



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

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1. Chairmans welcome

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

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Powell, Fielder, Cooper, Blandford, Ewart

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 28th June 2021

Proposed Coulter seconded carpenter

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

There were none

5. Election of Vice Chair

Chairman advised that Cllr Powell (Vice chair) was stepping down from the council and that in that case we should defer election of VC until all members of the council were present. This was unanimously agreed by those present.

6. Public discussion

June, ex land lady of The Crown, expressed major concerns relating to pedestrian safety, particularly parents with children trying to get to the school and that in 22 years of living on the High Street opposite The Crown, she has never known the traffic on the High Street to be so bad. This is largely due to the volume of traffic and the size of vehicles passing through. This is made worse when the funeral parlour (FP) are preparing for a morning funeral and have the hearse parked outside their premises during morning rush hour, as this blocks the pavement/road and pedestrians have to walk in the road whilst other road users are trying to pass. A discussion took place regarding parking, road crossings, traffic volumes and types. Cllr Carpenter suggested the PC communicate with the FP re their parking on the high street (where yellow zig zags and also with the school about communicating with parents about walking children safely. The chairman explained that the council have been discussing traffic on the High Street for some time and have explored what can be done and the challenges in terms of what has to be done in terms of traffic monitoring/testing by the Highways dept before traffic calming measures would be considered. Chairman explained that a possible solution would be to move the Primary School and there are some parties that may be open to this and also gave a brief update on the delays with the SWAS project.

Darren from the Old Bakehouse on the High Street, spoke about his concerns regarding the application for the construction of a Garden room at The Oaks. Chairman explained that this application is on the agenda for discussion this evening, however we are not able to consider civil matters in regard to planning applications.

7. Chairman's report

Chairman advised that Councillor Ewart had started treatment for and expressed that he and the council wish him a speedy recovery. He stated that long serving Councillor and vice chair Jose Powell has resigned after many years on the council due to personal matters and that the council would like to recognize her contribution over the years. Chairman also advised that he had attended the funeral of Brian Healy and acknowledged his contribution to the council and the village over the years.

Chairman stated that due to Councillor Powell's resignation the PC need to attract some more councillors, particularly as there was already a vacant seat and that as such we will advertise to co opt some new councillors.

The chairman provided an update on parking measures around the station and near TTC. The red lines along station road have been very successful albeit that they came a little further up Station road than was anticipated, but people are getting ticketed if parking by the station. Unfortunately some people are still parking on the red lines near the school, although this does seem to have helped in the main.

Octopus Ahoy – there is an auction coming up for the octopus sculptures that were part of the Octopus Ahoy trail and lots of people in the village are coming together as a community initiative to try and raise funds to buy one at the online auction.

The chairman also reminded councillors that the Lady Nelson Playing Field (LNPF) lease is due to come up for renewal in 2022.

8. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's platinum Jubilee is in 2022, with an extended bank holiday of celebrations from Thursday 2nd June – Sunday 5th June. The chairman explained what activities took place and the positive atmosphere in the village for the last jubilee. He suggested that due to the difficulties with closing the High Street for a street party, perhaps we should consider holding an event on the LNPF. It was agreed that the council should speak with the Social club about their plans and start thinking about what we would like to do.

9. Thorpe Le Soken Village Map

Proposal to put up a village map. Design and production costs estimated at £2,000.00. Chairman explained about what the village map would involve a discussion took place and it was agreed that we should also look into having a large map printed for display within the village centre. Chairman proposed the motion, Cllr Coulter seconded all, were in favour.

10. PROWs - ECC devolution scheme

Essex County Council is piloting a devolution scheme to assess how certain Highways services might be delivered via Parish/Town Councils, rather than by the County Council directly. Chairman proposed that TLS should join the scheme and Cllr Coulter seconded. All in favour.

11. ECC Covid summer fund

ECC Member nominated funding for supporting families affected by covid. Chairman and Clerk elaborated on the supplementary information provided prior to the meeting and the councils involvement with the scheme so far. The Chairman advised that he had reached out Rolph primary school regarding any eligible families that they may want to put forward. Cllr's Coulter and Carpenter advised that they would speak with their contacts at both TTC and Rolph school to identify any eligible families in need of support.

