

# THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the village hall on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm



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

**Also present:** CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott, E Crook (Clerk) K Lott (RFO) and 3 residents

The meeting was called to order at 7.30pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### 4. **Public Questions**

A resident asked if anything could be done about a neighbour parking in the junction of Chapel Lane near his drive which is making it dangerous for him to safely pull on and off his property. The Clerk advised this is a Tendring District Council (TDC) issue. DCllr Scott explained he can request that the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) visit the neighbour. CCllr Goggin asked if the resident has a dropped kerb and advised he could pay to have a white H bar put in.

#### 5. **Reports from District & County Councillors**

DCllr Scott noted that he sits on the Freeport East Committee, made up of all parties.

Both district councillors attended a meeting where a motion to protect resident's rights to object to planning applications was put forward.

DCllr Wiggins attended a cabinet meeting where carbon offsetting for various local activities like the Clacton Air Show was discussed.

TDC has waived rents due from community groups for this financial year at a cost of £83,000.

TDC councillors have until the end of October to submit Pride of Tendring Award nominations.

DCllr Scott reported that Anglian Water had attended a significant leak on Brightlingsea Road.

CCllr Goggin explained the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) that is open to local groups to enable them to think bigger about projects with the maximum amount of £10,000 available.

Essex Road Partnership are trying to get zero deaths on the roads in Essex. The Local Highways panel has received a £200,000 boost but it will only cover the schemes that are awaiting funding. Cllr P Sadler asked if that meant the panel would not meet until the new financial year, CCllr Goggin noted that suggestions for schemes can still be put forward.

CCllr Goggin received phone calls regarding the recent rain deluge and localised flooding.

CCllr Goggin is organising a meeting to discuss using the member led community initiative fund for a joint parish purchase of speed indicator devices or vehicle activated signs and invited two councillors to attend. Cllr P Sadler and Cllr G Parks expressed their interest.

With permission of the Chair a resident noted that Clacton Road is very busy and asked whether measures could be put in place. Cllr A Sadler explained the history of the local speed watch.

CCllr Goggin and DCllr Scott were thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 8.20pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

**6. (a) Planning Applications**

<b>21/01459/FULHH</b>	<b>Little Oaks, Church Road</b> Proposed extension to provide additional ground floor and first floor living space.
<b>21/01489/OUT</b>	<b>White House, Station Road</b> Outline application (Access and Layout) for the proposed construction of 2 No chalet bungalows, with demolition of existing house.

**(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations**

<b>21/00866/FUL</b>	<b>10 Lark Meadow</b> Erection of single storey rear extension.	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D
<b>21/01069/FUL</b>	<b>Burrsville, Frating Road</b> Variation of condition 4 of approved application 18/01792/FUL to move stable closer to house for security.	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D
<b>21/01166/FUL</b>	<b>Gatehouse Farm, Brightlingsea Road</b> Proposed extension of existing outbuilding to form three stables.	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D
<b>21/01120/FUL</b>	<b>14 Clover Drive</b> Erection of a more thermally efficient roof and glazing to conservatory (following removal of existing roof and glazing).	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D
<b>21/01280/FUL</b>	<b>Hambledene, Brightlingsea Road</b> Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, and new front porch.	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D
<b>21/01330/LBC</b>	<b>Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road</b> Proposed removal of cement render cladding to part of the front wall & repair to the framework & re-cladding with lime plaster.	<b>Approval</b> Full D/D

**(c) Planning appeal notifications**

<b>20/01629/OUT</b>	<b>Land adjacent Cross Farm, Station Road</b> Proposed erection of 6 dwellings with all matters reserved	APP/P1560/W/21/3274309
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**7. Bus shelter**

The Clerk received an email from Essex County Council (ECC), parish council owned bus shelters are not in the scope for the program, which she noted was stated on the YouTube video. A new shelter may be purchased once the scheme is running, but no start date is currently set.

**8. Thorrington in Bloom**

The Clerk emailed ECC Infrastructure who did not have an answer and suggested calling ECC Highways. Cllr Dewar will bring quotations for the work required to the next meeting.

