



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 8th November 2021 at Thorpe Baptist Church

November 2021

MINUTES

1. Chairmans welcome

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

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Ewart, Fielder, Blandford, Carpenter and Starling

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 11th October 2021

Proposed Coulter, seconded Cooper

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

There were none

5. Public discussion

No MoP's in attendance

6. Chairman's report

Chairman advised that he has made contact with the developers of the forthcoming Frinton Road development (Burfoots), this is due to start in March.

Brief update on allotments as this is to be discussed as a separate agenda item, however we have identified space on the allotment site for a container to house PC machinery and equipment.

The appeal for land adjacent to Little Thatch on Mill Lane has been approved.

The pond excavation in Lockyers Wood has uncovered some damage to the concrete base of the pond that will need some repairs if it is to hold water.

7. Christmas Lights

A discussion took place regarding the need for pre installation inspections and works. Councillor Raftery proposed that a budget of up to £4000 should be allocated for any necessary pre installation works, church lights and additional motifs. Councillor Cooper seconded and all were in favour.

8. Allotments

Update on allotments, these are to handed over soon, we may need to instruct a solicitor to handle the receipt of the handover. Chairman proposed that should we need a solicitor, we instruct Birkett Long (who we have used previously) to handle this on our behalf. Cllr Cooper seconded, all in favour.

9. Five Estuaries wind farm

We have made a response to the scoping opinion survey.

10. Memorial bench and dog waste bin

Chairman posopsed, coulter seconded, unanimously agreed

Planning

Applications received

21/01767/FULHH	Proposed linked extension to and conversion of outbuilding to living space	107 Landermere Road No comment
21/01715/FUL	Proposed single storey extension and conversion to create 3 one bedroom assisted living units.	Peter House Sneating Hall Lane Kirby Le Soken No comment
21/01555/FUL	Proposed illumination of church spire.	Church of St Michael High Street No comment

Applications determined

21/01284/FUL	Proposed dwelling - amended design to approved application 19/00426/FUL.	Adjacent to Thorpe Green Farm Colchester Road
21/01261/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and rebuild to form garden room and garage for main dwelling.	The Oaks High Street Thorpe Le Soken
21/01336/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension.	Ashdon High Street
21/01422/FULHH	Proposed replacement garage.	Wisteria Cottage 9 Station Road

Determinations were noted.

11. Accounts for period 12th Oct– 8th Nov 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	Gt Oaktree Land	713	£1500		OS maintenance
OP	CBS		£45.00		Office admin
OP	D. Land		£37.00		Church light project -planning
OP	PKF Littlejohn		£360		Audit fees
OP	Maria Johnson		£50		Stand in clerk
OP					
Income received					
BGC	Essex CC		£1994.00		Covid fund reimbursement

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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

Payments requiring approval/pending

Payee	Invoice No	Amount	VAT	Budget line
Sid Hutchby		£122		

Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£	£50,445.26	£5,266.10	£0.00

Following review of the accounts, the chairman proposed that they be accepted and approved, Councillor Coulter seconded the motion and all were in favour.

14. Sub Committee Reports:

- a. **Fibre High Speed Broadband** Cllr Ewart – Nothing to report
- b. **BMX Track** Cllr Raftery – Nothing to report
- c. **Christmas Lights** Cllr Raftery – as per earlier discussion
- d. **Highways and Pavements** Cllr Blandford – Patching on Colchester road due to start soon,
- e. **Lockyer's Wood** Cllr Coulter – Update given on the plans for signage around the wood,
- f. **Parish Footpaths & Village Greens** Cllr Fielder – Chairman to speak to Kristy Childs re community garden being eligible for S106 funding. Chairman to look into ownership and options for footpaths Thorpe Far Green and PROW 14. We now have allocated funds from ECC highways devolution scheme.
- g. **Playing Field** Cllr Starling – Nothing to report
- h. **Street Lighting** Clerk and Chairman –
- i. **TDALC** Nothing to report
- j. **Thorpe in Bloom** Cllr Carpenter – Nothing to report

15. Date of next meeting

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting. Monday 13th December

16. Close of meeting – 8.00