

**Minutes of Thorrington Parish Council's Meeting**  
**held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Present:** Parish Councillors. P. Sadler, K. Sharpe, K. Miller, J. Sait, S. Turner, J. Damant, Y. Webb and J Hindle.

**Also present:** O. Bradstock (Parish Clerk), TDC Cllrs F Nicholls and R Heaney (Items 1 to 8), ECC Cllr Goggin (Items 1 to 5).

The meeting was called to order at 7.06pm by Cllr P. Sadler – Chairman

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr S. Sawyer

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated were then agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**4. Public Questions**

A resident complained about the medicinal grade cannabis plants being grown at a local farm along with a noise issue. The parish council were of the understanding that the pharmaceutical company was in full compliance with the necessary regulations and authorities.

A resident was concerned about the condition of the fencing around ECC Highways site in Station Road, the removal of the red telephone box in Station Road and the narrow section of footpath between Morton House and White House being cleared of overgrown grass. The clerk will follow up these three issues.

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

ECC Cllr Goggin reported that last year's LHP budget was £790K and this year the potential budget was £632K. The Church Road footpath extension is being carried out in May 2016. The Chapel Lane One way system has been revalidated. It was confirmed by Thorrington Parish Council that resident consultation has been done in various forms, i.e. through direct conversations, publicity in election literature and through various articles in the Thorrington monthly Grapevine magazine. It was confirmed that no objections have been received. It was recommended that any future consultation with residents about schemes be more formally carried out and recorded with outcomes. It was noted that the A120 is managed by Highways England and A133 is managed by TDC for litter management. Litter clearance along the verges and central reservation of part of the A133 has been carried out. After the initial rejection on extending the footpath down Tenpenny Hill, another survey on the grounds of requiring a cycle route / path is planned to be carried out. The clerk will send details of requested pavement clearance to Cllr Goggin to raise under an ECC members enquiry. Cllr Goggin is offering to do a Surgery in Thorrington if the parish council think there is a need. Currently details of Cllr Goggin's surgeries in Brightlingsea library is given in the Grapevine magazine and is available in the free newspaper that is delivered to every household monthly (the Brightlingsea and Wivenhoe chronicle)

Cllr Nicholls reported that the next meeting of the Local Plan was being held next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Princess Theatre, Clacton at 6pm. The previous TDC Local Plan submitted was turned down due to not enough new house building being included.

**6. Planning**

**16/00428/FUL – Variation of condition 2 of planning application 14/00790/FUL to omit drawings 756/01B, 756/02B and 756/03B and replace with drawings 756/01C, 756/02C and 756/03C at St Helier Church Road Thorrington - TPC had no objections to this planning application.**

**16/00429/FUL – Construction of new dwelling to rear of Berberis Cottage (following demolition of existing stables) at Berberis Cottage Clacton Road Thorrington - TPC have no objections to this planning application.**

**Planning Decisions**

**15/00531/FUL – Extension to existing garage at Byways Brightlingsea Road Thorrington - TDC have approved this planning application**

**15/00404/FUL – Proposed two storey extension and associated work – Villa Linda Station Road Thorrington - TDC have approved this planning application.**

**16/00038/FUL – Proposed extensions and re-construction of first floor at Willow Cottage Tenpenny Hill Thorrington - TDC have approved this planning application**

**16/00162/FUL – Loft conversion including formation of dormers at Points Brightlingsea Road Thorrington - TDC have approved this planning application.**

**16/00184/FUL – Erection of 2 polytunnels size 7 x 30m on agricultural land adjacent to two existing polytunnels of similar size 6.7m x 27.43m at Bennison Farm Frating Road Thorrington TDC have approved this planning application.**

**16/00226/NMA – Change of material to driveway at Rosslyn Brightlingsea Road Thorrington TDC have approved this planning application.**

**Planning Appeal – None received.**

**7. Reports on Highways Issues:**

- a. **Proposed Chapel Lane – One Way System – Update**  
Covered under item 5.
- b. **Tenpenny Hill Footpath Extension – Update**  
Covered under item 5.
- c. **Church Road Footpath – Update**  
Covered under item 5.