**9. Review of external audit findings**

The RFO read out the findings of section 3 of the audit and this was accepted by the Council.

**10. Open Spaces Society**

Council to join for £45/yr. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour

**11. Leaf blower**

Council to purchase a Stihl leaf blower at around a cost of £360.00. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded Cllr Sait. All in favour.





**12. Definitive mapping**

In order to gain a more specific details this motion was moved to the November meeting.

**13. Donations**

Four organisations applied in writing requesting a donation. After a discussion it was decided to award £300 to both Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice. £100 was awarded to both Age Concern and Tendring Brass band. Proposed by Cllr Sait, seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

**14. Allotment Tenancy Agreement**

Motion moved to November meeting.

**15. Trees on playing field**

Following a discussion about the future of the trees this motion was moved to the next meeting.

**16. TDALC report**

The report was circulated to all councillors via email by Cllr Dewar.

**17. Accounts**

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300167	Elizabeth Crook	£465.38	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300168	Katherine Lott	£86.92	RFO wages & accom.
300169	HMRC	£12.80	Quarterly tax payment
300170	National Allotment Society	£67.00	Membership
300171	Landscape Services	£336.00	Work to tree on allotment site
300172	Great Oaktree Land Services	£168.00	Grass maintenance
300173	PKF Littlejohn	£240.00	External audit fee
300174	EALC	£120.00	Councillor training day 1 Cllr Dewar
300175	EALC	£120.00	Councillor training day 2 Cllr Dewar

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1,616.10	£0	£158.13	£0

**Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £33,325.97**

**18. Reports from Amenities Representatives**

Allotments	Cllr Dewar reported that the three wooden posts near the gate have gone. Cllr A Sadler advised he did what was noted in the minutes and spoke to the landowner to get the posts removed. Cllr Dewar and Cllr Sait stated the minutes did not reflect that and it was undemocratic to act against a Council decision. Cllr Dewar asked if there was an official grievance procedure for when a councillor goes against a democratic decision, the Clerk said there is a monitoring officer at TDC. Cllr P Sadler stated the correct way to go about this, once Cllr A Sadler had spoken to the land owner about the posts, he should have reported that the land owner had no objections to them being removed, to the council at a meeting. Then another discussion and vote could take place, before any action was taken. She stated that Cllr A Sadler jumped the gun and now realised it, however, it must be noted that he did not go through the proper channels.
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Playing Field	No report.
Tennis Court	The tennis court net will be placed into storage at the end of October as previously agreed by the Council.
Footpaths	Cllr Sait reported the footbridge on a footpath near Brightlingsea has become dangerous and slippery, it is in need of work. <i>Clerk to report.</i>
Tree Warden	No report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The hedge around the edge has yet to be cut by TDC. <i>Clerk to chase.</i>
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant.

**19. Clerk's report**

An invite has been received for the Chairman to attend Brightlingsea Town Council's re-dedication of their war memorial.

Four allotment holders are still outstanding paying their allotment fees.

**20. Councillor's reports**

Cllr Dewar tried to attend the Special Constable briefing via Zoom but the Officer did not attend, it will be rescheduled.

Cllr Dewar noted that Anglian Water have still not attended to the missing manhole cover opposite May Pightle. *Clerk to chase.*

Cllr Sait noted the first keep left sign along the Brightlingsea Road has been hit by a vehicle and is laying on its side.

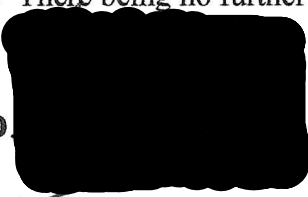
Cllr Damant advised that December may be his last meeting as he is moving out of the area.

Cllr A Sadler thanked the RFO for providing him with the S106 amounts owed to the Council. He asked whether the largest amount, designated for gym equipment could be used on the play equipment. Cllr Damant noted the lengthy process to get the play area on Hazel Close Open Space. The RFO advised that it is unlikely because the decision was made by TDC planning due to the properties being for people over 55 years old.

**Date of next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

**Closure.** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm

SIGNED



Date

3/11/21