



March 2022

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 14th March 2022 at Thorpe Baptist Church**

1. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance, thanking them for joining us.

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

Chairman advised that Councillor Ewart had wanted to attend this evening and was happy to report that he is now in remission

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 10th January 2022

Councillor Raftery proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the January meeting, Councillor Starling seconded the motion and all were in agreement.

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

There were none

5. Public discussion

There were no comments from MOP's in attendance but correspondence had been received regarding unsecure fencing at Parkers reservoir.

6. Chairman's report

Chairman advised that he had been in touch with Mr Ryan, our lease on the playing field is up for renewal this year and reminded those present of the court proceedings that took place last time this happened. Ray Crystal (MOP) commented on his recollection from when he was on the council when this last happened and that his understanding was that he couldn't take it away from us, but could put it up. The storm came and went and we had a few trees down in Lockyers wood, these were rectified quickly (on the Sunday) by Great Oaktree Land services.

The Chairman advised that some of the trees awarded by the woodland trust had been planted on Thorpe Green and some had been given to Rolph school for their new pond area.

It's a Knockout has been confirmed for Sunday 28th August.

7. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Shelley from the social club was invited to speak by the councillor regarding plans from the social club for the platinum jubilee.

A discussion was held regarding the appetite in the village for jubilee celebrations and the plans presented by the Social club. It was decided that given how infrequently the beacon would be lit, the council should move away from the beacon idea.

Councillor Fielder proposed that the PC fund £5000 to Thorpe village jubilee celebrations. Councillor Coulter seconded the motion and all were in favour.

8. Village Sign

The chairman provided update on the condition of the village sign and a suggestion from someone in the village to get a group together to restore the village sign. Chairman consulted the council on whether they

were happy for a voluntary group, which includes the people that have done it in the past, to restore the sign, and the PC to cover expenses up to £1000. It was commented that it would be good if this could be completed prior to the jubilee weekend.

Councillor Cooper proposed that the PC cover costs up to £1000 for restoration of the village sign, Councillor Starling seconded the motion and all were in favour.

9. Allotments storage container

A discussion was held regarding the need for the ground to be prepared at the allotment site in readiness for a storage container.

Councillor Cooper proposed that a budget of up to £1500 be set for the preparatory works for the storage container, Councillor Raftery seconded the motion and all were in favour.

10. Lockyers wood nature walk

Councillor Coulter gave an update on enhancements to Lockyer wood, what the locality funding would cover and what else was needed to fix the pond.

Councillor Fielder proposed a further £750 to cover additional costs for Lockyers wood, Councillor Land seconded the motion, all in favour.

11. Grant application – St Michaels Church

To be moved to the agenda for April.

12. Annual playground inspection

The annual playground inspection is due around May/June and needs to be booked in with TDC. The cost for each play area is £47.33 + vat.

Motion to council – Councillor Fielder proposed the motion that we should instruct TDC to book the annual playground inspections, Councillor Land seconded the motion, all in favour.

13. RCCE membership renewal

Our membership of Rural Communities Council of Essex is due for renewal, the cost for annual membership is £72.60

Councillor Cooper proposed the motion that we should renew our membership of RCCE, Councillor Starling seconded the motion, all in favour

14. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

Councillor Cooper gave an overview of the general opinion regarding the states of the streets and paths etc and that could we purchase a street cleaner or discuss with TDC who they use for street cleaning within Clacton etc. Chairman Land to find out from TDC, action as rolling agenda item.

15. Cinder Path Station Road - Lockyer Woods to Public Footpath

Action for Cllr Land to investigate the land ownership

16. Planning

Applications received

22/00061/FULHH	Proposed single storey rear extension with glazed roof lantern.	Already approved
22/00084/LUPROP	Proposed two garages.	No objection

22/00175/FULHH Proposed extension and conversion of existing barn to form additional living space and annexe accommodation ancillary to host dwelling. No comment

22/00183/FULHH Proposed two storey side extension. No comment

Councillor Cooper updated that he is still pursuing his queries regarding the further development at Henderson Road. Chinese Cottage has been called in and is still awaiting response.

Applications determined

21/01555/FUL Proposed illumination of church spire Church of St Michael High Street
Approval - Full

21/01978/FULHH Proposed vehicle access/drop kerb Frinton Road
Approval - Full

17. Accounts for period 14th Dec – 10th Jan 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
DD	A&J Lighting		502.80		Street lighting
OP	Information commissioner		40.00		GDPR reg
OP	Instant images East	13630	276.00		
OP	Fleet line marker		18.30		OS/PF maintenance
OP	CBS		45.00		Payroll
OP	Jason Bradfield	444	155.00		Street Maintenance
DD	A&J Lighting		96.00		Street lighting
OP	HMRC		110.30		payroll
OP	Cartridge people (Jess Ball)		125.99		Office supplies
OP	EALC		180.00		Training
OP	Great Oaktree Land services	775	2,160.00		OS/Lockyers Wood maintenance

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	£1000.78	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

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

N. Power (e.on)	289.50	Street lighting
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Payments requiring approval/pending

Payee	Invoice No	Amount	VAT	Budget line
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Thorpe Festival Trust	Cheque 2509	1000.00		Grants
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Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£17,220.07	£50,447.75	£4962.36	£0.00

Councillor Land Propose that the accounts be approved, Councillor Starling seconded the motion and all were in agreement.

18. Sub Committee Reports:

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband | Cllr Ewart |
| b. Christmas Lights | Cllr Raftery - Nothing to report. Clerk to apply for licenses for 2022 |
| c. Highways and Pavements | Cllr Blandford – Nothing to report |
| d. Lockyer's Wood | Cllr Coulter – Further to agenda point 10, Cllr Coulter advised that the logs from the fallen trees in the storms have been offered for wood carving features. |
| e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Cllr Fielder – Footpaths will start to be cut soon |
| f. Playing Field | Cllr Starling- No update |
| g. Street Lighting | Clerk and Chairman |
| h. TDALC | |
| i. Thorpe in Bloom | Cllr Carpenter – No update |
| j. Allotments | Cllr Starling – Nothing further to report |

19. Date of next meeting

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting.

20. Close of meeting