

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the village hall on
Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.00pm



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

Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott, K Lott (RFO) and Mr G Krinks

The meeting was called to order at 7.00pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Dewar. The Chairman noted that the RFO would step in for the Clerk who was absent due to illness.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022, 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

Cllr A Sadler requested a new lid for a red recycling box, DCllr Scott reported there is a shortage across the district and that Tendring District Council (TDC) might not receive any until the new year. He noted attending some properties where the residents have 5 or 6 recycling boxes instead of 1 or 2 and seem to be using them for general storage. Cllr A Sadler suggested that TDC could supply red wheelie bins along with the green wheelie bins. DCllr Scott advised that this could be an option, TDC are looking at the situation and might charge residents for additional green bins or only replace like for like.

Cllr G Parks asked what the reason is for TDC not collecting glass, DCllr Scott advised it would add a million pound a year to the contract. The Government rules on recycling are being looked at and may change in 2025. Landowners that house recycling areas can get recycling credits.

The annual Pride of Tendring event will take place on 10th February 2023.

DCllr Scott was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.14pm to attend the Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting.

CCllr Goggin gave a brief rundown of the Government plans for local devolution.

CCllr Goggin was contacted by a resident in Church Road regarding speeding vehicles and he noted the new vehicle activated sign (VAS) that the Parish Council have purchased. Essex Highways have advised CCllr Goggin that a new application needs to be submitted for the VAS licence.

CCllr Goggin advised that Essex County Council (ECC) no longer install permanently situated VAS due to statistics showing that they have little effect. There was recently another road death on Flag Hill but this was not linked to speeding.

Cllr Goggin reminded the Council that the pothole initiative has 5 days left to run. Cllr A Sadler mentioned that a pothole on Church Road took 3 days to repair, but that the member of the Highways team that he had spoken to said the repair would be carried out in 2 hours.

Cllr A Sadler asked whether the ECC funding is still available, noting that perhaps it could be used to purchase a couple of benches, one to remember Dave Edwards. Cllr Goggin noted that there was £1,600 available.

A resident in Clacton Road still has ongoing flooding problems.

Cllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.41pm.

6. (a) Planning Applications

22/01845/FUL	Rookwood Stables, Brightlingsea Road Proposed new dwelling following planning approval under 20/00200/OUT.
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(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

22/01656/FULHH	Kingfishers, Clacton Road Proposed alterations to planning approval 21/01801/FULHH (Proposed first floor side extension over garage, rear extension to form annex and single storey rear extension to form cinema room) to replace approved garden room with swimming pool.	Approval Full
22/01695/FUL	The Panthers, Station Road Proposed replacement dwelling with ancillary garage/annexe and alterations to main access to include pedestrian gate.	Approval Full

7. Co-Option of a Councillor

Whilst it is six months until the next election, the Council has nearly half its seats empty, therefore Cllr P Sadler proposed that Grenville Krinks be co-opted on to the Council. Seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour. Cllr Krinks was welcomed to the Council.

8. Thorrington Cross bus shelter

Motion moved to January's meeting.

9. Portable vehicle activated sign

The Council discussed the potential to install a pole in the hedge on Chapel Lane playing field. The Clerk will resubmit a new application to site the VAS permanently on Clacton Road.

10. Chapel Lane Playing Field improvements

Cllr A Sadler updated the Council that work is planned to commence on 16th January 2023 for 4-6 weeks.

11. Chapel Lane Playing Field

Cllr A Sadler proposed that the Council purchase two plastic recycled benches with the ECC funding available. He noted that the TDC Officer that had visited the site for the s106 play equipment noted a lack of seating. Cllr A Sadler suggested one of the benches could be a memorial bench for Dave Edwards. Seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour. *Cllr A Sadler to source quotes. Clerk to add to next agenda.*

Cllr A Sadler also raised concerns about the security of the field, noting that the Council was currently unable to list who had keys for the gate. The RFO noted the need to keep an accurate key register for insurance purposes and the potential lack of cover in the event of traveler incursion. Cllr A Sadler proposed changing the locks to the gate and electricity box. Seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.

12. Warm hub

Cllr P Sadler advised due to lack of interest from residents this scheme will not take place.

13. Grass maintenance

Cllr A Sadler advised that having considered the situation he will continue to cut the enclosed areas that he has previously, suggesting that the current grass cutting schedule needs changing with the first cut commencing in mid-March. *Clerk to add to January agenda.*

14. Budget 2023/24

Following a couple questions about the allocation of funding, Cllr P Sadler proposed accepting the draft budget. Seconded by Cllr A Sadler. All in favour.

15. Setting the precept

The Council decided that the current level of the precept of £27,000 is adequate for 2023/24. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

16. Council Officers hours

Due to the absence of the Clerk motion moved to January's agenda.

17. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 14th December 2022

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300276	Elizabeth Crook	£372.30	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300277	Katherine Lott	£90.04	RFO wages & accom.
300278	Mr A Sadler	£12.80	Postcrete for allotment tap post
300279	HMRC	£27.00	Quarterly tax payment
300280	Landscape Services	£360.00	Grass maintenance
300281	Filcris Limited	£2,104.64	Recycled plastic fencing
300282	Colchester Foodbank	£450.00	Donation (s137)
300283	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£250.00	Donation (s137)
300284	Age Well East	£250.00	Donation (s137)

Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£3,916.78	£0	£426.18	£640.00

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £44,993.16

18. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	No report.
Playing Field	Cllr A Sadler reported that one of the goal posts tubes has broken. <i>Clerk to add to January agenda.</i>
Tennis Court	No report.
Footpaths	No report.
Tree Warden	No report.

Hazel Close Open Space	No report.
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19. Clerk's report

Cadent have contacted the Clerk and have now advised that the rubbish located at the Cross is not theirs. *Clerk to report to TDC as fly tipping.*

After reporting the damaged bus timetable holder at the Cross, ECC contacted the Clerk to say it should be repaired in January.

A resident contacted the Clerk about an allotment plot and they have taken on plot 3.

An email was received from a resident in Chapel Lane asking whether it was possible to make the road one-way, the Clerk advised him of the decision by ECC, noting that it is covered in the previous minutes. He also asked about glass recycling banks, he was provided with the history of the situation concerning a suitable site. He also wanted to know if anyone had raised the issue of the TARS lorries around the village, she noted that she would ask the Council. No Councillor reported being contacted by residents regarding this issue.

TDC Open Space Team have forwarded a document that lays out preferences for the allocation of any potential s106 funding. It needs to be updated. *Clerk to add to future agenda.*


The Monitoring Officer at TDC has sent through details about a new system regarding Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) forms for Councillors. *Clerk to forward to Councillors.*

20. Councillor's reports

Cllr A Sadler had previous requested letters to be sent to two residents about overgrowing foliage from their boundary line. The RFO noted that this can be reported on the ECC website, so that had been done in the first instance but that clearly no action would be taken. Letters will be sent to both 3 Chapel Lane and The Old Rectory requesting that the foliage is cut back. *Clerk to send letters.*

Date of next meeting 4th January 2023

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm

SIGNED 

Date 4/1/23