**Planning
Applications received**

21/00853/FUL	Proposed development of 5 detached single storey dwellings with garages, access and landscaping.	Objection- outside of settlement boundary, increased traffic, refused by planning officer before and then again on appeal. .
21/01261/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and rebuild to form garden room and garage for main dwelling.	Recommendation that the plans should stick to the original footprint and not encroach on to the boundaries due to existing narrow road and previous incidents with traffic going in and out of Mill Lane
21/01336/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension	No objection
21/01411/FUL	Variation of conditions 3,5, and 6 (occupation conditions) of planning application 21/00028/FUL	Objection on the basis of previous concerns regarding traffic etc and that there is no established need for holiday caravans here when Elm Farm holiday park put in an application to remove occupancy conditions on the basis that there wasn't enough need for their business to be sustainable.
21/01422/FUL	Proposed replacement garage	No objection

A discussion was held regarding the revised plans for application ref 21/00448/FUL. As this was not a new application and one that the council had previously discussed, it was not on the list of new applications received. The council concluded that the reduction from 32 bungalows to 28, did not warrant a change to their original concerns and that the original objection comments still stand.

Applications determined

21/00666/DETAIL Approval - Reserved Matters	Reserved Matters Application (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for Outline Application (16/00838/OUT) for the construction of up to 49 houses	Land to South of Frinton Road Thorpe Le Soken
21/00028/FUL Approval - Full	Erection of 4 holiday caravans	Land Adj. Thorpe Cross Lodge Thorpe Le Soken
21/00973/FUL Approval - Full	Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of	49 Oak Close, Thorpe Le Soken

	existing conservatory), first floor extension over existing garage and new pitched roof over front porch.	
20/01640/FUL Approval - Full	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 x two bed bungalows	Byeways New Thorpe Avenue Thorpe Le Soken
21/00785/FUL Approval - Full 19.08.2021	Proposed two storey rear extensions to form additional living space,	Willow Green Cottage Colchester Road Thorpe Le Soken
21/00994/FUL Approval - Full	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	4 Railway Cottages Station Road Thorpe Le Soken
21/01255/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed two storey extension	Thorpe Park Cottage Thorpe Park Lane Thorpe Le Soken

Determinations were noted.

12. Accounts for period 29th June – 13th Sept 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	Birkett Long LLP	456269	£444.00		PF legal
OP	Maria Johnson	N/A	£50.00		Admin
OP	Catch PR	4951	£180.00		Website
OP	CBS	14315	£45.00		Admin
OP	CBS	14212	£180.00		Admin
OP	Sid Hutchby	4259	£192.00		PF & Open Spaces
OP	Sid Hutchby	4249	£252.00		PF & Open Spaces
OP	Huck Nets	281751	£161.28		PF
OP	PC's and Pieces		£100.00		Admin
OP	Holland Mowers		£89.00		OS maintenance
OP	HMRC		£21.95		Employment costs
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OP	HMRC		£21.95		Employment costs
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OP	Fleet line marker	SI209702	£300.06		PF & Open spaces

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	157.14	SL power July
E.on	162.38	SL power August
A& J Lighting	4980.96	Street lighting maintenance

Payments requiring approval/pending

Payee	Invoice No	Amount	VAT	Budget line
A&J lighting	35495	£84	£14	SL maintenance
GCS Alarms	63656	£96	£16	PF & Open spaces

Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£12,522.65	£50,445.26	£5,266.05	£0.00

Following review of the accounts, the chairman proposed that they be accepted and approved, Councillor Carpenter 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 – The brambles need cutting back, nothing further to report.
- c. **Christmas Lights** Cllr Raftery – Have started applying for permissions. Church lighting has been applied for, there are now further surveys to be conducted for the permanent installation
- d. **Highways and Pavements** Cllr Blandford -
- e. **Lockyer's Wood** Cllr Coulter – 2 new picnic benches are being purchased, we have received a 1st draft for the story about the characters in the wood. Plans to develop the wood further with a grant from the ECC Locality fund, which we have been approved for.
- f. **Parish Footpaths & Village Greens** Cllr Fielder – Chairman advised that footpath 14 (Thorpe Cross) needs to be cut back
- g. **Playing Field** Cllr Starling – Nothing to report. Chairman stated that the pantomime held on the playing field by the Thorpe Players was fantastic, thank you to organisers.
- h. **Street Lighting** Clerk and Chairman – All issues have been reported and resolved
- i. **TDALC** Cllr Powell – Will need a new representative to attend
- j. **Thorpe in Bloom** Cllr Carpenter – Have had some donations for hanging baskets (£200 from the Fletchers) and a donation of £250 from the late Mrs J Carrington which will be put towards purchasing planters for TiB

15. Date of next meeting

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting. Monday 11th October

16. Close of meeting – 8.20