



**November 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Thorpe Baptist Church**

**Minutes**

**1. Chairman To convene meeting**

Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance

**2. Apologies for absence:** Blandford, Coulter, Cooper, Carpenter

Councillors Fielder, Starling and Ewart in attendance along with 3 MOP's in attendance

**3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Having been previously circulated, Councillor Starling proposed that the minutes be approved and accepted as an accurate record. Councillor Fielder seconded the motion.

**4. Declaration of Members Interests**

There were none

**5. Public discussion**

Question raised by MOP re drainage around the bus stop by the memorial. Chairman advised that the work done recently around the memorial plus recent drainage clearance should help with this situation, however there is a lot of tree root ingress that affects the drainage around this area. The next heavy rainfall will show how successful this work has been. MOP raised question of road sweeping to keep the leaves etc. from migrating into the drains. Chairman updated on CC schemes re highways and ongoing discussions regarding traffic management through the high street.

**6. Chairman's report**

Chairman updated that the first tranche of work at Colchester Road is taking place to investigate the drainage issues and put in new drainage infrastructure. This will then progress closer to the village. The work on station road has now been completed.

Golden lane is currently having patching work done.

Chairman thanked those in attendance at the memorial service yesterday and those that took part in organization of the remembrance event, such as road closure and cleaning of the memorial.

Thorpe festival trust will be running their Christmas event on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, which will involve road closure of the High Street, request for help with road closures.

Housing association property available for shared ownership in Byng Crescent by English Rural.

**7. Grass strip at The Spennells**

Chairman updated that the strip at the end of the Spennells had become very over-run with weeds, this needs to be properly landscaped with soil and stones removed and proper membrane put down to prevent this happening again.

Fielder proposed a budget of up to £2k to cover the work , Chairman seconded. All in favour.

**8. Allotments/container**

Councillor Fielder proposed that we select the flat pack option and use allocated reserves that were set aside for the allotments to return the site to a reasonable state ready to be handed over to allotment holders. All in favour

**9. Thorpe Festival Trust Christmas Festival**

Councillor Fielder proposed that the grant funds requested (£1000) be awarded to the Thorpe Festival Trust. Councillor Ewart seconded the motion and all were in favour.

**10. Thorpe Solar Farm**

A brief discussion took place and the council agreed that they were happy to meet with them but the council are in support of the project.

**11. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner**

Ongoing.

**12. Planning**

**Applications received**

|                |   |                            |
|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| 22/01346/FUL   | Proposed construction of single storey flat roof extension to form new classroom  | No objections              |
| 22/01586/FULHH | Proposed first floor rear extension, new rooflights to front of existing roof   | No objections              |
| 22/01708/FULHH | Erection of oak framed porch and single storey rear extension with glazed roof lanterns following demolition of conservatory  | No objections              |
| 22/01719/FULHH | Erection of rear extension and front bay window following demolition of existing rear elements and front porch. Erection of new roof with dormer window and rooflights with rooms within the roofspace. | No objections              |
| 22/01664/FUL   | Proposed sub division of residential dwelling into two dwellings with rear extensions.  | No objections              |
| 22/01739/FUL   | Proposed replacement of dwelling with two semi-detached bungalows.  | Potential over development |

**Applications determined**

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| 22/01463/FULHH | Proposed infill extension to rear of bungalow alongside existing extension. |
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Approval - Full

**13. Accounts for period 11<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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|----|---------------------------|------|--|--|-------------------------|
| OP | Colchester Archaeological | £210 |  |  | Church lighting project |
|----|---------------------------|------|--|--|-------------------------|

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|------------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| DD                     | N Power | £206.05 |  |  |  |
| <b>Income received</b> |         |         |  |  |  |

**STANDING ORDERS:**

|           |          |                |
|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Jess Ball | £1040.35 | Staff Wages    |
| Naze Lamb | £490     | PF maintenance |

Payments requiring approval/pending

| Payee                  | Invoice | Amount | VAT | Budget line                             |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-----|---|
| MRL productions        | 5033    | £4314  |     | Christmas lights                        |
| MRL Productions        | 5034    | £990   |     | Christmas lights – church illuminations |
| Great Oaktree services | 164     | £180   |     | Open Spaces (Lockyers wood trees)       |
| PC's & Pieces          |         | £464   |     |   |

**Account balances:**

|                    |                               |                     |                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Treasurers account | Savings Account (Bus banking) | Margery Wright fund | It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete |
| £45,847.78         | £50,460.81                    | £4,830.05           | £300                        |

The Chairman proposed that the accounts are accepted and the pending payments be approved, Councillor Ewart seconded. All in favour.

**14. Sub Committee Reports:**

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband        | Nothing to report   |
| b. Christmas Lights                  | Consent received for the installations, which will be installed before advent |
| c. Highways and Pavements            | Nothing to report   |
| d. Lockyer's Wood                    | Awaiting additional quote for the path edging                                 |
| e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Map has now been signed off and is going into production                      |
| f. Playing Field                     | Nothing to report   |
| g. Street Lighting                   | One reported between Nanny Jo's & Hall lane                                   |
| h. Thorpe in Bloom                   | HB's due to come down.  |
| i. Allotments                        | No further update to earlier agenda point                                     |

**15. Date of next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**16. Close of meeting**