**8. Reports from Amenities Representatives:**

Allotments	No more manure is being delivered. John Sait will contact the one outstanding Allotment holder who wants to keep their plot but has not paid up for the year. A new noticeboard has been purchased for the allotments/tennis court.
Playing Field	Garden rubbish has been deposited on the edge of the playing field directly behind The Chapel, Chapel Lane. The clerk will write to the owner(s) requesting this rubbish be removed.
Tennis Court	A new lock and keys have been purchased. The fencing will need refurbishment in due course. Management of the tennis court was discussed with no conclusion so this will be carried forward for discussion next meeting.
Village Hall	The AGM will be held in May 2016
Footpaths	None.



Tree Warden	The replacement Oak has been planted on the playing field, however, too close to the hedge. The contractor will be requested to move it to the correct location. The owner of the bench around the tree just at the junction of Church Road and Clacton Road will be contacted to discuss the options about it being moved/repaired.
Hazel Close Open Space	None.
Thorrington in Bloom	None.

## 9. Correspondence:

CPRE Magazine – Spring 2016 – Noted.

RCCE – 2016 Essex Village of Year Competition - Noted

## 10. Accounts

### a) Cheques approved and signed:

Cheque no.	Cheque payable to	Amount	Council Minute Ref.
102167	P Bradstock	£252.44	Clerk's Salary – April 2016 & Expenses
102168	Landscape services	£474.00	Grass Cutting
102169	The Society of Local Council Clerks	£59.00	50% of Membership Fee for 2016
DD	Eon	£106.90	Streetlight Electricity – February 2016
DD	Eon	£24.77	Feeder Pillar – Electricity – August 2015 to March 2016
DD	Eon	£114.27	Streetlight Electricity – March 2016

The clerk salary increases to SCP20 as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The grant of £120.11 from TDC towards the Tree planting scheme 2015/16 has been received. The damaged bus shelter settlement of insurance claim has been received in the sum of £425.00.

### 11. To receive an update on the replacement Skateboard Ramp

No updates at present

### 12. To consider the purchase of Dog Waste Bags

It was agreed to purchase 25 cases of bags at £18.75+VAT per case and the carriage would be £24.00+VAT.

### 13. To consider the purchase of commemorative Medals for HM Queen Elizabeth 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as the take up would be known then. Collation of the reply slips will be done after the closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### 14. To review the Parish Council's Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the new revised Standing Orders.

- 15. **To review the Parish Council's Financial Regulations**  
It was agreed to adopt the new revised Financial Regulations.

- 16. **Councillor & Clerk's Reports**

Cllr Sait – Requested more details about SPA Costal DEFRA review from Southend and Aldeburgh. The clerk will investigate.

It was agreed to move the litter bin at the old bus stop location opposite the post office in Clacton Road to opposite the allotments on the fence adjacent to the entrance leading to the public footpath on the field to encourage dog walkers to bin full bags.

It was noted there were concerns about headlights of cars disturbing residents entering and leaving the gated estate being built behind St Helier in Church Road.

Cllr Sharpe reported that Thors Park now only takes male residents and there are currently 14 residents.

Cllr Miller reported the greensward by Cross Farm, Station Road is being damaged by vehicle(s) driving across it. She agreed to talk to the vehicle owner(s) about this.


Cllr Turner is concerned about the black car parked in the lay by along Clacton Road between Edwards Drive and Thorrington Cross. She agreed to investigate and report the car to the police, if appropriate.

It was agreed to have the warning signs being put up about snakes for dog owners to include a reference to ticks and to beware.

- 17. **Closure**

The meeting was called to a close at 9.05pm

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Village Hall in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.**

SIGNED...  *P. Sadler*  
Actual Signature Redacted  
Chairman ..... Date *4/5/16* .....