



THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING
CLERK: MRS JESSICA BALL

December 2021

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 13th December 2021 at Thorpe Baptist Church

Minutes

1. Chairmans welcome

Chairman opened meeting and welcomed members of the public and councillors.

Councillors in attendance: Cooper, Fielder, Carpenter, Starling, Raftery

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Ewart, Blandford, Coulter

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 8th November 2021

The Chairman proposed that the minutes were accepted as an accurate account, Councillor Fielder seconded

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

There were none

5. Public discussion

No MoP's in attendance

6. Chairman's report

Chairman thanked the Festival trust for their efforts in putting on the Christmas Festival. Work to the drainage around the memorial started today. Highways England have offered to pay for the damage to the light on the memorial by a lorry taking a wrong turn due to the diversion from the A120 closure.

Chairman and Cllr Cooper attended the TDC planning committee meeting to discuss the Application to change the conditions for the proposed holiday caravans at Thorpe Cross, a discussion took place regarding the meeting. We were unsuccessful in our challenge.

7. Conservation area consultation

The Parish Council will await further detail, but wish to maintain the conservation areas within the village

8. Allotments

Councillor Fielder proposed that the quote for the tree removal be approved, Councillor Carpenter seconded, all were in favour.

9. Road sign

Councillor Fielder proposed that the spend for the signage be approved, Councillor Carpenter seconded, all in favour.

10. Grant funding requests

A discussion took place regarding the funding requests and the benefits the grants may give back to the community.

The Chairman proposed that the grants be approved but applicants be reminded that future requests should include more detail regarding how the money requested will benefit the Parish. Councillor Carpenter seconded, all were in favour.

11. Margery Wright fund – grant request

The chairman proposed that application to fund badges for a new, bespoke badge called The Margery Wright Award, for the Thorpe branch of the Girl Guides should be approved, Councillor Cooper seconded, all in favour.

12. Budget/precept setting for 22/23

A brief update was given by the clerk regarding the councils position against the current budget and that due to tax base increase, we are able to increase the precept to cover increases in costs, without an increase in council tax rates. A finance working group meeting is to take place to set the budget and precept for presentation to the council in the next full council meeting.

13. Thorpe High Street SWAS – Request to Giles Watling MP to support

A letter to be written to Giles Watling MP requesting his support in pushing this application through.

14. Planning

Applications received

21/01767/FULHH	Proposed linked extension to and conversion of outbuilding to living space.	Already approved
21/01860/FUL	Proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure	No objections
21/01948/TCA	1 No. Sycamore - Remove	Leave to tree officer
21/01964/TCA	1 No. Sycamore - reduce by 30%. Several Conifers - reduce	Leave to tree officer
21/01738/LBC	Proposed replacement of 5 no internal 20c ledge and braced doors with solid oak "Suffilk" style doors, and the installation of an external door to the rear of the garage	No comment
21/01958/FUL	Proposed two detached 3 bed bungalows.	Cllr Cooper updated on inspectors remarks on previous application. Objection given on previous comments

Applications determined

21/01633/LUPROP Lawful Use Certificate Granted	Proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling.	39 Frinton Road Thorpe Le Soken
21/00853/FUL Refusal - Full	Proposed development of 5 detached single storey dwellings	Land adjacent to Comarques Farm House

21/01627/FULHH	Proposed two storey wrap-around extension.	3 Railway Cottages
Approval - Full		Station Road
21/01661/LUPROP	Proposed single storey rear extension.	Long Furrows Vicarage
Lawful Use		Lane
Certificate Granted		

15. Accounts for period 9th Nov – 13th Dec incl.

To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.

Cllrs to approve Cheques/on-line payments for signature/approval, agree D/Debits & S/Orders:

All cheques/on-line payments to be signed by two designated members of PC.

Cheque #	Payee	Invoice No	Amount	VAT	Budget line
OP	Sid Hutchby		222.00		OS grass cutting
OP	Playquip		165.00		OS playgrounds
OP	Sid Hutchby		84.00		OS grass cutting
OP	Advancedscape		150.00		OS dog bins
OP	Dan Land		£31.80		Xmas lights (tree)
OP	M. Mallett		150.00		Thorpe Trail photos

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	£867.68	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	Playing field maintenance

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

e.on	186.63	Street lighting
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Payments requiring approval/pending

Payee	Invoice No	Amount	VAT	Budget line
MRL Productions	4930 & 4931	4800	800	Christmas Lights

Councillor Fielder proposed a motion to approve the additional spend on the Christmas lights, Councillor Cooper seconded, all were in favour.

Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£31,622.81	£50,446.51	£5,266.18	0.00

Councillor Starling proposed a motion to approve the accounts, Chairman Land seconded the motion and all were in favour.

16. Sub Committee Reports:

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband | Cllr Ewart - Nothing to report |
| b. BMX Track | Cllr Raftery - Nothing to report |
| c. Christmas Lights | Cllr Raftery - |

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| d. Highways and Pavements
the signs on the memorial) | Cllr Blandford – Nothing to report (Cllr Fielder to remove |
| e. Lockyer’s Wood | Cllr Coulter – Nothing to report |
| f. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Cllr Fielder - Awaiting proofs for the village map/Thorpe
trail, awaiting updated list of all street names. |
| g. Playing Field | Cllr Starling – Nothing to report |
| h. Street Lighting | Clerk and Chairman – As per previous re memorial lights |
| i. TDALC | |
| j. Thorpe in Bloom | Cllr Carpenter – Hanging baskets to be taken down this
weekend. |
| k. Allotments | Clerk – Cllr Starling agreed to take on responsibility of
the allotments. Update as per item 8 on the agenda |

17. Date of next meeting

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting.

18. Close of meeting