



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2020 Via ZOOM

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Minutes

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence – Cllr's Powell, Coulter, Blandford and Carpenter Present – Chairman, Clerk, Councillors Cooper, Ewart, Fielder, Starling, Raftery**
3. **Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Tuesday 14th September 2020.**
Having been previously circulated, the minutes were confirmed as a true record.
Proposer – Councillor Fielder, Seconder – Councillor Ewart. Unanimously agreed.
4. **Declaration of Members Interests:** There were none.
5. **Public discussion**
No members of public in attendance. Pat had called the Clerk in advance of the meeting to raise concerns regarding parking around the school on Landemere road.
6. **Chairman's report**
 - Chairman provided update that the new CCTV had been installed at the social club and has 2 way communication so that you can speak through it you happen to see someone dropping litter etc.
 - The Government changes to local government district/unitary authorities has been placed on hold.
 - We have received notification of road works to the A120 between Horsely Cross and Harwich which will mean a diversion that is planned to come through Wix, Stones Green, Beaumont and then up Landemere road into Thorpe.
 - Allotments – Bennetts homes have been in touch to say that they are due to start preparatory works on the allotments site to remove building debris etc and ready them for handover to us. This is likely to take a few months.
 - Lockyers wood – A tree fell down in Lockyers wood and took out a BT line in the process. It actually fell into the road and was moved out of the way by passersby. There are other trees around the entrance to Lockyers Wood which also look dead/diseased and pose the same risk. We therefore need to get a tree surgeon to look at the trees and quote for works to make them safe. A discussion was had about whether this is something that could be looked at ourselves by councillors and it was unanimously agreed that it would require a professional tree surgeon.
 - Parking restrictions – New Thorpe Avenue and Station road. The Residents association of New Thorpe Avenue have been working with the Parking Partnership to get parking restrictions put in place around the school/New Thorpe Avenue. Parking restrictions are also to be put in place by the station under Rice Bridge.
 - High Street land drainage scheme – Permissions to access land remains an issue which continues to cause delays.

- Pot holes – Lots of road marking have been appearing around the potholes in the village, although we haven't heard anything formal about this yet, it may mean that there will be road repairs happening soon.
- Chairman's charity fund raising sky dive is taking place on Friday 16th October
- Remembrance Day – Due to Covid there are no formal parades to take place this year, however we do still want to lay a poppy wreath at the memorial, we should therefore purchase a poppy wreath (section 137) – Chairman proposed, Councillor Starling seconded. All in favour.

7. Lady Nelson play area resurfacing and repairs

Having been previously circulated, the quote from PlayQuip for the repairs to the damaged surfacing and issues highlighted in the inspection report were discussed and the 2 surfacing options were considered. Councillor Fielder proposed that all repairs quoted for should be undertaken and that the bonded mulch surfacing option should be taken. Councillor Ewart seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed.

8. Christmas Lights

Having been previously circulated, the quote for new Christmas lighting motifs and the lighting of the church was discussed. It was reaffirmed that in the absence of a Christmas Festival this year, we should light up Thorpe as much as possible to provide some festive magic. However, as applications for Christmas lights have already been submitted and have to be in 10 weeks before the lights are due to go on, we have missed the deadline to apply for lighting on any other streets/areas in the village that have not already been applied for. Councillor Raftery requires reimbursement for the application fee paid at the time of application. Permission has been granted by the Church to light it up again this year. Chairman proposed accepting the full quote for 10 new motifs, lighting of the church and all associated works. Councillor Ewart seconded. Unanimously agreed.

9. Lockyers Wood inspection report

The inspection report for Lockyers wood has been conducted and there were no major findings or repairs required. Some minor recommendations were highlighted, such as securing a bench. Councillor Fielder stated that he would look into this.

10. Planning.

No comments for any of the applications received this month. Councillor Cooper provided views and update on the 2 government planning consultations. The first of which has now passed the deadline – this focused primarily on the processes for assessing housing need. The second white paper closes to public consultation at the end of this month. This focuses on reforming the planning application process and cutting the time taken for agreements in principal to be achieved. This could have far reaching consequences for rural communities. Councillor Cooper suggested that we should contact our local MP as a parish council with our concerns and that we should also respond to the online consultation. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Cooper, having already researched and reviewed the white paper and various articles on it, should complete the online consultation survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Accounts for period 15th September – 12th October incl.

Items of expenditure reviewed by council and approved for payment. As the second half of the precept has now been received, it was agreed that half the balance of the main account should be moved into the savings account. Cllr Fielder Proposed, Seconded Cllr Cooper. Unanimously agreed.

Expenditure:

<u>Item No:</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>To Whom Paid</u>	<u>Budget Area</u>
1	72.60	£12.10	RCCE	Affiliations & Memberships
2	£938.69	£156.45	GCS Alarms	Playing field (CCTV installation)
3	£2400.00	£400.00	MRL Productions	Christmas lights (safety inspections)
4	84.00	14.00	A&J Lighting	Street lighting
5	110.40	18.40	TDC	Open spaces (Playground insp)

Income

<u>Cheque #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid in</u>
	TDC	Precept	£25946.00	8 th October

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	874.64	Staff Wages
e-on energy	157.14	Street Lighting

DIRECT DEBIT'S will be paid by Bank on 12th of each month

- Naze Lamb – Playing field - General maintenance £490.00

12. Sub Committee Reports:

a. Fibre High Speed Broadband	Cllr Ewart – No update
b. BMX Track	Cllr Raftery – No update
c. Christmas Lights	Cllr Raftery – See item 8
d. Highways and Pavements	Cllr Blandford - No update
e. Lockyer's Wood	Cllr Coulter – See item 9
f. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens	Cllr Fielder – No update
g. Playing Field	Cllr Starling – No update
h. Street Lighting	Clerk and Chairman – No update
i. TDALC	Cllr Powell – No update
j. Thorpe in Bloom	Cllr Carpenter – No update

13. Date of next meeting – Monday November 16th.

14. There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30