

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held via conference call on Wednesday 5th May at 7.10pm



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7.10pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr P Sadler was duly elected. Proposed by Cllr S Parks, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour. Due to the meeting being held remotely, declaration of Acceptance of Office form will be signed in the presence of the Clerk.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Dewar was duly elected. Proposed by Cllr S Parks, seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour. Due to the meeting being held remotely, declaration of Acceptance of Office form will be signed in the presence of the Clerk.

3. Election of Representatives

Reviewed in January and Council felt this did not need to change so all Councillors remain in their existing roles. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

4. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Sait and Damant

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – There were none

6. Minutes of previous meeting

(a) Annual Parish Council meeting 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

(b) Last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Cllr A Sadler queried why payments are not shown on the agenda when they are on the minutes. *Clerk and RFO to investigate.*

7. Public Questions – There were none.

8. Reports from District & County Councillors

DCllr Wiggins reported that following Tendring District Council's (TDC) full council meeting, Cllr Jeff Bray was voted in as Chairman and Cllr Peter Harris was voted in as Vice Chair for the year. The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Dan Land had carried out his duties for two years due to the pandemic.

DCllr Wiggins has attended a training course on planning and a briefing on empty council houses known as void properties.

Both district councillors have continued to supply recycling boxes to new Thorington residents, the barbed wire has now been removed from Hazel Close Open Space and the stone snake is now in its new home.

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Cllr G Parks asked DCllr Wiggins for an update regarding the blocked drains in Clacton Road, DCllr Wiggins will remind DCllr Scott about this.

Cllr P Sadler asked when the council would receive the funds for the stone snake from TDC, the RFO confirmed that £500 had been received directly into the savings account.

CCllr Goggin congratulated Cllr Dewar and Cllr P Sadler on their elected roles.

CCllr Goggin mentioned that member grants will be repeated next year and to contact him with ideas as to what to spend the funding on.

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

9. (a) Planning Applications

21/00484/FUL Erection of two storey side extension with Juliet balcony. Glendenning, Tenpenny Hill.

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

21/00126/FUL Proposed 1st floor and single storey extension. Enlargement of shop area with internal alterations. Post Office, Clacton Road. Approval Full 06.04.2021

10. Insurance

Council decided to accept the quotation from BHIB. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

11. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 5th May 2021

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300136	Elizabeth Crook	£358.30	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300137	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO wages & accom.
300138	Mr A Sadler	£169.18	Mower fuel, wire broom & litter pickers
300139	Mr A Dewar	£75.56	Items to create snake display case
300140	Great Oak Tree Land Services	£168.00	Grass maintenance
300141	Great Oak Tree Land Services	£168.00	Grass maintenance
300142	BHIB	£869.19	Insurance policy renewal

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1895.15	£0	£197.10	£500

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £38,691.31

12. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Cllr Dewar reported that a top up of manure is required, he will liaise with Cllr Sait. It has been noticed that 2 plots have not been touched for quite a while (3 & 15). Clerk to write to those plot holders.
Playing Field	No report
Tennis Court	Cllr A Sadler reports the court surface has been pressure washed and the court has been reopened.
Footpaths	Cllrs Parkes reported that Footpath 14 has a hole in it and Footpath 13 is getting narrower.

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Tree Warden	No report
Hazel Close Open Space	No report
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant

13. Clerk's Report

The grass contractor contacted the Clerk because a resident from Lark Meadow told them that they should be cutting the grassed area in front the houses there. The resident has also contacted the Clerk after speaking to TDC who told them it was not their team and advised them to contact the Parish Council. Several Councillor confirmed that the section in question has never been the responsibility of the Parish Council.

TDC were contacted to ask for their permission for the parish council to install an additional dog waste bin at the other end of the cut through to Church Road. TDC advised their preference is towards general waste bins which can accept both general waste and wrapped dog waste. The price for a post mounted litter bin costs £50 with a £25 installation fee and a floor mounted litter bin is in the region of £380 with a £50 installation fee. The Council opted for the post mounted litter bin.

The land agent for St John's College has replied saying they could not see any issue with the bus shelter at Thorrington Cross being replaced, which is sited on a part of the field they own.

14. Councillor's Reports


Cllr Dewar suggested he would like to be the contact with the village hall committee.

Cllr A Sadler reported the tree in the cage on Chapel Lane playing field is dead. It was noted it should be removed until the tree scheme is available.

Cllr G Parkes reported that the litter bin near the teenage shelter on Chapel Lane playing field has a broken lid. *Clerk to report to TDC once photos have been received.*

Date of next meeting TBC

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm

SIGNED 

Date 30/6/21