

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the village hall on
Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7pm



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7.02pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr G Parks
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr A Sadler & Cllr Dewar (Item 14)

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 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 DCllr Scott was part of the free port status committee.

Tendring District Council (TDC) have received positive feedback from the public with regards to the Seafront Team.

It was estimated that 160,000 people came to watch the Flying Programme at Clacton as part of the 150th Anniversary.

The A120 has been recently litter picked.

A resident has complained about vehicles parking on the pavement outside the old Essex County Council (ECC) depot and vehicles parking on the greensward along Station Road outside The Panthers. Cllr P Sadler and Cllr Sait explained that this is an ongoing problem.

DCllr Wiggins and DCllr Scott have cleaned out the bus shelter at Thorrington Cross and litter picked the surrounding area due to being contacted by a resident. Cllr Sait said as the bus shelter is owned by the Parish Council the resident should have contacted the Parish Council direct rather than then reporting it to TDC.

A Chapel Lane resident complained about the speeding in Church Road.

CCllr Goggin reported that a resident contacted him regarding ECC installing hedgehog road signs. Any instruction would have to come via the Parish Council who need to make a case.

ECC are looking to take back in house the disposal of household rubbish due to the current contract with Veolia coming to an end.

There are constant problems with road and pavement defects.

The ECC member initiative has been relaunched with £10,000 available, CCllr Goggin asked the Councillors their thoughts with regards to using the money for an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera for Thorrington Cross. Cllr P Sadler asked if that option was too expensive could their allocated allowance be used for a village Christmas tree, CCllr Goggin advised he would need to ask.

CCllr Goggin and DCllr Wiggins were thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.35 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

21/00866/FUL - 10 Lark Meadow. Erection of single storey rear extension.

21/01120/FUL - 14 Clover Drive. Erection of a more thermally efficient roof and glazing to conservatory (following removal of existing roof and glazing).

21/01330/LBC - Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road. Proposed removal of cement render cladding to part of the front wall & repair to the framework & re-cladding with lime plaster.

21/01280/FUL - Hambledene, Brightlingsea Road. Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, and new front porch.

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

21/00941/FUL - Sylvan, Clacton Road. Proposed single storey rear ext. Approval – Full

21/00962/LBC - Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road. Repair of render, the removal of render on part of the west elevation and replacement with horizontal timber weatherboarding painted white, the replacement of gutters and drainpipes and replacement of 4 no windows. Approval – Full D/D

21/01026/FUL - Briar Patch, Brightlingsea Road. Erection of single storey self-contained detached annex. Approval – Full D/D

21/01031/TPO - Oak View, Church Road. 1 no oak- reduce crown by 2-3 metres. Approval Full D/D

21/01036/FUL - 14 Hazel Close. Erection of single storey front extension, internal reconfiguration and demolition of existing conservatory. Approval – Full D/D

21/01128/FUL - Conifer House, Brightlingsea Road. Proposed retention of swimming pool, pool house and home office. Approval – Full D/D

7. Bus shelter

The Clerk explained that the County Councillor who filmed the YouTube video regarding the bus shelter upgrades did not get re-elected in May so an email was sent to Passenger Transport.

8. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee beacons

Cllr P Sadler looked through all the information received regarding the various types of beacon available but after much consideration Council decided not to go any further with this.

9. Thorrington in Bloom

Clerk to contact ECC to apply for consent to remove the items in the current flower bed. Cllr Dewar to obtain quotes for the removal of the bed and reseeded.

10. Feeder pillar on playing field

Council were happy to pay the renewal price of £143.45. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

11. Allotment bank

Cllr Dewar explained that there are two issues; people are using the bank as a tip and the nettles on the bank causing difficulty for mower access. A pallet compost structure will be made to place the green waste in and there will be no excuse for waste tipped elsewhere. Cllr Dewar has purchased a scythe to try to clear the lower nettles near the mown area. Cllr A Sadler raised concerns about responsibility amongst allotment holders for turning the material in the compost bays. Cllr Dewar said that volunteers would help to keep it in order.

12. National Allotment Society

Council to join for £55/yr. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

13. Allotment insurance

Council were happy for this to be renewed. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

14. Allotment fees

Cllr A Sadler & Cllr Dewar left the room for this item. A discussion took place regarding the rent, it had not been increased for a number of years. Council decided to increase it by £3.00 to £20.00 and the deposit for new holders will be £40.00. The fees for 2021/22 will be £29.00 a plot. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Parks. Those present all in favour.

15. Review of external audit findings

The RFO reported that the external audit report has not been received.

16. Communication as a Parish Council

Cllr A Sadler advised this motion is no longer needed.

17. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 1st September 2021

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300159	Elizabeth Crook	£358.30	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses (Aug)
300160	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO wages & accom. (Aug)
300161	Mr J Sait	£60.00	300104 reissue & manure for allotments
300162	Mr A Sadler	£105.73	Mower fuel, key cutting & safety signs
300163	John Peak and Sons	£420.00	Hedge cutting to playing field
300164	Great Oaktree Land Service	£168.00	Grass maintenance
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300166	Chris Knott Insurance	£122.94	Allotment holders insurance

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1489.91	£0	£140.90	£0

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £34,959.72

18. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Cllr Dewar reported that Plot 23 has still not been cleared by the tenant by the agreed time, deposit to be withheld. The tree leaning over a greenhouse in a neighbouring property is being cut back on 7 th September. Cllr Dewar reported that the trees around his allotment shed are overshadowing his plants and will pay for this work. Hedgehog aware sign to be placed in the allotment noticeboard.
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Playing Field	The tree on the playing field nearest the Chapel has overhanging branches. Cllr Dewar will ask John Glover for a quote due to him already doing work in the village. Cllr A Sadler replaced the faded & broken hazard signs on the two electric boxes. The satellite box needs a new post, Council were happy for the post to be replaced. The goals net fixings to be replaced again.
Tennis Court	No report.
Footpaths	The path which runs between Church Road and Station Road has been cut.
Tree Warden	No report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The hedge border around Hazel Close has yet to be dealt with by TDC.
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant.

19. Clerk's report

The missing manhole cover opposite May Pightle has been reported to Anglian Water and despite their target time of 6 hours, the temporary cover is still in situ and no update received.

ECC have been notified off the overgrown grass along Clacton Road.

No update from TDC on the litter bin renewal in Church Road.

There are two empty allotment plots and three people on the waiting list.

The churned-up verge caused by contractors parking on it opposite Firmin Gardens has been report to ECC.

TDC were emailed regarding the outstanding Section 106 money for Chapel Lane Playing Field and the parish council are to receive three different amounts. The two smaller amounts to be used on the children's play equipment and the larger amount is specifically for the use of the outdoor gym equipment. Cllr A Sadler to collate information and contact reps to visit.

20. Councillor's reports

Cllr Sait said the playing field looks nice following the recent cuts.

Date of next meeting 6th October 2021

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm

SIGNED



Date. 6/10/21