr A Sadler asked for an email to be sent to the allotment holders requesting they lock the gate the preferred way.
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler reported that small twigs and branches need removing as interfering with the grass cutting. The field is being well used and the new bench has been installed.
Tennis Court	Cllr A Sadler asked whether a petrol jet wash and leaf blower can be hired to clean the court surface of moss. Council agreed.
Footpaths	Cllrs Parks noted concern about footpath 13 which is disappearing due to the field being ploughed.
Tree Warden	Cllr S Parks reported a tree by the cut through to Heathlands has died.
Hazel Close Open Space	All the holes in the grass have been filled.
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant

20. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reminded Council members that audit work has started and will take precedence.

An email was received by a resident regarding the speeding in Clacton Road.

A resident contacted the Clerk with concerns about the Landowner Deposit notices that have been put up on footpath 23.

21. Councillor's Reports

Cllr S Parks reported that the planting in the flower bed on Clacton Road needs some attention.

Date of next meeting 5th May 2021

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

SIGNED



Date 05.05.21