

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the village hall on
Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.00pm



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

Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Wiggins, E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO) & 1 public

The meeting was called to order at 7.05pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr A Sadler.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2022, 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 from Clacton Road asked for an update on the catch pit on the grass verge opposite his property. CCllr Goggin reported that he has sent his report and photos in to Essex Highways, he has not yet received a response but will chase it up. The resident expressed that the situation was disgraceful and given the lack of action he feels like going to the press.

5. Reports from District & County Councillors

DCllr Wiggins has recently completed planning training and attended her first Tendring District Council (TDC) planning meeting as a committee member.

TDC Chief Executive Ian Davidson continues to email the latest Covid information.

DCllr Scott met with TDC officers about Hazel Close Open Space. Cllr P Sadler noted that a TDC operative had tended to the low tree branches and removed the worst bits from the hedges. The whole border will be trimmed back in September once the birds have fledged.

DCllr Wiggins was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.36pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting

Cllr G Parks asked CCllr Goggin about the engineering works required on the B1027 for the drain clearance in Chapel Lane. CCllr Goggin advised this was for the drain sweeping which had been completed recently and no blockages were found in Chapel Lane. The engineers went to the other side where a blockage was found but further investigative works are required.

There is a situation with plans to install pylons across the region in order to move North Sea wind generated electricity to the London area. Other solutions include under water cabling.

CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.41pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

22/00982/TPO	10 Heathlands 2 No. Oak – reduce overhang to previous points.
22/00909/FULHH	3 Chapel Lane Proposed single storey rear extension.

22/00992/VOC	Acacia House, Brightlingsea Road Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 21/01609/FUL to substitute approved plans to introduce a veranda.
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(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

22/00513/FULHH	10 Clover Drive Proposed erection of side extension to be used as an annex and erection of single storey rear extension.	Approval Full
22/00442/FUL	Burrsville, Frating Road Proposed change of use from paddock to equestrian manège & construction of manège.	Approval Full
20/01629/OUT	Land adjacent to Cross Farm, Station Road Proposed erection of 6 dwellings with all matters reserved.	Appeal Dismissed

7. Chapel Lane Playing Field improvements

The RFO updated the Council on the response received from the TDC Open Spaces team regarding the S106 plans. They have questions about the items selected and at this time cannot approve the quote the Council selected. Following a discussion, the Council would like to request a site visit from the Open Spaces team. *Clerk to email TDC Open Spaces Team.*

8. Planted area at the Cross

Cllr P Sadler motioned this item moved to the August's agenda as Cllr A Sadler was not present.

9. Thorrington Cross Bus Shelter

The Council discussed the risk assessment provided by The Orchards Care Home and noted the work already carried out. Cllr P Sadler proposed approving the provided paperwork and allowing the ongoing maintenance, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

10. Annual Internal Audit

The RFO noted one minor point about the recording of donations. The Council reviewed and accepted the audit report. The Chairman thanked the RFO and the Clerk for their hard work.

11. Parish Council Strimmer

Cllr Dewar explained the condition of the existing strimmer and provided the prices for a new one that had been researched. As a local reliable supplier it was decided to purchase a strimmer from Bellets for £234.00. Proposed by Cllr Dewar, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

12. Application to use Chapel Lane Playing Field

After reading through the risk assessment and public liability insurance documents from the Village Day committee council have granted permission for the field to be used for village day on the 13th August 2022. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour.

13. Application to use Chapel Lane Playing Field

The Clerk advised that Ladybirds Pre-school have asked permission to use the field for a sports day on 12th or 19th July. They have a risk assessment but will need to provide a copy of this and their public liability insurance. Due to parents wanting to park on the field, they have requested the gate is opened for them. Cllr P Sadler proposed approving the application, as long as the relevant documentation was sent to the Clerk. Seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

14. Training

Cllr P Sadler raised that she and Cllr Dewar would like to attend the 3 day Chairman's training at EALC, costing £300 each. Proposed by Cllr S Parks, seconded by Cllr Sait. All in favour.

15. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 6th July 2022

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300237	Elizabeth Crook	£378.49	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300238	Katherine Lott	£88.52	RFO wages & accom.
300239	Mr A Sadler	£36.78	Mower fuel
300240	Mr A Dewar	£84.99	Weedkiller
300241	Landscape Services	£720.00	Grass maintenance
300242	CVST	£25.00	Membership
300243	Heelis & Lodge	£225.00	Internal audit
300244	RCCE	£72.60	Membership
300245	Landscape Services	£360.00	Remove tree debris & clear ivy

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£1,991.38	£0	£0	£0

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £38,190.09

The RFO made the Council aware that, on receipt of information concerning Phasor Electrical Ltd, she had cancelled cheque 300235 at a cost of £8. Attempts to contact them to clarify their position went unanswered and there was a risk that the materials ordered would not be received.

16. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Cllr P Sadler advised she had received no response from the sponsors of the Ukrainian family in regard to using an allotment plot, therefore the vacant plot will go back on the waiting list. Cllr Dewar reported that the Rowan tree on plot 1 has been removed by the tenant.
Playing Field	No report
Tennis Court	Cllr G Parks said he will attend to the weeds around the fenced area.
Footpaths	Cllr G Parks has reported various footpaths but has noticed that nothing has been done about them by ECC.
Tree Warden	Cllr G Parks advised the rear garden wall belonging to the householder of 20 Heathlands is bowing outwards on Clacton Road. <i>Cllr G Parks to visit the householder to make them aware and report back to the Clerk.</i>
Hazel Close Open Space	Cllr P Sadler met with Ian Taylor, Head of Open Spaces at TDC and other TDC officers on site to discuss several issues including the access gates being installed by the new residents of Avocet Place. She reported that the immediate piece of land beyond their back fences is a 'no man's land', noting that TDC do not want private access onto their land without permission. This is likely to be granted as other residents have been accessing the area from Clover Drive for more than 30 years.
Thorrington in Bloom	Vacant

17. Clerk's report

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has arrived. Installation can go ahead as soon as the mandatory licence is issued by ECC Highways, which is currently waiting to be signed.

The allotment tree storm debris has finally been removed from the garden of Clifton House.

A resident in Church Road contacted the Clerk about a non-functioning street light. It has been reported to ECC who own the lights from the Village Hall to the end at Clacton Road.

A certificate was received for Cllr A Sadler for completing the play inspection course.

An email was received from the Village Day Committee raising concerns about distributing the remaining Jubilee coins to children who missed the Jubilee Tea Party. It was noted that the remaining coins have been returned to the Council via Cllr S Parks should any parent enquire.

18. Councillor's reports

Cllr Sait reported that he had removed signs at the Cross that were put there by the Fir Tree Café but they had been put back up some time after. The Council reaffirmed the need to remove all signs at the Cross in order to keep slight lines clear and to not distract motorists.

Cllr Sait was informed by an operative from Highways that the whole drainage in Chapel Lane needs to be replaced.

Cllr Dewar asked about the next step with the light on the playing field, following the problems with Phasor Electrical. *Clerk to add to next agenda for Council to agree on another supplier.*

Cllr Dewar reported that someone had tripped on the exposed tree roots on footpath 8. Cllr G Parks noted that the roots are from neighbouring properties and he has reported it to ECC.

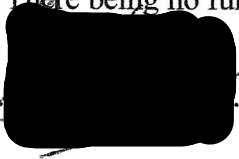
Cllr S Parks asked whether the Council had agreed to cut the hedge outside the front of the Chapel with the playing field hedges. The Clerk noted that it had been considered during a previous discussion regarding a request from the owners to cut back an overhanging playing field tree but that the hedge is the owner's responsibility. The tree will go on the next agenda.

Cllr G Parks asked whether the contractor will make good the bits of ground where the large shrubs now that the remaining ivy has been cleared. There is no grass in these patches and the uneven ground is becoming overgrown with weeds. Cllr Dewar advised the quote supplied was not that specific from the contractor but he will look into what was agreed.

Date of next meeting 10th August 2022

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

SIGNED



Date: 10.8.22